

## RESOURCING LEADERS



Six graduates ready for the challenge to bring transformation to the world's newest nation

# SUDAN STUDENTS RETURN TO STRENGTHEN THEIR NEW COUNTRY

SIX SUDANESE GRADUATES of Carlile College in Nairobi are helping usher in a brighter future for the world's newest nation, thanks to generous gifts from CMS supporters.

All six, from the Maridi and Malakal dioceses, received higher diplomas in theology as part of the Sudanese Student Programme at Carlile College. They have since returned to South Sudan, equipped for various ministries.

After years of war and now with South Sudan's independence, these graduates have a huge task. "They have an opportunity to contribute to the goal of equipping the church in South Sudan for transformational mission and holistic discipleship," said Rev Daniel Eunyatala Emoru, who oversees the Sudanese programme at Carlile.

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Titus Morris, one of the graduates from Maridi, agrees: "South Sudan becoming in-

dependent has opened a great door for me in transforming my local community. The training...has expanded my knowledge and skills, and enabled me to grow in my service to God and the church. My sincere appreciation to CMS and other donors who have faithfully supported us during the four years of studies."

"Putting on the graduation regalia and being commissioned is a dream I never thought would become a reality," said Alex Amvuti, also from Maridi. "I am confident now because of the knowledge and the practical experience I have gained to be a good teacher and preacher of the word of God. I hope to continue training other leaders, especially the young people. It is a great, great joy because the gospel makes a tremendous difference in people's lives. I praise the Almighty God for the support CMS gave...."

While in college the students served in Sudanese congregations in Nairobi. During breaks, they returned to Sudan to provide much-needed discipleship workshops for other leaders.

Since 2006, CMS has enabled more than a dozen Sudanese students to attend Carlile College for mission training, believing that a stronger church in Sudan will lead to a transformed society.

Flood victims ferry bedding from a ruined home

## Breaking news

PARTNERS IN PAKISTAN have rushed to help victims of severe flooding in the rural Sindh province. According to Ashley Farooq, of the Primary Education Project (PEP) in the Diocese of Hyderabad, more than 3,500 families in 89 villages where PEP works have lost their homes, crops and livestock.

Mission partner Jane Jerrard works with the project and the last Mission Update reported how many of these villages had recently received mosquito nets and goats through PEP. Many of these must now be lost under water as homes were swept away. The team are now working to supply the desperately needed mosquito nets and clean water, with help from a small grant from CMS.



Dear friend,  
Some people have asked me about my reaction to the recent violent events across the UK.  
Years ago, I had a Christian boss, who taught me a phrase that has always stuck with me: “saved to serve”. We are not saved to be safe, but saved to serve. The third promise of the CMS community is about serving; we promise to discern and live out our vocation, our mission service. The wider outcome of this is community transformation, as you will see in these pages.  
We have recently come face to face with the reality that many people in our country feel worthless to society. At times like this, we must remember what a privilege it is for us to come alongside our God in mission. We should never take for granted the value the gospel gives to our lives. The gospel challenges all of us with our own moral decay, yes, but also offers us a new life in Christ. Let’s pray that those caught in the looting will have the chance to set a new course in life. Please be praying for our UK mission partners as they seek to serve others – some of whom feel they have no hope. Thank you so much for your prayerful support. Without you, we would not be able to share stories like these.

Sincerely in Christ



Tim Dakin  
Community Leader



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## THOUSANDS HEAR GOSPEL FROM CHILE’S “NEW GENERATION”

**THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE** in Chile heard the gospel during the country’s bicentenary celebrations, thanks to CMS Latin partner Cristobal Ceron in Santiago. “[We felt it was a perfect time] for one of the biggest national mission outreaches this country has seen,” said Cristobal, who leads MOU (urban youth outreach).

More than 2,100 young Christians from 21 cities across Chile donned yellow shirts “to represent the light of Christ” and went out on the streets to proclaim the love of Jesus.

“Our motto was ‘for the renewal of passion’ because we long to see people brought to a full,



Sharing new understanding: a TEE group

### Burundi Christians trained to make disciples

“I HAVE BEEN a Christian for 20 years, but I never understood in depth what it is to be a Christian until now.” These were the words of Jean Harerimana, one of 10 new teachers recently given theological training to train others in Burundi, thanks in part to a grant from CMS.

Jean and the other tutors will be passing on what they have learned to other Christians in the Buye diocese. Stability is a big need for Christians in Burundi, according to Rev Amos Mutezimana, who coordinates theological education by extension (TEE) for the diocese, and it has been shown that those who receive discipleship or theological education are more likely to remain firm in their faith.

There are currently 31 centres in Buye

**Dramatic turnaround: Valentina is baptised**

real passion for Christ and because we want the church to remember what Christ did for her,” said Cristobal, adding, “Both aims were achieved by God’s grace – the church grew in number and in passion. It was an enormous blessing to see the new generation taking seriously the call of Jesus.”

