



BIRD OF PARADISE MINISTRIES IN RWANDA

Easter Newsletter 2021

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”. 1Peter 1:3



Dear Friends,

Happy Easter to you all, from Kigali, Rwanda.

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and all the support and the kind messages occasionally sent to us as real encouragement from our mission board members and partners. We really would like to express so much appreciation to you all.

This year, Easter comes amidst the entire world facing the continued scare of the Covid-19 pandemic one year on. In the midst of all the new challenges connected to Covid, as Christians we go back to the Gospel story, and in it, particularly the resurrection of Jesus gives inspiration and strength for the presence of Jesus is real, and therefore, not covid scare and uncertainty or even death can separate us from the love of Christ.



With our elderly family these hard times, our key word is **Jesus is risen**, and a reflection on it gives us great hope no matter what difficult situations and thank him as he answers our prayers; **Jesus is risen indeed Hallelujah!**

It's great news that you can see here in the photos our residents at the health centre with Mary lining up to receive their first dose of covid-19 vaccines obtained through the Covax Facility allocations. For us it didn't matter whether it was from Astra Zenika or any other, we gladly accepted the jab, believing it was going to do the job!

Stephanie is now 101 years old, because of her advanced age, someone at the queue whispered like “what's the point at that age”? (Stephanie here fingerprints on consent form)

For us at BPMR, the elderly (like any other), do need protection and their lives matter to God and to us. BPMR's vision and priority is to care and protect them with the hope that they will experience God's love and presence and they know they have a future!



This year (6th April to 4th July), we commemorate 27 years of the Genocide against the Tutsi in 1994. This terrible event led to the deaths of more than one million people in a period of three months,

Sadly 100 people were killed every day for a hundred days, non-stop! An unimaginable loss for all Rwandans and humanity as a whole. With huge efforts towards reconciliation countrywide, we now hope that people will reflect on the causes and consequences of the genocide and resolve for that never to happen again. Please pray for us and the country through these difficult days of Remembrance with the associated trauma and stress.

The city of Kigali is now ready to receive the Commonwealth meeting in June of this year, it's big deal for Rwanda as the youngest member of the organisation. It's anticipated that hopefully fellow Commonwealth countries will enjoy their visit and realise great opportunities of working together. This is a place where so many young people can develop their talents. This is a place of beauty and hope!

Finally, May the Lord richly bless you and your families.

Yours in Christ,

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