

Our place in the journey

A small group of keen individuals have met to prayerfully work towards putting a 3 year Mission Plan together. We value your prayers as we build on this plan and as we launch it at the beginning of the new season..

As God's people on the beautiful North Coast seek to build a lasting relationship with Shyogwe that will bless, challenge, encourage and change us for God's glory. Please pray for these 3 years and as plan to be part of this journey.



Bishop Jered Kalimba

A prayer for our partnership

Father, thank you for your world with all its wonder and uniqueness. We thank you for this opportunity to lift our eyes and hearts to Rwanda.. We pray for our partnership with the Shyogwe Diocese, for Bishop Jered Kalimba and his people. May our partnership be a mutual blessing as we learn and grow together. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

A sketch of Rwanda & Shyogwe

Rwanda is almost twice the size of Northern Ireland but has a population of 8 million people, compared to 1.8 million people in N. Ireland.

Over 40% of the population are under 15 years old.

Population expected to double in less than 20 years.

Rwanda has less than 600 doctors (1 for every 17000 people). N. Ireland has 1 doctor for every 400 people.

During the genocide in 1994, around 800,000 Tutsis were killed by the Hutu militia over a period of 100 days, or up to 10,000 people per day! During the troubles in N. Ireland, around about 3500 people were killed in 30 years.

Main exports are tourism (especially visiting the gorilla sanctuaries), coffee and tea. The flag is blue, yellow and green horizontal stripes, with a sun in the top blue stripe.

The winds of God are always blowing, but you must set the sails. Anon

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in Partnership with

**Shyogwe Diocese,
Rwanda**



footsteps of faith

**three year mission
plan**

Oct 2012 - Aug 2015

3 year mission plan: footsteps of faith

Year 1: 2012-2013

Right from the beginning of our contact with Shyogwe and Bishop Jered we have wanted our relationship with him and the Diocese to be a mutual blessing. In the first year we want to build our knowledge of Rwanda and especially Shyogwe by focusing on the following areas.

- **Prayer cycle:** we will pray monthly for our link partners as part of our public Worship
- **Information on boards & magazine:** Use our notice boards and magazine to greater effect to help people become more informed about life in Rwanda.
- **Invite speaker (s):** we want our parish to be able to plug into what is currently happening as they listen to the experience of others
- **Connect:** we would like to have a closer relationship with another Irish church projects who are partners with Shyogwe.
- **Hospitality:** to a student from Rwanda
- **A fundraising event**

Year 2: 2013-2014

It is our hope that parishioners will become more interested and aware of the Shyogwe Diocese. In order to build on this we are seeking a more creative approach which will bring the Diocese to life for all our parishioners and community .

- **Prayer:** central to this partnership. As well as praying monthly we hope to encourage people to make a commitment to pray as part of their private devotions.
- **Communication:** build upon year 1
- **A day in the life:** this may include drama, food, and a model building project.
- **Two fundraising events**
- **A Shyogwe focus day**
- **Launch team:** beginning preparation for a team to visit Shyogwe in year 3.



Year 3: 2014-2015



Hopefully by this year we will all have grown significantly together. We plan to further our relationship by creating opportunities for face to face interaction. We hope this will happen in two ways:

- Taking a team to Shyogwe
- Bring an individual from Shyogwe to the North Coast.

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Also by working on:

- 3 fundraising events
- Feedback on our link and discuss the next stage of our partnership