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**W**e have been truly blessed as an organization to continue to be able to provide Christian charity to areas around the world that are in need. As a voluntary charitable organization that provides an avenue for our members to respond to the needs of their distant neighbours, we would like to draw your attention specifically to their prayer needs. We would like to focus on prayer for the projects we are currently supporting, and ask you to join CRWRF in praying for these needs over the coming months.

**November KHOTHATSONG**

Operating in South Africa, Khothatsong is primarily involved in providing care and support for the victims of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, as well as those suffering from other chronic conditions. This is done in a number of ways, including home-based care, support groups for women and young children, spiritual care by the pastor among the community, a foster care program for children who have HIV or have lost parents because of it, and more recently, a community vegetable garden. Khothatsong also places a significant focus on public health campaigns, in order to educate the community on a variety of topics such as HIV/AIDS, drugs, sex, and healthy living.



**PLEASE PRAY**

- *Pray that God will use Khothatsong, the staff, and foster families, to draw the children and patients to himself.*
- *Pray that they may be filled with wisdom in their work and a love for God.*
- *Pray for healing for the patients, and above all that they may know God as their Saviour.*



HOME-BASED CARE IN KHOTHATSONG

## **December RELIEF**

August of this year marked one year since the international community withdrew from Afghanistan. The withdrawal has only increased the already dire humanitarian situation and has left most organizations with no way to get help into the country. The issue is complicated. As of the writing of this update, there is no way for a Canadian NGO to get assistance into the country, legally or practically. We have recently partnered with Samaritan's Purse to help fund the care of Afghani refugees in Pakistan, as that is the closest we can get at this time.

### **PLEASE PRAY**

- *Pray for an end to the fighting and unjust rule.*
- *Pray for food, clothing, and shelter.*
- *Pray for medical care.*
- *Pray for families that are displaced, living in fear, and grieving loss.*
- *But most of all, pray and commit this suffering to God, who is not limited by political, legal, or practical barriers.*

## **January EDUCATION BURSARY FUND**

Due to financial costs, many children in Kenya do not have the opportunity to go to secondary school. Tuition for one child exceeds what some families earn in a year. In 2019, CRWRF set up the Education Bursary Fund (EBF) to provide children the opportunity to go to school, and in the past year, three rounds of funds have been disbursed to AICCAD, each helping at least 11 children to continue their education.

### **PLEASE PRAY**

- *Pray that the students who were selected will have a successful school year.*
- *Pray for wisdom for the local education committee, as they select students to apply for funding from the EBF.*
- *Pray for the EBF steering committee, as they consider each proposal received from AICCAD.*
- *Pray for the local education committee as it seeks support from the government, and from businesses and individuals who may be able to sponsor children or contribute to the bursary fund.*

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## **February BUSIA**

The Busia Project is a community development project taking place in one of the poorest regions in Kenya, set up by a local organization called AICCAD (African Inland Child & Community Agency for Development). Through this project, Canadian families have the opportunity to sponsor a Kenyan family, and thereby support their participation in this program. The families meet in groups where they discuss and learn together about different business, education, nutrition, and health strategies, all within the context of building up beneficial economic and social structures in their community. The Busia Project gives these families the opportunity to build skills and learn strategies that will allow them to contribute in a meaningful way to community development.

### **PLEASE PRAY**

- *Pray for the families involved, that they may learn how to assist their community, and that they may grow in all areas of life.*
- *Pray that the AICCAD staff will be able to assist the community so they may flourish.*
- *Pray for those who are experiencing sexual violence in the Busia area.*
- *Pray for governmental peace in Kenya, as elections can often cause a lot of political unrest.*

## **March AICCAD**

CRWRF currently supports three Rescue Centres in Kenya through the African Inland Child and Community Agency for Development (AICCAD). The Achego, Mufu, and Tumaini Rescue Centres take in children who are homeless as well as those living in difficult situations at home. At these centres, children are able to go to school, and also to receive the spiritual, physical, and emotional care they need.



## **PLEASE PRAY**

- *Pray for the AICCAD staff as they help these children who have been through so much.*
- *Pray for restoration of the economic situation in Kenya – due to the aftermath of Covid-19, the cost of basic needs has doubled, and therefore the homes can barely manage to provide for children adequately.*
- *Pray for continued support of AICCAD from church and government, to ensure that children and communities are reached.*
- *Pray for the team travelling to Kenya to meet with the AICCAD staff in early 2023, D.V.*

## **April ZISIZE**

The Zisize Care Centre is involved in several neighbourhoods in eastern South Africa. Its Home-Based Care Project provides relief to families and individuals struggling with AIDS. Since food is a vital requirement in medicating HIV/AIDS, food parcels are handed out to orphans, child-headed families, and those who are struggling due to illness. Alongside this project, gardens help generate food for the parcels. Home-based care is also provided to approximately 700 homes, providing general care, health education, and cleaning to those in need. The Zisize Care Centre also runs a campaign to raise awareness about HIV and encourage people to get tested.

### **PLEASE PRAY**

- *Pray for the staff and management of the Zisize Care Centre.*
- *Pray for strength for the volunteers, as they visit the many homes and walk long distances with heavy food parcels.*
- *Pray for those struggling with HIV/AIDS, the child-headed families, and orphans.*
- *Pray for the HIV campaign, that people might be open to learning.*