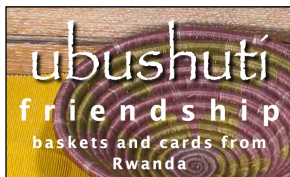




PRAYER DIARY

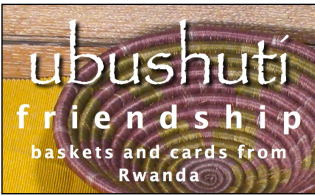
APRIL & MAY 2016



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ.

Colossians
4:2-3

THE DAMASCUS TRUST



UBUSHUTI is Kinyarwandan for 'friendship'. It is DT's trading name for selling the hand-made baskets and cards from the dioceses of Byumba and Gasabo. Many of you will have seen, if not bought, some of these and know just how good they are.

It was in 2013, whilst Heather and Pete Ellis were working in Byumba diocese for three months, that they spent time with widows from the local churches and got to know something of the work that is being done to help them and their families. As the women make baskets and cards, using traditional skills, they talk together, sharing their joys and struggles, encouraging one another. With the help of Christian leaders, this can bring healing from past hurts and difficulties. Making baskets and cards gives a sense of achievement, promotes self-worth and helps them begin to support themselves.

Pete and Heather were keen for DT to set up something that would help even more. So, we buy the cards and baskets from the women for the price they would sell them locally. We then bring them back to the UK to sell, and the profit we make (once we have covered delivery costs) all goes back into our Rwanda General Fund to help ongoing projects in Byumba and Gasabo. This can include work amongst the widows and other disadvantaged groups. Over the last couple of years we have 'tested the market' by selling Ubushuti goods at various events and churches. The response has been so positive that now, as part of the new web-site, we are planning to have an on-line shop, which Heather and Pete will oversee for us. We hope this will go 'live' in May, if not before, so keep checking our web-site.

HONOURING THE LORD

1-9 APRIL

- 1st **Those who honour me, I will honour. 1 Sam 2:30** - Praise the Lord for his goodness to us over the last 26 years! Please pray that we will remain faithful in honouring the Lord in all that we do.
- 2nd As we establish the DT office in Tamworth, it will be great if we can find people from the local churches who might help us with the admin and a treasurer. Please pray for us to meet up with the right people.
- 3rd **There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18**
- 4th ACV mentoring programme in Oradea Prison - following session. Please pray for the mentors as they help the prisoners (Apprentices) to understand how the teaching from the previous week can be put into practice.
- 5th Thank the Lord for the 10 Apprentices who are in the second mentoring programme. Pray that this is a good, stable group and that they will have a right attitude towards the programme.
- 6th When Andy and I visit Romania they will be reviewing the mentoring programme with a team of workers in Oradea. See how we can improve it and enable the apprentices to come into a true relationship with Christ.
- 7th Pray that the Lord will open the hearts of his people in Oradea to help us respond to the needs of those coming out of prison.
- 8th Andy is travelling to Romania with Phil Bradish this evening. Please pray for safe travels. They will arrive in Oradea after midnight!
- 9th Pray for our meeting with the ACV Core Team and finalising plans for the week ahead.