



**December 2020**

Dear Friends,

Today we are launching our first ever Christmas Appeal. Details below. As you will appreciate, this has been a quiet time for DeafReach. We have had to put most of our Fundraising plans on hold during the pandemic, but we have still been able to raise some money for our programmes in Africa. At the end of November, we were able to send out donations to enable Umutara School to begin setting up its new Hairdressing Department.



But we have not been sitting on our hands. The arrival of the first vaccine has meant that we are able to foresee the resumption of our programmes, hopefully in early Spring 2021. During the year we are planning to send groups to all 4 countries where we work to help our partners with their Business Planning and their own fundraising. But to the main purpose of this letter.

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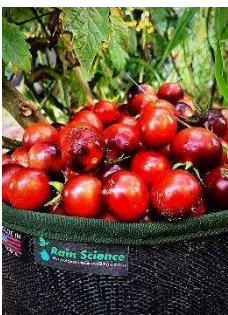
### What would you put in your Xmas hamper?

During 2020 the Coronavirus pandemic caused massive problems in Africa as people were unable to work and so many went hungry. At the worst time, we supported a Food Bank in Rwanda to which many kind friends contributed. As in this country, children in Africa were out of school for many months. Now that they have returned, various new challenges are facing our partners in the 4 countries in which we work.

For example, the Rwandan Government has informed all schools that the term which started on 2nd November will not finish until April. There will only be two days holiday for Xmas celebrations and two days for New Year celebrations.

Children in residential schools will not be allowed home for Xmas and New Year and the schools will have to cover all additional food, utility, teaching and accommodation costs, including organising parties for the festive season!

We in DeafReach are involved with 2 schools for the Deaf in Rwanda as well as schools in Burundi, DR Congo and pre-school settings in Uganda who have similar problems.



Tomatoes



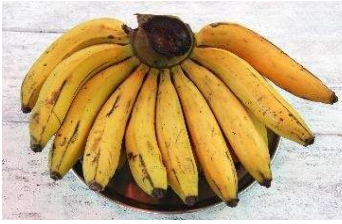
Maize flour



Rice



Onions



Fruit



Beans



Cooking oil

This is what they  
would like in their  
Xmas hampers!

And a special treat! A fanta!!



How many hampers can we fill?

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**£25 will provide for a hamper for 5 children over the festive season so £5 will provide for one child.**

**Any donation, no matter how small, will make a difference. Please give what you can.**

If you would like to contribute, you can either:

- Send a donation online to: The Cooperative Bank

Account Name: DeafReach

Sort Code: 08-92-99

Account Number: 65889415

- Or send a cheque to:

DeafReach

31 Sutton Road, Shrewsbury SY2 6DL

If you would like your gift to go to a specific country, please advise us by stating this in the reference section for an online payment, or by email to [info@deafreach.org](mailto:info@deafreach.org)

Similarly, do let us know if we are able to claim Gift Aid on your gift.

Many thanks in anticipation, and all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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