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## Herridge March 2025 Update

**Dear Friends,**

Thank you again for your continuing support of HTS. We would like to give you a quick update on the construction of the two dormitories at the school. You will see from the photos that work has progressed well. We are still working under very strained circumstances, as a result of the conflict among our neighbours worsening the fragile stability in Burundi. Besides corruption, tribal and land disputes, there are at least seven actors involved in the Democratic Republic of Congo scramble for natural resources. Because of these problems, Burundi is now receiving a large number of refugees. This is at a time when foreign aid is being reduced.

### 1) Herridge news

The new building is approaching completion but we hadn't realised how expensive it would be to tile the toilets and the whole floor!

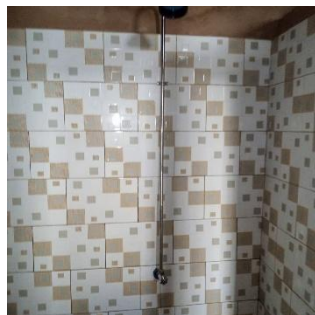


ACTS has been blessed yet again with a generous gift of ten thousand pounds which is financing the dormitories' interior work.

The building has forty good size bedrooms to accommodate 160 Students - 4 students per room on 2 bunk beds

The existing water and electric installations have been upgraded to allow an enormous increase in future usage.

These pictures show some of the washroom detail.



Grass seeds have been sown to stabilize the land before the dry season starts.



## Teaching Staff

Teaching has been an added challenge. Many of our teachers have to use some of their spare time to get other sources of income: one has managed to find an employer able to double his salary. Replacing teachers is very difficult, and we need to think about retention of the other staff again!

At the moment HTS's status is to provide teaching for Catering & Hotel management. We are now working hard to persuade the Ministry of Education to grant Herridge the inclusion of more sections of education, allowing primary teaching and boarding status, from September this year.

## **2) Prayer Points**

Praise God for faithful provision and the wonderful friends behind the success of HTS. As some of our supporters retire or find it difficult to continue their commitments, God is still keeping the school secure. We are so grateful to all Friends of Herridge who have cheerfully increased their giving.

Please pray for peace and security in Burundi, and that the scheduled communal and general assembly elections in the summer 2025 go peacefully.

Pray for Government approval for the opening of two new sections of the school, and for harmony among old and new staff to allow smooth running of Herridge school.

Every Blessing,  
Georgette and Geoffrey

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