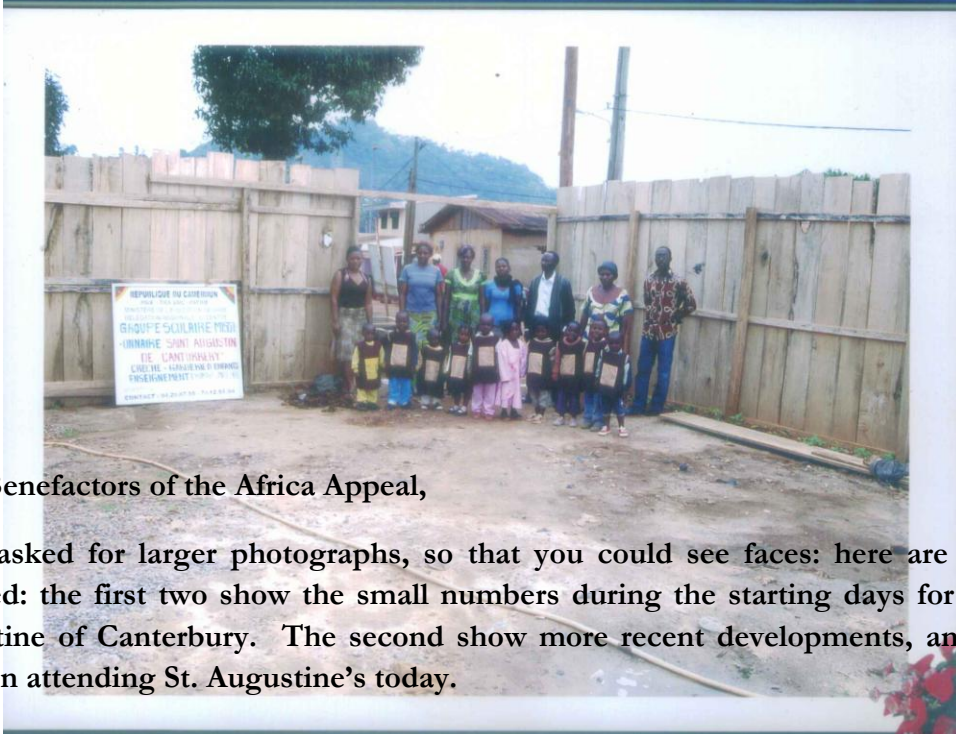


The Africa Appeal

*St. Columba of Iona & St. Bride of Kildare,
The Traditional Anglican Church of Canada (ACC-OP)
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Dear Benefactors of the Africa Appeal,

Some asked for larger photographs, so that you could see faces: here are some recently received: the first two show the small numbers during the starting days for the school: St Augustine of Canterbury. The second show more recent developments, and some of the children attending St. Augustine's today.



You are working very hard, starting the parish, building the new church, and at the same time, teaching the ordinands: the support necessary for the church to grow, and how has it grown! The people ask for help: their children need a school, and once overseas support has been found (in this case from Anglican Aid Abroad in Australia), you go ahead, full speed ahead: and as you can see on the first photograph, a little group of children start their path to knowledge and a brighter future.



But then, the government becomes alarmed by the start up of some schools which seem only there to give 'teachers' an income, and that are at best, simple child-minding operations. The regulations are changed: to be registered, the school must own its own land: and without registration, there will not be a school.

Some of the parishioners come up with an excellent suggestion: that a local

landowner who intends to give moneys to the church anyway, has decided to let the church buy land, where the school can grow. The problem is of course that there is no money, and a grave risk that this commitment might backfire badly, leading to the loss of the school, loss of face and reputation, and a lessening of support for the work of the church. I suppose that we only have to look at the second pair of photographs and we can see why the project was adopted, risks and all!

But those of us in the rest of the world who want to support this valuable work have been trapped by the economic downturn lasting since 2008: and in this time of uncertainty, is it any surprise that charitable giving has declined drastically?

And yet when I look at what people can do with \$3000.00: a rudimentary school is built in Congo, \$20 buys a roofing sheet (Congo and Cameroon), goats can be bought on the local market, at local prices: providing milk and little goats for a family: and perhaps sometimes forgotten, the priests who do the hard work have a place to live, a place to sleep in safety, and food for the table. (Oh, I almost forgot: a bicycle that will let a priest ride from one of his chapels to another, rather than walk: about \$150.00)

Bishop Steven has asked that we might try and give his diocesan secretary and assistant, Fr. Abebe Aleka, a small stipend of \$200/month: note that no parish clergy receive any moneys from the Province, and so up until now, for both Bishop Steven and Fr. Alphonse in Cameroon, some of the small stipend they have for basic living expenses is spent on support for the rest of the clergy.....but we have only been able to send \$100 – which was converted to US\$93 by Western Union....

In Christ,

David+



Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge with the children of Mosbo, near Bukavu, Sud-Kivu, DRC

How to give support to these churches:

There are no deductions from moneys received by the Appeal: the full dollar amount is sent to either Cameroon or Congo: any overheads are paid from gifts received for this purpose.

In Canada: donations are tax deductible and can be sent to:

The Parish of St. Bride, c/o 20895 Camwood Ave., Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 2N9

Or:

The Parish of St. Columba, c/o Box 894, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0

Please make a note that the funds are for the Africa Appeal on the front of the cheque. Tax receipts will be issued by the parishes.

In the USA:

The ACC Mission Fund, The Anglican Catholic Church, PO Box 5223, Athens, GA 30604

In Australia:

Anglican Aid Abroad, PO Box 256, GRANGE, QLD 4051

Or:

A safe and inexpensive way of sending your gift is to make a deposit at any **WESTPAC BRANCH** to our Account at Morningside:

**MISSIONARIES OF ST ANDREW – ANGLICAN AID ABROAD 034
058 58 0656 -- Or use the INTERNET.**

If you need a receipt (for tax purposes) or acknowledgement in the newsletter, please write to tell us your name, details of the deposit and enclose a self-addressed envelope. If you intend the donation for a special project, please let us know, so we can designate it accordingly.

In the UK: Cheques should be made payable to 'Anglican Catholic Church - Diocese of the United Kingdom' and marked on the back: "Missions - Cameroon or Congo" as appropriate and sent to:

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