



Republic of Cameroon



République Démocratique du Congo



Republic of South Sudan

The Africa Appeal

Thanksgiving 2016

Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

Fr Alphonse in Cameroon continues to make progress

Last issue, we made this statement, “The cathedral under construction at Nsimalen still consists of the starting rows of concrete block, with a temporary roof to protect it from the heavy rains which are a feature of the weather in Cameroon. The Cathedral compound also includes a little house for Fr. Alphonse and a partly-constructed health clinic being built in cooperation with the local authorities”. We have been able to send a little more money for this project, but of course, what we can send depends entirely on you, the people who support these developing churches. Yes, we do understand the heavy demand that appeals make on all of us and that is the reason we restrict our focus to just three countries: Cameroon, South Sudan and Congo (Democratic Republic of Congo).

In the meantime, Fr. Alphonse is left with a truckload of sand, bought with funds raised by the church locally in Cameroon, and the need to buy other materials. He is hoping that a quote for a concrete block maker for the church will prove reasonable although the cement and gravel for the blocks have yet to be purchased.

The situation in Cameroon has been badly affected by the activity of Boko Haram in the north of the country. This is

The Africa Appeal is an outreach project of the Traditional Anglican Church of Canada (TACC) administered by the parishes of St. Columba of Iona and St. Bride of Kildare. Along with traditional Anglicans in the USA, Australia, and the UK, it supports churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Cameroon and South Sudan. These fast-growing churches, together with the parishes of the TACC, are members of the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC) - Original Province, 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), Bishop Wilson Garang (South Sudan) and Father Alphonse Ndutiye (Cameroon).

making everyone nervous and the fear of random attack linked to abduction and murder is having a serious impact on daily life.

Newspaper columnist John Ivison, writing in the National Post on September 21st 2016, commented on the speech given by the Prime Minister of Canada addressing the 2016 United Nations assembly. Ivison's article stated, " 'Canada is re-engaging in global affairs through institutions like the UN', the Prime Minister said. But there was no mention of the deployment of Canadian troops in Africa, for which 600 or so soldiers have been earmarked, even if the government says it doesn't yet know where they are going."

It is good news that the Government of Canada is interested in the future of Africa. If the presence of UN troops improves security in countries such as Cameroon perhaps the work of the Anglican Catholic Church dioceses and parishes along with that of other churches and agencies will also be supported. The more difficult task may be to reconcile the views of our government with the values of the Church. Pray that this can be done, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Congo: Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge



In Congo, the possible deployment of more UN peacekeepers in the eastern part of the country (where the Anglican Catholic Church is located) is a good thing which might be very good if Canada decides to participate in the mission. As local elections draw closer there has already been fighting and unrest in Kinshasa (the capital located in the west of the country).



Bishop Steven has sent photographs of St. Paul Fizi, where we had hoped that funds donated in memory of Frits Jacobsen would be enough to complete the church. Bishop Steven now advises that the amount needed to finish the roof will reach US\$2,520.

- 60 driers (wood frame) at US\$7 each = US\$420
- 40 chevrons (rafters) at US\$5 each = US\$200
- 100 tôles (roofing sheets) at US\$15 each = US\$1,500
- 50Kg de clous (nails) at US\$3 each = US\$150
- complément main d'œuvre (labour) = US\$250



The three top photos at left show the church after the storm which destroyed the work done in past years; the lower photo the church walls now. It is good to see a more solid structure today...but it needs to be completed!



South Sudan: The crisis continues

In South Sudan, the civil war is in abeyance, but the peace is still fragile, with outbreaks of violence happening too frequently. Fortunately, as anticipated in our last newsletter, we have been able to recover from Western Union the money sent to Nairobi last June which was stolen before it could be picked up. We are now using a different transfer system operated through Canada Post (MoneyGram).

The little we have been able to send to Bishop Garang is proving inadequate. The country has one of the highest levels of displaced people in the world. "Displaced people" refers to those who have been forced to leave their homes because of violence or famine. These people leave to try and find a more peaceful and prosperous place to live. But when that place is the Diocese of Aweil the pressure on the food supply chain becomes untenable and we see once more the pictures of starving children, disabled elderly, and smell the odour of death.



This picture, from the last issue of our newsletter, shows a woman receiving comfort from Bishop Garang. Bishop Garang told me that she died and went to her Maker shortly after this photograph was published.

In addition to starvation, South Sudan struggles with disease; most significantly with malaria. The need for mosquito nets is very high,

especially the insecticide coated nets, as the first line defence for children against this scourge. We do not buy nets here in the west, but funds can be sent for the purchase of nets at the local level where World Health appointed agencies can supply them.

This Appeal has focussed on the significant difficulties the Church faces in Cameroon, Congo and South Sudan – starvation, civil unrest and lack of funds to construct church buildings. And yet Fr Alphonse Ndutiye, Bp Steven Ayule-Milenge and Bp Wilson Garang are able to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to more and more people every day. We must thank God for their devotion and pray that they may continue to do His will. Our support and prayers mean so much to them.

**In Christ,
David+
(Father David R. Marriott, SSC)**

How to give support to these churches

There are no deductions from moneys received by the Appeal; the full dollar amount is sent to Cameroon, South Sudan or Congo. Any overheads are paid from gifts received for this purpose.

In Canada

The Parish of St. Bride

By  see <http://parishofstbride.webs.com/>
or

c/o 20895 Camwood Ave., Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2N9

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, Congo or S. Sudan” as appropriate and sent to: Diocesan Treasurer, ACC Diocesan Office, St Nicholas House, 42-48 High Street, Lydd, Kent TN29 9AN