



Kingsland Around the World

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***Welcome** to our latest 'Kingsland – Around the World' news and prayer update, where the focus is on Kingsland partners and friends who are involved in overseas mission work. The main purpose of the update is to encourage us to pray regularly for these folks who, for some, may not always be seen around the church, but who are engaged in vital work for the Kingdom of God.*

TURMOIL AND FAITHFULNESS IN DR CONGO

Roger and Glenys London – Transformed International



DR Congo is an African nation equal in size to a large portion of Western Europe, a nation rich in natural resources, but a nation where many endure poverty, and where many types of societal infrastructure have been decimated through neglect, war and corruption. Public transport is nigh on impossible, apart from by air, in many parts of this huge nation, much of which is covered by rain forest.

Transformed International has had the privilege of working in Eastern DRC for more than 25 years. Our national team there is located in the bustling eastern town of Butembo, just a couple of hours from the Ugandan border, and just a little further from our Ugandan HQ in Kasese.

For many years Eastern DRC has been plagued by dozens of separate rebel groups operating there, armed groups dating back to the Rwandan genocide (1994) and more recent Ugandan and Burundian troubles. Frequently these groups indiscriminately burn villages, rape and murder many villagers, including children, causing huge numbers to flee DRC for safe refuge in neighbouring countries. Recently, rebel activity has been centred around the neighbouring towns of Beni and Butembo. Our team often send through pictures and videos of atrocities committed by rebel militia, many of which are impossible to look at for the horror they convey.

Why are we sharing this? Well, in the midst of all this unimaginable suffering, our DRC team continue to faithfully teach and train pastors and leaders, continue to take young people through our youth programme, continue to run our sponsored nursery schools, and continue to lead bustling churches. Such is their commitment to Jesus, such is their love for the gospel, such is their passion to see many of their fellow countrymen and women born again, growing in Christ, and being prepared for the soon coming of Jesus. What amazing testimonies and what a challenge to us here in the West!



Bishops Alexandre Baliwa and Ezekias Kambalu – key Christian leaders in Eastern DRC

Please pray for:

- *The Transformed International indigenous DRC team in Butembo – pray for their safe keeping from all rebel attacks. Pray for protection from Covid-19 and other infectious diseases. Pray especially for Bishops Alexandre Baliwa and Ezechias Kambalu who lead our work there.*
- *Pray for the multitudes of traumatised DRC residents, who are filling several Refugee Settlements in Western Uganda. Pray for refugees, who through Covid-19 border closures, are now congregating at border points with little or no government assistance.*

For more information about the work of Transformed International, speak to Roger & Glenys or visit: www.transformedinternational.org

FUND-RAISING AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Beth Johnson – Cry in the Dark

“Hello lovely Kingsland supporters, we cannot wait to be able to bring you one of these updates that says, “We are in Romania!” We are hoping & praying that that day will be with us soon! As has been true for the whole of the pandemic our CitD team in the UK (Steve Cooper & myself) remain mostly furloughed, but the work in Romania is pushing ahead and the services we provide continue 24/7.

We were thrilled to have been able to hold our first big fundraising event in June 2021, we had a group of cyclists ride the Coast to Coast in a day and this was such a brilliant event, we thank God for his protection and provision for the ride!



As I type, we are finally planning a trip to Romania and we are trusting that this will be able to go ahead in October 2021, we want to take a work team to Romania to work on the upkeep of our volunteer centre in readiness for the volunteer trips we will soon be able to make! We obviously will be hoping to finally get to spend some time with our beneficiaries too if it's safe to do so! If you'd like to be part of the trip please drop me an email for details" – bethjohnson@cryinthedark.org

Some areas Beth asks us to stand with us in prayer with them and:

- *Pray for wisdom for the team and the board of CitD as we plan for the future.*
- *Pray for protection, peace and strength for the families we work with in Romania.*
- *Pray for strength for our incredible Romania staff serving on the front-line day and night.*
- *Pray for heavenly provision for the projects and work CitD does in God's name in Romania.*

For more information about the work of Cry in the Dark, speak to Beth or visit: www.cryinthedark.org

PROBLEMS WITH CLOSURES BUT PRAISE FOR RESULTS

Alan and Beryl Went – Love in action, Uganda

This year continues to be a challenge for our whole team in Uganda. The lockdown was reintroduced in late June and we were given 12 hours' notice to close the schools and send everyone home. This time even the teachers had to return home. The schools remain closed with no date for re-opening yet.



