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27 South Road, Chesham Bois, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 5LU



Friends of Burundi Registered UK Charity No. 1117715

The Friends of Burundi is the group of mainly British Christians who set up the Friends of Burundi in 2005 to pray for, support and publicise the situation of the people in Burundi and particularly the Christians and the work of the Christian Churches there.



The Most Revd Bernard Ntahoturi, Archbishop of Burundi and Mrs Jane Williams, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury kindly agreed to be our patrons.



Burundi is an independent African country, about the size of Wales, lying at the north end of Lake Tanganyika. It is landlocked, bordering Tanzania, Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. It is densely populated with a population of some eight million.

Historically, it was ruled by a king, with chiefs under him.

It was visited by the explorers David Livingstone and H M Stanley. It was annexed by Germany to become part of German East Africa together with Tanganyika. After the First World War it became a League of Nations protectorate under the Belgians - combined as Ruanda-Urundi with the similar-sized country, now called Rwanda, to the north.

Both countries received independence, separately, in 1962. Burundi has suffered many years of inter-ethnic violence which culminated in a ten-year civil war. This resulted in millions of refugees fleeing to the neighbouring countries -- Congo, Rwanda and Tanzania. Some who fled have spent most of a lifetime in refugee camps.

Following a peace accord, there were democratic elections in 2005. The new president, Peter Nkurunziza, has committed himself to national unity and the refugees displaced internally and in neighbouring countries have begun to return.

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Peace is still fragile. As a result of the Peace Accord, there has been a massive
resettlement process for the Internally Displaced People and resettlement of the
hundreds of thousands who have returned from refugee camps abroad. Inevitably,
there are conflicts over land rights. Reconciliation between those who have suffered at
each other's hands is vital for future peace.

Traditionally, Burundi has been a strongly Christian country, with 80 per cent of the
population baptised Catholics. However, there are also many Protestant churches
arising from the missionary movement and some indigenous independent African
churches. For about 30 years from the late 1930s there was a remarkable religious
movement which started in the Anglican Church in Rwanda, and became known as
the East African Revival, which spread to neighbouring countries, including Burundi,
and had an influence worldwide.

Burundi is a mountainous country, intrinsically
healthy, and has become very densely
populated, to a level that is hard to sustain. Soil
erosion and exhaustion of nutrients make
farming increasingly hard. The country has few
natural resources and is one of the poorest in
the world. In recent years, the situation has been
aggravated by prolonged droughts and severe
flooding, possibly related to global warming.



Like most countries in sub-Saharan Africa, HIV and AIDS not only causes immense
personal tragedy but effects productivity at both family level and nationally.

Friends of Burundi seeks to support the Country and its needs in prayer, make its
needs known more widely and help in a small way by assisting those who seek to
alleviate the spiritual physical and emotional needs of the country. Friends of Burundi
has linked with projects as diverse as famine relief, AIDS counselling, reconciliation
ministries and Bibles for prisoners.