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**PAULINE RUMBLES
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Dear Pauline and all Brothers and Sisters in Birse and Feughside Church.

Receive Christian greetings in the name of Jesus Christ who died on the cross for us. The congregations of P.C.E.A Icaciri were very delighted on receipt of your letter on Sunday 11th and all said "We Love Birse and Feuglside in the name of Jesus." We are very happy on the twinning partnership and expect and wish to create everlasting bonds of friendship on the two congregations.

Our church was started in 1926 and the first temporary shelter was elected on a piece of land in Icaciri village which had just a few scattered homes. This was done by a man a Mr. Nyore who was sent from Nairobi area which was more developed. His Mission was to bring the word of God and teach people how to read and write. He succeeded with a lot of opposition from the locals.

The Primary School – class 1-8 was established although with very low attendance.

A more modern semi-permanent church was built with bricks on the sides and iron sheet roofing. This was around 1933.

In 1968, a modern church was built holding a congregation 300 worshippers. A secondary school was also established next to the church. This is for forms 1-4. Both Primary and secondary get their spiritual guidance from our church.

Four churches have been established from the parent church:

1980 -	P.C.E.A Handege Church
1995 -	P.C.E.A Riitho Church
1999 -	P.C.E.A Kagumo-ini Church
2007 -	P.C.E.A Gituamba Church

Our church has nine active elders with their Districts of about 15 families each. The Parish ministers whose Headquarters is here serves the five churches. The attendance on Sundays is averaged at 250 members with 150 communicants (full members). The children attending church school in the church (9.00 am – 10.00 am) average about 90. These children attend our Icaciri Primary School or other Private Institution around.

Icaciri is situated 35 km NE of Nairobi with 32 km all tarmac all weather road up to Gatundu town which has about 3000 residents but about 10,000 non-residents. The town is surrounded by small agricultural farms with coffee, maize; bananas, dairy cattle, napier grass for the cattle is grown. There a many rivers around the area which are utilized by some for irrigation where they grow mainly tomatoes and cabbages. 80% of the houses on the farms are stone buildings and the rest are erected with iron sheets on the sides and roofing. The economy on the farms is very low with a very high population.

Icaciri, we love guests visiting us and we also like visiting.

Thank you Pauline for taking your time to read my letter on behalf of Icaciri people.

Pass our regards to all members of Birse and Feuside Church and also your family.

Yours in Christ.



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Pea Icaciri Elders.

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Murenge 'B' District.
Chairman of Congregation.
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RUKENYA DISTRICT
SECRETARY OF CONGREGATION
3. KENNETH MUNYANSUI KARENDE
CUGO 'C' District.
4. FREDERICK KANYIRI WAINAINA
CICHIGO A District.
LOCAL CHURCH SCHOOL CHAIRMAN
5. LIVINGSTONE NDUIRE MRUGUA
MURENGE A District
6. FRANCIS MWATI MBUTHIA
KARINGAINI B. District
7. RAHAB NJERI KENNETH
KARINGAINI A District
8. EUNICE WAMBUI IBAU
CICHIGO B District
9. MARY M. KARUGO [ITUIKU District]