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TRAVELS IN CHINA

On the initiative of the Most Rev. John Chew, Primate of S.E Asia, a group of Primates from the Global South that included the Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi accepted an invitation from the Minister for the State Administration for Religious Affairs of the People's Republic of China to visit the country. It was an opportunity for the strengthening of relationships between the Primates and an occasion to gain awareness of some of the encouragements, issues and challenges facing the Chinese Church. In a statement the Primates said that they were "encouraged to see a Church that is actively leading people to faith in Christ, training lay leaders for ministry, advancing the theological education of catechists and clergy, and being a blessing to society, especially in providing social services to the needy". They also rejoiced at the printing of over 90 million copies of the Bible by Amity Foundation Press. *The full communiqué can be found on the Global South Anglican website.*

LAUNCH OF BUNERELA+

In August the Burundi Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Affected by HIV and AIDS was launched and a retreat held. This new network is part of an international network, INERELA+. Throughout the country inter-faith groups are being established to equip and empower members to live openly as agents of hope and change in their communities, overcoming stigma and discrimination and influencing policies made at local and national level.

SYMPATHY

The Province extends sympathy to Mrs. Ruth Kabuye and her family following the death of Rev. Canon Jeremy Kabuye, aged 92, on 3rd September. A funeral service was held in Matana on 5th September to give thanks for and celebrate his life of faithful and loving service. Baptised in 1936 he was among the first group of pastors ordained in the Anglican Church in Burundi. His widow shared that despite the hardships he continually praised God and lovingly encouraged people.

IN BRIEF

- The Provincial Secretaries Conference in Mexico at the end of August provided Rev. Pedaculi Birakengana with time to meet with colleagues from around the Anglican Communion to share experiences and expertise, and to see some of the work of the Mexican Church.
- Rev Paisible Ndacayisaba has recently become Provincial Coordinator for Education in addition to his other roles facilitating ecumenical and public relations.
- META, a team from CMS Ireland, visited Matana and Gitega dioceses in August to experience the life and work of the Church.
- Claudette Kigeme and Mathias Nkurunziza recently attended the Church and Community Mobilisation Programme workshop in Rwanda along with the development officers from Matana and Gitega dioceses to look at the relevance and appropriateness of the programme as it seeks to encourage the church to engage with the community in an integrated missions programme.
- Leonidas Niyongabo has participated in a Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction workshop in Thailand organised by Asia Disaster Preparedness Centre that focussed on programs for risk reduction and community capacity building to promote a culture of safety and self-reliance in dealing with disaster risk.
- Claudette Kigeme facilitated Mothers' Union training of trainers in Goma, DR Congo, in order to help them to start an adult literacy programme.
- Work has begun to build a multi-purpose centre for the Province to be called Faith Centre. Located on land adjacent to the Provincial office it will provide conference facilities that include accommodation, restaurant, and internet café.

You can find other information, photos, and news by visiting our website at <http://www.anglicanburundi.org/> and short videos at EABBurundi on You Tube.