



Livia Jones, agricultural specialist from the Chalke Valley, with members of the Emmanuel agriculture group based in Imvepi refugee camp.

Your donations are helping people to grow food crops

Livia travelled to visit all the CRESS agriculture projects in the refugee camps in early May. Drought has made the growing of vegetables challenging but they have still been able to produce a good crop of seedlings, with seed donated by CRESS, which are ready for transplanting as soon as the rains begin. Jeska, leader of Emmanuel group, proudly showed the small round key-hole shaped gardens and sack gardens. Both these types of vegetable growing gardens have been taken up in group members' own home gardens, using the group garden as a successful demonstration.



You have helped this refugee family

During Lent a group of refugee dolls were welcomed into homes in the Chalke Valley. The £220 they raised was given by Livia Jones from Ebbesbourne Wake to Agnes, the widow of Rev Emmanuel Amule, who sadly died last year in his early 40s leaving his wife and family impoverished. Agnes was very moved by the generosity.

Chalke Valley Churches Lent Project 2019

enabling self-sufficiency and improving health – this is what your gifts are being used for...

Thank you to everyone who came to our events during Lent and donated so kindly to the project.



50 water filters

This family of about 15 members kept their drinking water in a traditional water pot exposed to dirt and germs. William Nyoma said on receiving his water filter "We are grateful for receiving this technology for purifying our drinking water. We are now sure we shall drink clean water free from contamination thus reducing cases of typhoid, which has been a big challenge in the family."



256 people given savings training

Jeslin Abate has 6 children of her own and 5 others living with her. Her husband a clergyman earns \$50 per month from CRESS, they have no other funds at all. The savings training has given her some food security, ability to purchase medicines and pay school fees and make and sell bricks also giving her a drier home.



1000 mosquito nets

1000 pregnant or nursing women living in refugee camps are being given the nets and training in small groups on how to use the net, basic health hygiene and family planning. Cicilia Prosy, pregnant mum, said "I am very HAPPY because the mosquito nets I received today with the training is going to prevent my family members from being bitten by mosquitoes - meaning my family members are free from malaria."

More information and case studies on the impact of the Lent Project will shortly be available on our website.

Healing at the Clinic - thanks to you

improving health for refugees in northern Uganda



Mum, Susan Ate, lost hope that her one year old daughter would survive. The little girl was diagnosed at the clinic with complicated Malaria and Typhoid fever. She is pictured here in a critical condition.



Our next picture shows the positive outcome of her treatment. A very excited mother leaving the clinic with her little girl in full health.

Clinic funding

CRESS fund-raising supports the running costs, staff wages, medicine and equipment for the clinic.

We are currently writing bids to fund a new latrine and possibly a portable ultrasound scanner.



CATT

children's accelerated trauma training

15 CATT accredited counsellors are beginning the important work of providing therapy support to traumatised children within their communities across a number of refugee settlements. Since February they have helped just over 150 children who have experienced unimaginable trauma due to the civil war in South Sudan. More details on this project can be found on our website cressuk.org.



Alex Aciga

We were sad to hear of the untimely death of Alex aged 56. He has worked for the Diocese of Kajo-Keji since 2011.

He was a great advocate and supporter of CRESS, which is committed to continuing his children's education.



Medicine Fundraiser

Pauline Cullis, Izzie and a lovely team put on a fundraiser 10th May which raised an amazing £920. This is enough to fund medicines for the CRESS Clinic for 3/4 months.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Wonderbags

Jeska, CRESS Education Coordinator, and Yango Yunia, CRESS Agriculture Facilitator, have had a demonstration from Wonderbag - an award winning non-electric portable slow cooker ideal for saving refugees both time and fuel. With their new found knowledge they will be able to teach the women in our agriculture groups. These groups will have one Wonderbag per group - they will cook a meal and then different women will take it home each time.