Through seven years of running MOU, Cristobal has seen several young Chilean pastors and church planters raised up. A pastor and ministry training leader, Cristobal is also working to plant a church for students in the centre of Santiago, where the student population is about 230,000.

where Burundi Christians can go for theological learning and it is expected that each of these 10 new teachers will preside over a new centre. “I am committed to sharing what I now know with my fellow local Christians,” said Jean.

### TEENAGER’S FAITH TRANSFORMS WHOLE FAMILY

**NINE MEMBERS** of one family have embraced the gospel, after seeing the difference it made for a teenage girl. Valentina, aged 15, had been described as “rebellious” by people who knew her, but when friends invited her to the youth group led by Ary and Danny Morrison, CMS Latin partners in Chile, she found peace and love in Jesus. Since then, her two younger brothers, her mother, two aunts, a cousin and her grandmother have all given their lives to Jesus and Valentina spends her time praying for others and sharing her faith on the streets through drama.



#### TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

### Mission partner “leaves” hundreds of families healthier

**PEOPLE LIVING** in remote Obongi, Uganda had access to healthy food right under their noses – or rather, above their heads – but they didn’t know it until mission partner Heather Sharland made the effort to visit them.

Nestled on the banks of the Nile, Obongi residents’ diet consists mainly of fish and cassava, with no vegetables. “The women were saying they would like to cook and eat vegetables, but they are difficult to grow,” Heather said. “We looked around and saw many Moringa trees growing tall with many leaves.”

Heather explained that Moringa leaves are full of minerals and vitamins and showed the women how to pluck, strip and cook the leaves. “They were amazed at how good it tasted and rejoiced that they could have vegetables even in the dry season and at no cost. We gave them seeds and encouraged them to plant young Moringa trees near their home as soon as the rain comes.”



Vitamins back on the menu: preparing healthy, tasty Moringa leaves

This visit marked the first time anyone from the diocese had visited Obongi in five years, Heather explained. The reason for the journey was to conduct a Healthy Homes, Healthy Families (HHHF) seminar, part of the Diocese of Arua’s community health programme.

More than 590 families have benefitted from 11 of these seminars, which have been held across 10 archdeaconries. “As well as physical topics like sanitation, nutrition and first aid, we cover spiritual topics – family devotional time, reading the Bible, Heather said. Seeing the impact these seminars are making, many church leaders are asking for HHHF training. “It has been tiring travelling so much,” Heather admitted, yet she says, “It’s wonderful to come alongside people and encourage them to use the wonderful resources that God has given to us!”



## My story

#### TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

Listening to the people: the Archbishop of Canterbury meets Congolese Christians

### Moving forward

#### By mission partner **Judy Acheson**, who is returning to the UK after 30 years of working with youth in DR Congo

**IN JUNE** we had the joy and privilege of receiving the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, in Bunia. People were amazed at his humility – he arrived wearing a black clergy shirt, not the full bishop’s attire. He visited a poor widow in her home. Whatever group he met with, he adapted his message accordingly.

A group of young ex-militia, both Ngiti and Hema, shared their testimonies with him, describing how after seeing their families murdered, they joined the local militia to enact revenge. However, the church, the pastor and Agape (our youth movement) followed them, loved them, never gave up on them and drew them back into the fold and some even back into studies. Even though one young man lost both his parents, he has just finished a law degree in Bunia. What an achievement! The Archbishop was very touched by their testimonies. The young people went away thrilled because they had been listened to, respected and appreciated. To me it highlighted how our youth work has continued right through the war to help young people who have suffered so much and also caused much suffering. Now they shine for Jesus, knowing that they are truly forgiven.

On 15 June, during the closing ceremony of a youth leaders’ training course, God showed me that he has put into place a capable team to continue the work here and that once I leave, the centre will grow even more. What a promise and what reassurance. I was presented with a certificate of 100 per cent as the best trainer for children, young people and adults!

Only God deserves 100 per cent but it was a fun moment that everyone enjoyed!

Yesterday we had a gathering of local chiefs, officials and our first year students as they had been working practically with different neighbourhood groups. They had the opportunity to report back. One group had helped the local population understand the importance of having outside long drop toilets and 282 were built in two months! Others helped build a bridge so the local people could travel to town more easily. Another group helped improve the water sources in the area. Many different practical jobs were done, and local people were empowered to verbalise their needs, some of which were passed on to government offices here in town.

The neighbourhood chiefs were thrilled. To me it showed another reason why God has brought us here to Mahagi. Through the students, Mahagi will be challenged to bring about change and development.

From September to mid October, I will be in the Diocese of Boga, enjoying time with friends, visiting churches to say goodbye and attending Bishop William’s first synod. On 16 October is our big thanksgiving service for all the great things God has done over the past 30 years for so many of us. On 23 October I fly back to the UK.

Pray please that I finish well and leave everyone encouraged and enthused to move forward in the power of the Lord and to fulfill the vision he has given us over the years.



Always giving 100 per cent: Judy receives her certificate

## Bringing healing to a “hidden tragedy”

HUNDREDS OF disabled children, who have been hidden away out of shame and fear, are finally being brought forward to receive much-needed help, thanks in part to the Potter’s Village in Kisoro, Uganda.