During the time the school was partially open between October and June our students were able to take their Primary Leaving Exams. This year they actually sat them at our school rather than have to go to another school to take them. All the pupils passed. At our Secondary School the pupils sat for their O Level Exams and again everyone passed. Our school came 207th in the country for science and 276th in the country which out of approx. 3220 schools is just amazing. God is Good!

We are planning to build a new boy's dormitory at the schools and we have many requests for young people to stay at school as that will provide them with a safe place to study.

Please pray:

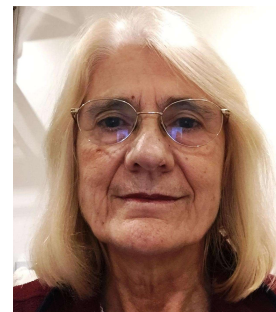
- For our pupils as they are at home for this enforced break
- That our staff will soon be able to get their vaccinations, as this is a requirement for returning.
- For the young people who have dropped out of school because of this break, for those who have started working and those who have many problems.

*For more information about the work of Love in Action, speak to Alan & Beryl or visit:
www.loveuganda.com*

NOT WELL BUT LOOKING FORWARD TO COMING HOME

Fi Teece – Cambodia

"Sorry to say I don't have much to say except that I've been unwell since writing the last update. I was diagnosed with a local bacterial stomach infection which had caused lesions and ulcers. The treatment was two strong antibiotics, which upset my system and I'm still waiting to be able to travel back to see the doctor without a portable bathroom! I also have a recurrence of adrenal fatigue.



Better news is that I have now booked flights back to UK in September, travelling with my oldest grandson Jay who'd like to volunteer to help out at the Kingsland cafe. We'll be in the UK for about five months".

If you know Fi personally, why not drop her a line to encourage her on fi1teece@gmail.com

Prayer points:

- *For recovery to full health for Fi.*
- *For strength and wisdom for travelling.*
- *For Jay to adjust to life in UK, for his faith to grow and for God-given opportunities to learn and to serve.*

For more information on Care for Cambodia – the work that Fi is connected to, visit:
www.careforcambodia.org.kh

CREATIVE WAYS TO SHARE ABOUT GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Michael & Erin Holden – Serving in Western Asia with a local church



"Since a powerful earthquake struck this city last year, I've been drawn to the demolition and construction sites in my neighbourhood. I decided to paint a view of one from my balcony. I became aware of how significant this view was for me personally as a building under construction was the site of my eldest son's pre-school. The earthquake day was his 4th birthday and we were going to send him to school with some cake for a celebration with his class. I wanted to share my story with others and engage with their own. I set out to organize a creative storytelling workshop in a cafe managed by some close friends.

The evening of my first public art workshop had arrived. The cafe was bustling with activity. Members of the cafe team helped me prepare materials and set them out on tables. I opened by sharing a little about my painting and how the ongoing building work is a constant reminder of that tragic day. I invited the workshop participants to visually tell a story of a personal memory. Using three 10x10 cm card, black pen, magazine images and various coloured papers we made a sequence of images to tell our stories. Some people fully jumped in, enjoying the whole process of making, others finished quickly while one guy said that he didn't have any stories. Despite some encouragement from others on his table, he opted out of the activity altogether. Another guy was profoundly impacted



and at his table we had a memorable discussion about the transitions he went through on his journey to moving here. Many thoroughly enjoyed the event and would like me to lead more workshops.



By creating a safe place for people to say what's going on in their lives through making art, opportunities arise for myself and other believers to testify of God's faithfulness in our lives. I'm discovering I'm uniquely positioned as a spirit-filled visual artist for observing moments, places and people differently, noticing details others may miss and displaying them as prophetic images that they see God more clearly. More and more I see God's hand in nudging me to share my art with others and fully embrace the role He has for me in my community and His church."

Prayer points:

- *Pray for another time to do a second workshop and that it would become a regular event.*
- *Pray for God's timing and the right space for an art exhibition and for relationships that will be made through such a project.*
- *Continue to pray for those affected by the earthquake that they would become more aware of their need for salvation.*

If you have enjoyed reading this Kingsland around the World update and are wondering about the work that you are linked with in other nations as to whether this can be included in future updates, please get in touch with Roger London on rogerlondon777@yahoo.co.uk