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Prayer points:

- Praise for new house, provision of extra support and pray for right amount of 'paying guests'.

- Praise for incredible healings through Flame conferences and pray for lasting fruit.

- Sue and I visiting and training at Batwa project in Busiga, Ngozi from 25-29 Jan, staying with Pas-sie and Hermès - Burundian colleagues.

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Happy New Year! I trust you had a wonderful Christmas. Thanks to gifts from friends I was able to go home for Christmas. My brother and his wife plan to emigrate to New Zealand, possibly later this year, so it was great to be able to spend Christmas with them and my parents at their home. I enjoyed the snow, saw a few friends and two new babies born to two of my cousins. It was a real blessing. Thank you Lord.

Thanks for all your prayers for me to find a new house, which as you know I found just in time. Having been on holiday, I am still very busy unpacking, getting curtains made, door handles repaired etc etc. Whilst looking for houses it became clear that rents have doubled or tripled since I moved to Burundi in Jan 2009 - all other costs are also increasing hugely. I had had exceptionally good rent of approx. £200 / month before. Sadly

Flame in Gitega & Makamba

The recent Flame Int. trauma healing conferences in Gitega and Makamba were powerful times. I thank God for working alongside such an experienced ministry team.

9 Flame team members, myself, Jean Pierre, a colleague, Frederic from Rema and Cyrille my main colleague in HFC were together during the two weeks. We had tremendous team de-

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such rents no longer exist as Burundi stabilises and has joined the East African Community (an African organisation similar to the EU).

I received advice from my boss in Harvest for Christ (HFC), my mission iNet, and church in London. My boss said that I need to accept the current situation: that I will have to pay what it costs to live in the most reasonably priced house that can be found in a safe area. He acknowledged that my house is used for ministry – hosting teams, work meetings etc and we plan to be more intentional to use it more for HFC meetings.

The new rent is around £500 / month (at current exchange rates). I hope to have more 'paying guests' to help with some of the shortfall and one very generous person has given the equivalent of £188 / month for the next year which is incredi-

ble. God has been very good. Pray with me for continued provision and the right no. of 'paying guests'.

Sue, a friend from St Margaret's, Angmering is visiting for 2 weeks from 19th. I am so looking forward to spending time with her, sharing my life and ministry here and having time to talk and pray. We will visit Matana for the weekend as well as a Batwa (pygmy) project in Ngozi Province (25th-29th) run by HFC where we'll be training pastors in trauma healing.

On 21st, it's my 2 year anniversary of moving to Burundi! I am so grateful to God for the privilege of being here and serving alongside some of the most amazing Christians I've ever met; for giving me experiences I don't think I could have had in the UK and for sustaining me in the hard times.



votions twice a day but were also conscious of many intercessors lifting up the conferences, delegates & team.

There were many extraordinary testimonies including a very senior church leader being publicly reconciled to someone who had felt wounded by the Church and started a new church movement, someone being healed from nightmares

which had lasted over 10 years after killings outside his home, many esp. women in Makamba pouring out their grief and trauma. We could see that the Lord did exceedingly abundantly more than we asked for or imagined (Eph 3:20). Flame will return on 29 April to visit Matana and Muyinga Dioceses.