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Herridge update for March/April 2024

Dear Partners,

How are you? We bring to you warm Easter greetings from Herridge and we join in with the shout, Hasanna. The school has emerged from the rainy season without any major incident. The corrugated iron roof of the nursery school nearby was blown away by strong winds. The debris flew over the fence and landed inside the school premises. No one was injured.

The fuel crisis and high food prices are still hurting the Burundian economy.

Earlier this year, Burundi closed its border with neighbouring Ruanda, as it seemed that Ruanda had been assisting a rebel group. This was denied by Ruanda, and following some negotiations, it now looks likely that more normal relations can be resumed soon, improving trade and communication.

Herridge news

1. Teaching and Finances

The overloaded second term is coming to an end.



Teachers not only had to cover an extensive curriculum, but they also had to prepare final year pupils for regional exams on top of the end of term school exams.

The graduation ceremony at Herridge is always a joyous occasion and an opportunity to give glory to God for provision, protection and success.

For the academic year 2022-2023, like in all previous years, students occupying first and second spots are recognised and rewarded to serve as an incentive for the next cohort.

The end of term results are summarised in the table below:

% Score	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Top	72	79	74
Last	44	51	50
Average	58	63	57

Financially, two of our regular contributors are no longer able to continue supporting Herridge. The dormitory fund remains at twenty thousand and five hundred pounds, still a long way to go!

Food self-sufficiency

Always a concern in this country, the rains have been gentle so far, and crops at the school are doing very well. This allows more of our resources to be used on the essentials.



In response to the President's edict that everyone, institutions in particular, are to keep rabbits, the school now has a population of twenty-five.

2. Prayer points.

- Please continue to pray for Burundi, especially for the restoration of normal relations with Rwanda.
- Praise God for our faithful Supporters and fundraising Volunteers who keep Herridge running.
- Pray also for ACTS and Herridge, good health and effective learning at the school.
- We are still praying for new Trustees and Volunteers to help with the administration of the Charity.

Be Blessed, Happy Easter to you all.

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