Their staff have been asked to help find and register all such children in the area for medical assessment.

“We found a deaf boy, aged seven, but who looked only two, with wasted legs and many developmental problems,” said CMS mission partner Jenny Green, who runs Potter’s Village. “His mother believed he was cursed, not deaf, until I held my mobile phone ringing on the loudest tone near his ear and he didn’t even look round.”

Like many disabled children in Uganda, this boy had spent his whole life shut in the house, because his family felt ashamed of him.

Another lady brought in a two-year-old with massive hydrocephalus and spina bifida. “Has there ever been a baby who has suffered



like this?” the mother asked tearfully.

“I asked her what she thought was the cause,” said Jenny, “and she told me she believed that her child was cursed, so she locked him in her room every day, ashamed to reveal him and afraid that her other children may also be cursed.”

The woman was amazed when Jenny knew what the problem was and said that many children have that condition.

“Setting up Potter’s Village for abandoned and vulnerable babies has opened our eyes to a further hidden tragedy of helpless, hidden and hurting children,” Jenny said. “I am glad we can begin to deal with the cloud of confusion and spiritual and social fear that surrounds disability.”

This summer, during a visit to the nearest rehab facility five hours away, Jenny was asked if Potter’s Village would help an

local churches through tithing their profits,” said Christine, who serves as provincial youth worker for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

## New software is a lifeline for Sudan hospital

INSTALLING new computer software may not seem like life-saving work, but mission partner Paul Dobbing knows the recent software installation and training he led at a hospital in South Sudan will make the difference between life and death for patients there.

Normally based in Nepal, Paul’s work involves creating and putting in place software that helps hospitals in developing countries keep track of their medicines. When he was asked recently to travel to South Sudan to install the programme at a hospital there, he could not resist the chance to help the people of that up-and-coming nation.

“This software means the right person can get the right medicine in time and be healed, where before they wouldn’t have,” said Paul. The computer company he works for in Nepal, Sustainable Solutions, is a Christian-based business with both Christian and Hindu staff and Paul aims to be a faithful witness for Jesus in this work.

organisation called OURS begin providing care for local disabled children. By August, more than 200 children were found, registered and ready for assessment.

## Thousands of Indians reborn in Jesus

A CMS PARTNER in India, Bihar Outreach Network (BORN) is giving thanks for 30 new churches planted in the summer months. More than 1,000 people have decided to follow Jesus and a further 3,000 people have heard the gospel across 132 villages.

To nurture these new Christ-followers, BORN has published discipleship materials and runs teaching courses. CMS has supported BORN with grants for the training of church leaders in this large North Indian state where Christianity is growing significantly. In the last 15 years, BORN has planted more than 5,000 churches.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**CMS mission partners** made a big contribution to the launch of a women’s cancer screening programme at Christian Medical College (CMC) in Vellore, India. On World Cancer Day (4 February) several people queued up for a free cancer screening event. Debbie and Hugh Skell, who have served at CMC since 1999 as doctor and administrator respectively, said, “There is no experience in CMC of doing this kind of event and very little around India to draw upon, but the event went well. For most of the population, there is no idea that cancer screening is needed so this work is ongoing.”

**Coming soon:** exciting new resources from CMS, including revamped Advent and Christmas resources for your church or small group and 365 Days of Yes, a wonderful book with daily prayers and readings for those who want to make mission part of their everyday life. Check [www.cms-uk.org/advent](http://www.cms-uk.org/advent) and [www.cms-shop.org.uk](http://www.cms-shop.org.uk) for these great new items.

**Fabrice**, the two and a half year-old only child of a Christian couple, has received a sight saving operation, thanks to mission partner Wim Schoonbee at Gahini Hospital in Rwanda. Fabrice had congenital cataracts in both eyes. His parents had just lost their two-month-old baby girl to pneumonia, and Fabrice’s restored vision is a great source of comfort and joy to them during this time of loss.

**The first guesthouse** in the world run fully by disabled people has opened in Tanzania, thanks to the pioneering efforts of CMS mission partners Andy and Susie Hart at Neema Crafts. The British High Commissioner presided at the grand opening on 29 July.

**The CMS pioneer mission** leadership training course has entered its second year, with up to 20 new students joining this autumn term.



New business from small loans

## SMALL LOANS TEACH BIG LESSONS TO TANZANIAN YOUTH

YOUNG CHRISTIANS in Tanzania and their communities will continue to benefit from enterprises started with small loans, thanks to gifts from generous supporters. Mission partner Christine Salaman, who started the small loans project three years ago, said, “The money will enable us to employ a new project officer and to run the project in one more diocese.” Past loans of around £100 to £300 to more than 30 youth groups have helped them start small businesses like raising pigs or chickens, vegetable gardening, cafes, carpentry, tailoring and others. The youth groups are also taught to save money so that after they pay back the loans they can keep developing their income-generating projects. “They are also encouraged to support their