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ACTS December 2025 update

Dear Partners,

What an astonishing year it has been! We would like to thank you wholeheartedly for praying and faithfully supporting ACTS so generously. #

Generally, in Burundi, many people are experiencing hardship but the hunger is not as rampant as portrayed in the media. The climate change and high inflation are making a bad economic situation worse for the majority relying on their land produce or occupying low salary posts.

Herridge Technical School news

We have seen unrivalled generosity which enabled us to overcome numerous major challenges and have the dormitories built and furnished in a very short time. We battled with the fuel crisis all year long, which at some point, threatened to bring the construction of dormitories to a halt. Luckily Georgette was in Burundi and used her contacts to keep the Lorry transporting construction materials moving.

By mid-September, the dormitories were furnished ready for first occupants.



Herridge has extended the welcome to year 7 pupils and recruited extra staff. The school currently has 89 pupils, same level as last year. Besides the school assessments, there is a national test which the government uses to determine who can progress to University studies. Herridge performed well, recording a 90% pass rate, a slight drop from previous years.

We hope you have all had a chance to see a video made by Brian and Claire. We shall be trying to load

it unto the website with a few more pictures in the new year. Looking ahead, we trust Claire has convinced some of you to take the plunge and visit Herridge. There are five people already interested from our home church in Crewe.

One of the two houses for teachers which has been damaged by termites, currently unoccupied, is being repaired and equipped again. This will increase Herridge's accommodation capacity from 4 to 9, more if we have siblings in the group who can share a bedroom. We are also working on alternative water supply and mosquito nets on all beds.

Please pray for:

- Peace in the county and with neighbours.
- Easing of fuel shortage and food insecurity
- Blessing of the work at Herridge, and successful future missions.

Thank you so much again for all your love and hard work. We send to you our best wishes for a merry Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Geoffrey and Georgette