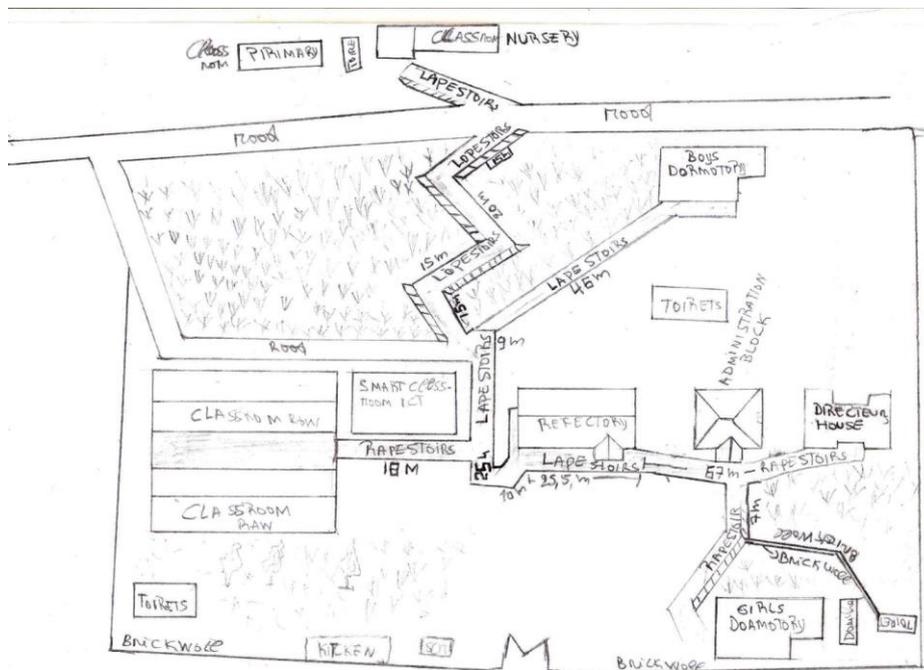


Latest from Rwanda – May 2019

LBMT Treasurer, Tony Isaac, is waiting for some final figures from Cyangugu, but it looks as if the school buildings at St Matthews, plus the Boys' Dorm at Jill Barham College, plus the nine classrooms at the new school at Nyamasheke, plus the last two pastors' houses, may be nearly funded. However two more bills have come for St Matthews School, which I have outlined below. Builder John and his team are busy building them all. The buildings will all be brick built with reinforced concrete pillars and able to withstand earthquakes and storms. Attached is the St Matthews Girls' Dormitory with builder John standing by it. Join us in praising the Lord and pray that the students will all come to know the Saviour.



St Matthews Nursery and Primary classes are at the top of a steep hill with the secondary classes, dormitories, dining room and smart classroom at the bottom of the hill. When it rains the pathways between the various buildings are muddy and slippery, taking mud into the



buildings. John has been told he must concrete them all and with steel handrails. Plans are attached. The cost is the equivalent of £28,000. The girls' dormitory and wash rooms are at the very bottom of the hill, so can be seen from the road above. John has built a screening wall at the equivalent of £6,000. So the total needed, is £43,380. I hope Tony brings

good news from John! I hope you can join us for LUNCH at the Brickwall Hotel, Sedlescombe on 18th September. Tickets £25 from Rosewood. A portion of the ticket money will help with project funds. Our guests will be Charles & Juliet Semwaga from Rwanda.

Cyangugu Diocese, in south-west **Rwanda**, started in 1992, is now financed by the income from Peace Guest House. Bishop Nathan Amooti and his staff are extremely grateful for our help with these expensive buildings, but they make sure (with a little help from Tony Isaac) that all taxes, expenses and salaries are paid on time. This Bishop is not one to sit back and rest, he is keen to evangelize the whole diocese, so.....watch this space!

Bishop Sixbert of Buye Diocese in **Burundi** is keen to develop churches in a new area called Kayanza and has built a guest house with money from the guest house they built at Ngozi a few years ago. He asks for help with new iron sheets for the Diocesan Cathedral which he says Lawrence Barham built in 1939. The iron sheets available in World War time are now rusty and leaking. The new sheets the cathedral staff want to replace them with, together with new wooden triangles, will cost the equivalent of £10,489. As a boy I made one window, helped by Mihigo, my father's carpenter (who was also his bugler in the band!), in whose workshop I spent much time, learning to use the tools! With broken bricks from the cathedral building, my brothers Peter and Ian and I built a museum, thatched with grass from the fields around, where we collected interesting things from the world of nature. Sadly, Burundi is not settled politically just now, although the Buye area is peaceful. We have over 100,000 Burundi refugees in Rwanda. The President of Burundi, Pierre Nkurunziza, has his home less than 100 yards from Buye cathedral (which used to be called Ibuye cathedral).

Blessings

Ken & Jill Barham