



Action



BUILDING HOPE



Faithful in



THE DIOCESAN HARVEST APPEAL
FOR 2018/19

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A Message from Bishop Richard

Dear Friends,

As the Chair of the Council for the Common Good I am writing to commend our Diocesan Harvest Appeal, "Building Hope: Faithful in Action".

Our partner Dioceses in East and West Africa are passionate about community transformation. Through the provision of education, social campaigns and community action they are proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed. Their mission is a true manifestation of the Churches call to live and proclaim the Kingdom of God.

I recently had the privilege of visiting our friends in the Diocese of Cameroon. In the face of local political difficulties and violence they are building an education system that is truly Christian, both building up the church and serving the local community. They have ambitious plans for expansion and I was delighted to visit schools who are looking to form partnerships with some of our church schools. These are genuine opportunities for mutual learning and support. Our relationships are most definitely two way.

The money raised in this years' appeal will go to support projects with our partners that will make a huge difference to their communities. You can see some of them in the harvest appeal leaflet.

I do encourage you to give generously.
With grateful thanks and best wishes

+Richard Lewes





Some of the projects and people that you helped support this year ...

Judi Kiget

(Community Worker and Ordinand, Baringo Episcopal Area)

Judi is a young woman from the Kalanjin people, a nation of semi-nomadic pastoralists closely related to the Maasai. Judi has worked for many years in her home region of Baringo with young women teaching them and encouraging them not to undergo FGM as it is a significant cause of death among girls. Judi has faced being ostracized and rejection by some in her own community but, thankfully, has the full support of her bishop, Bishop Musa Kamuren, who has encouraged her to study at Carlile College, Nairobi, for ordination. The Diocese of Chichester is funding Judi's studies at Carlile by means of an annual grant of £2,000.

Kericho Farmers Fields Schools

The issue of food security has been a growing concern in Kenya. Climate change has affected the familiar rhythms of the annual rains and subsistence farmers have seen their crops ravaged by drought or destroyed by unseasonal rains. The Diocese of Kericho has created a network of Farm Field Schools. Using Church land plots for the cultivation of variety of crops are established, and training in farming techniques offered to families resident in the area. The impact on productivity, conservation of soils and income have been such that all those families participating in the FFS survived the last drought with a healthy surplus. A grant of £5,000 from the Diocese of Chichester's Harvest Appeal is helping establish a new FFS in an area where there is none at present.

Vocational Training in Sierra Leone

The Diocese of Freetown's Vocational Training Centre was created in response to requests from the residents living in the slum communities in Moa Wharf and Susan's Bay. These informal settlements mushroomed along the beach front below Bishop Thomas Wilson's home and experience the highest loss of life at the height of the Ebola epidemic. Our Diocese has, through the Diocesan Overseas Council, made a grant of £5,000 towards the purchase of essential equipment to make the VTC operational. Manual sewing machines have enabled the VTC to offer dressmaking courses while child sized furniture and mattresses have meant that the Day Care facilities are able to host the children of the 22 young women enrolled for training.



We are helping our partner Dioceses in East and West Africa: in West Africa, Guinea, Freetown and Bo in Sierra Leone, Gambia, Liberia and Cameroon; in Kenya: Nakuru, Nyahuru Kericho and Maralal. We aim to raise £20,000 for projects to provide food, security and to support and develop training. We also look to help and support other projects dependent on funding.

- +** Our Links with Churches in East and West Africa are bringing hope and practical help to many thousands of people.
- +** We have built up links over many years across parishes, schools and through various parts of our diocesan life.
- +** The Harvest Appeal is one way in which you are invited to respond. If you would like to help in other ways, please contact Rev'd Dominic Desouza-Campbell – email harvest.appeal@chichester.anglican.org

**There are lots of ways to respond –
please use the method most convenient to you:**



If your local church or school is participating, they'll welcome your donation



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Alternatively, simply call 01273 421021 and they'll be able to help you (during office hours)



Or email us at harvest.appeal@chichester.anglican.org