

2019 Bishop's Lent appeal for Kagera : Educating for self-sufficiency

Help young people build a better future

Kagera has one of the lowest levels of literacy in Tanzania. The Diocese has set up both a primary school and a secondary school in the town of Ngara, close to the Diocesan headquarters.

We are helping finance the building of dormitory accommodation at Ngara Anglican Primary School (NAPS). Further building work is needed including improved kitchen and dining facilities, a new library, and guttering and tanks for rainwater collection.

The Diocese is also active in state schools. It has developed a bible knowledge course which is being used in secondary schools across the region, delivered by parish priests and lay workers. The course has been so successful that it has been taken up by other dioceses in Tanzania.

The Diocese also runs Sunday Schools and youth work in most of the churches in Kagera.



NAPS provides high quality primary education in English. In 2018 the final year pupils achieved the best results for the whole of Kagera region, 12th out of over 3000 schools in the country.

Help farmers survive climate change

Climate change is having a huge impact in Kagera. Where once the rainy seasons came regularly each year, now they are unpredictable. After months without rain there can be torrential downpours, washing away whatever crops have been planted. This can be devastating for a subsistence farmer, depending on his or her land for food to eat. And that's over 70% of the population of Kagera. Because of climate change, farming methods that have been used for generations are no longer working.

The Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP) is a Diocesan project to encourage self sufficiency. Money raised in the 2017 appeal is supporting the core work of CCMP until 2020. With money raised in this year's appeal we can help fund:

- training in new farming methods
- obtaining new seed varieties



Using a loan from his Pamoja self-help group set up by CCMP, Majaliwa now grows passion fruit to sell at market. The money he earned has made a huge difference to him and his family, and he is now a CCMP facilitator for his district.

Help priests lead their people out of poverty

Priests in Kagera are known as pastors – shepherds. They lead their people not only spiritually but also in practical ways. Pastors need support in this holistic ministry, to motivate and lead their communities out of poverty to 'Life in its fullness.'

Pastors are paid by their local churches. In Nyamteke village the collection raises around £4 each week and the pastor receives just 20% of this.

The Lent appeal can help:

- Kagera Theological Training College (KCTC), provide training for lay leaders and a diploma course leading to ordination
- pastors with their expenses including medical insurance and children's school fees
- parishes with funds to set up projects to improve their communities



Pastor Amon is a leader in his church of Nyakayanja. He is teaching his congregation about CCMP to encourage them to plant trees, establish self-help groups, and work for the improvement of their community.

This year St Edmundsbury and Ipswich celebrates 25 years of working together with Kagera Diocese. Through the link we:



- develop friendships and understanding of each other's lives and experiences
- pray for each other
- grow in faith as we learn from one another
- share our resources because of our friendship

Kagera, in northwest Tanzania, is a beautiful region, mostly of steeply hilled savannah country. However it is poor and remote. Its 1 million people typically live on less than £1 a day, mostly through subsistence farming. Malaria and HIV/Aids are major problems. Parts of Kagera have some of the highest under-five mortality rates in the country. Lack of education and low capital investment in the area has led to a perception of poverty being the norm and to dependency on external aid.

The Bishops' Lent appeal this year will support our brothers and sisters in Kagera with education in its many forms to enable them to raise their people out of a mindset of dependency to self sufficiency. The funds raised will support priests, subsistence farmers and young people, and empower them to build a more hopeful future. The vision of Kagera Diocese is 'Life in its fullness' (John 10:10) and through the link we can help them achieve it.

A message from Bishop Mike

"Together we can make a huge and lasting impact on the quality of lives of some of our poorest brothers and sisters in Christ - let's take the opportunity and regard it as a privilege to do so!"



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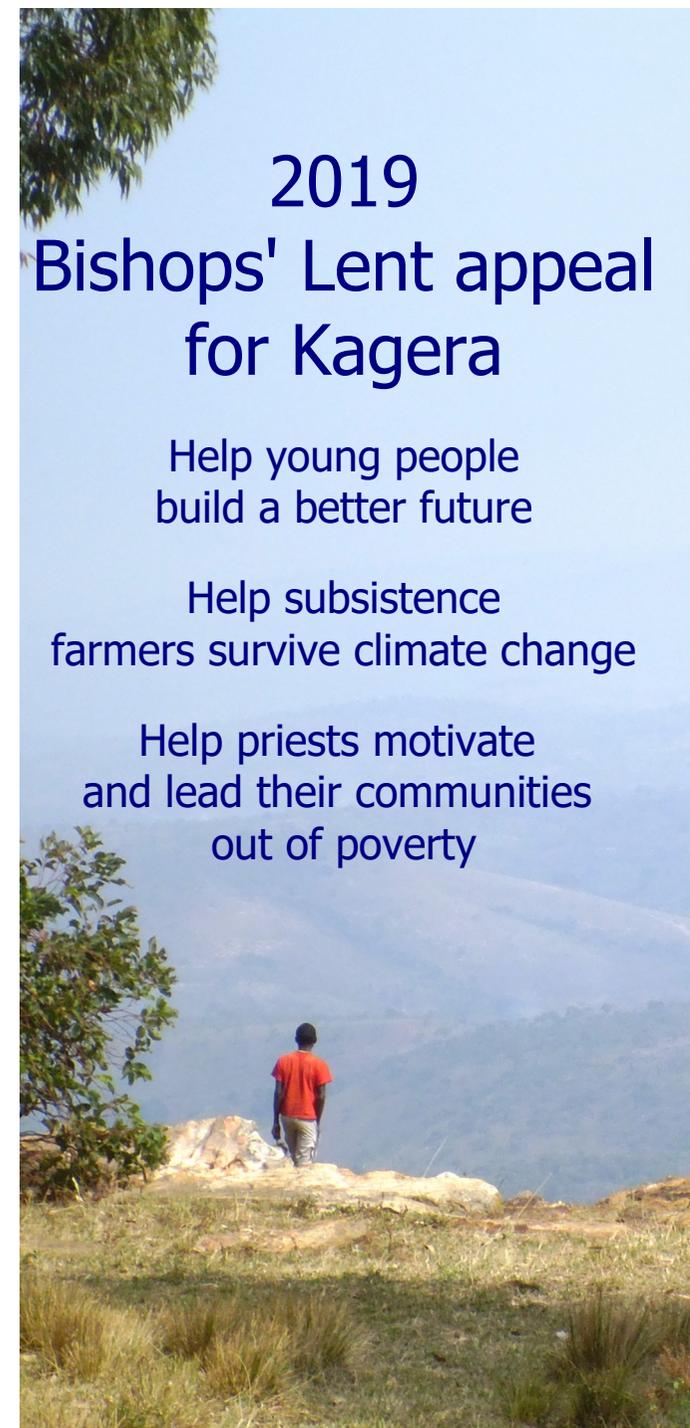
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