

MVUMI PRAYER LETTER

I am sorry that I have been rather silent for a few months. I have been very busy with visitors (who have been a great asset) and a number of projects which have been time consuming. The school is in good health and we have just had four hundred applicants for ninety places. We have also introduced a new sponsorship scheme of attracting some of the poorest of local children to the school. Most have few possessions and live in mud huts without water, electricity, or anything other than rice bags to sleep. They are a talented bunch and we are looking forward to welcoming them in January (if any of you would be interested in sponsoring one of them it costs 175 Pounds and Roderick Watson will provide the details – r.watson@ringmerplace.com !)

The school worship meeting on Fridays continues to be excellently attended and the Chaplain has led some excellent teams of students to visit local churches. A number have become Christians and there has been some marvelous healing. This is a place where the Spirit is clearly at work! Sadly the chaplain is moving on for further study, so please pray that we will find an excellent replacement. As with all places of blessing there can be real conflict. Please pray that Christians here are victorious in their battles against primitive religion, witch-doctors etc who continue to exercise considerable influence.

A number of students cope with really difficult circumstances. Some are orphans; some have major family obligations; most have to cope with bereavement. Two have lost parents only recently. Please pray that they may comfort at school and real encouragement.

We continue to have large staff turnover because of our remote location. Please pray that we may be able to attract good teachers with a real and living Christian faith who are committed to their students and to teachers and the Lord. Many here teach because they can find nothing else to do....

SPECIFIC REQUESTS

- a new chaplain
- a warm welcome to our new students in January
- prayer for our Bishop who has been facing a difficult revolt in the Diocese
- Friday evening worship and other informal Christian meetings
- The day to day Christian life of the school
- Attracting new staff and keeping them
- Success in communicating the gospel
- Success in teaching the students that Christian commitment is about changed lives
- The training of some of our students to become spiritual, moral and social leaders
- The success of a new project to build a blind unit for a group of students particularly disadvantaged here
- For me, that I may live out my Christian commitment

Have a blest Christmas and thank you for all your prayers. Keep at it!!