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## *The Africa Appeal*

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*The Africa Appeal is an outreach project under the care of the parishes of St. Columba of Iona and St. Bride of Kildare who are part of the Traditional Anglican Church of Canada (TACC). With the help of traditional Anglicans in Australia, the USA and the UK, we send money to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Cameroon. These two fast-growing churches are members of the Anglo-Catholic Church - Original Province which is a worldwide communion of traditional Anglican Churches. Funds collected are used for clergy support and various projects developed and run by Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge (Congo) and Father Alphonse Ndutiye (Cameroon) such as building schools, a farming collective for widows, and sewing classes for victims of rape.*

Last month one of our key needs was the Widows' Agriculture Project in Mosho, DRC. I wrote: 'In the past we have been able to support this project by paying the land lease of \$1000. It is time for the next planting to be done but first the rent must be paid.': and at that time, we had no money in the bank to take care of this.

Our thanks to you for the answer: we received some very generous gifts, and the result is here, as the women work to prepare for seeding: It is hard for us to imagine the hard work involved, to prepare the land by hand, in heat of 35 – 40 degrees celsius!





The crops will be manioc, the staple diet, and beans, to provide protein in their children's diet.

We have to consider that for \$1000 each year, the children of Mosho have a far better chance at a healthy life, and an opportunity to make even greater progress in the new school in the village. Of course, there are many more villages just like Mosho...

Bishop Steven has sent photographs of the health centre, also in Mosho, funded by the ACC in the USA: access to basic health care is now open to all, thanks to the work of Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge, his clergy, and all of the people of the ECAC in Congo:



The health centre operates rather like a cooperative venture, or what we in the west know as a public private partnership: where one partner, in this case the Anglican Catholic Church in Congo, provides the building and the equipment, and the

government provided the professional staff: usually nursing staff and pharmacist, as well as basic supplies of medicines. The challenge in Congo is the alarming size of the need for health care, for education, and for so much that we in the west take for granted: but Bishop Steven and his clergy are not deterred by that: but simply move forward chapel by chapel, viillage by village.

Some years ago, when the appeal was linked to another jurisdiction, we were able to support the construction of several churches, but sad to say, we were not able to complete the projects in several cases, due to circumstances beyond our control.

Bishop Steven now writes to say that the parish of St. Matthieu, Sebele (on the road to Fizi) has completed the building, but now requires funding to buy roofing sheets: at a cost of \$2,500.00. At the same time the parish of St. Paul, Fizi, has also finished the building, and also need help to buy the roofing sheets, for \$2,500.00. At a cost of about \$15 each, this represents some 170 sheets for each project: so how many can **you** buy?

Finally for Congo, the schools project, like the health care project, is a partnership with the government, and for this there is a balance of \$1000 remaining to finalize the file at the Federal Ministry of Education.

**The church in Cameroon** is proceeding with plans for new lands and a new church close to Yaoundé airport Nsimalen: this project is being supported by funding from the USA. The sewing school, computer school and primary school are in good shape, and providing some revenue for the church operations.

However, the four priests are not in such good shape: we have been able to supply \$300 each month to supplement the moneys sent by the MSSP for the vicar general, Fr. Alphonse, much of which he uses for the rental of a house, and also to support the other clergy. The problem is that this money does not extend to cover other pressing needs: such as meningitis vaccinations for four priests (\$240.00) new doors for the new church (\$600.00) and not least, the provision of basic food and accomodation for the priests.

I wrote last month that ‘a very small amount can make a big difference – especially to the clergy in these two churches who do so much to help their parishioners and live on very little’. I am happy to pass on the great thanks of Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge of the Anglican Catholic Church in the Congo and Vicar-General Fr. Alphonse Ndukiye of the Missionary District of the Anglican Catholic Church in Cameroon on behalf of their clergy and all of their people for the ongoing support for the work that

they are undertaking, 'bringing the joyful news of Christ to people living in very difficult conditions'.

*With my thanks for all of your support in building the Kingdom of Jesus Christ both at home and around the world, in Cameroon and Congo.*

*David+*

## **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: Diocesan Treasurer ACC Diocesan Office, St Nicholas House, 42-48 High Street, Lydd, Kent TN29 9AN