

## Kipela's Congo projects

Hello,

My name is Kipela and have two projects that I would like to tell you about. The first is to help a small GP surgery to continue to provide care to its community. The second project I'm afraid came out of tragedy. About a year ago, my cousin's house caught fire. It all happened so rapidly that they lost 2 children. Two boys 9 and 6. This project is to bring fire awareness.

The GP surgery is small community practice that was founded and ran by my father for over twenty five years. It is on the church ground and meant more than a GP surgery for many people. My father was an amazing man whose faith led him to believe in helping people. He provided a real hub for the wider population. People travelled miles away to be helped. He would treat those who were unable to pay for their treatment with dignity and respect. Unfortunately, in 2010 he had a stroke and could no longer work. And sadly passed away a few years ago. Luckily, he had someone who he had been working with who was able to take over.

However, the surgery is no longer the place it used to be and has and ran into disrepair. To honour my father's legacy, and his Christian beliefs I would like to reach out to this community.

The Grand 5 has given me the opportunity to help those who work and use the place. The aim of this is to provide a clean and safe environment for these using it. To provide them with equipment to facilitate their work. Encourage staff development through training.

I was so excited when I heard Peter talk about the Grand 5 that almost jumped out of my seat. I felt that this was an answer to my worries.

The other project; more recently we had the tragedy of loosing two members of our family in a house fire. As you can imagine in such tragedy I found it difficult to offer any help and comfort them from afar. But together with my small group, we prayed for them. We even managed to send a small box full things like a night dress and a prayer card.

One day my cousin phoned to say that the loss was just too much and she was thinking of ways to bring fire awareness in her community so that other families don't go through the same thing.

For some time I was not sure how I was going to help her achieve this. However, with Martin (my husband) being a fireman, we started putting ideas together. And these were training for the local people/ schools and churches. To have fire wardens, leaflets and posters. Fire alarms or the use of whistles.

How can you get involved?

By having the Financial support of the Grand5, we will be able to get these projects underway.

Prayers: where there is good, there are resistance and I feel that by reaching out to these people, God's love will continue to shine and so the ability to be able to overcome it.

Fire alarm; even if you are able to donate one or 2, that will keep those families safe.

Designing posters; Ideas on the best way to do it.

Whistles. We thought this could be used as a warning  next to the posters.

As for the Surgery; Medical equipment, or if you know of a supplier or if you think of other ways and ideas that could help please get in touch.

Many thanks

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