



Republic of Cameroon



Democratic Republic of Congo



Republic of South Sudan

The Africa Appeal

October, 2014

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, the Africa Appeal supports churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Cameroon & South Sudan. These 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 Ayule-Milenge (Congo), Bishop Garang (South Sudan) and Father Alphonse Ndutiye (Cameroon) such as building schools, a farming collective for widows, and sewing classes for victims of rape.

Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

This edition of the Africa Appeal is focussed on two major concerns which directly affect the ability of the clergy to fulfil their pastoral care and duties: reducing property rental costs in Congo and Cameroon and the urgent need for a dry worship space in Cameroon.

Reducing property rental costs in Congo and Cameroon

In the western world, most property tenancies require the upfront payment of the first and last month's rent and possibly a damage deposit; from then on, rent is paid monthly. The system in Central Africa is very different - when you agree to rent, you must immediately pay the rent for the next six months, or sometimes even for the full year, in one lump sum.

Bishop Steven currently rents space for a chapel and Diocesan office in Congo and Fr Alphonse rents his housing in Cameroon. Coming up with large lump sums for their landlords is a problem because they receive their allowances from the Missionary Society of St. Paul in the United States on a monthly basis - so they have difficulty paying the full amounts required by their landlords.

The solution to this situation for both Bishop Steven in Congo and Fr. Alphonse in Cameroon is to build small structures on church property and do away with the payments to landlords.

In Bukavu, Congo, there is already a little house on church grounds that was damaged in an earthquake in 2008. Renovation would allow it to be used as a chapel and diocesan office until their cathedral project can be completed, saving the Diocese the rental cost of chapel and office. Bishop Steven estimates that the renovations would cost US\$1,250.



Damaged house in Bukavu, Congo that could be renovated to serve as chapel and Diocesan office.

In Yaoundé, Cameroon, the church is building a cathedral as discussed in previous Appeals. It is at this site that the church has enough property to build a house for Fr. Alphonse so that he could cease paying rent, allowing the money to be put to the benefit of the church. As this means concrete block construction from the ground up, the cost is higher: US\$2,400.

A dry worship space in Cameroon

The rainy season in Central Africa has been especially difficult this year. Yaoundé, Cameroon normally has very heavy rainfall in September and October of 9 to 12 inches per day (250 to 300 mm/day). Fr Alphonse has commented several times in our telephone conversations about the heavy rain this year. I myself, in my visits to Congo and Cameroon, have seen the results of the torrential downpours in this part of the world which destroy houses and turn the ground into a sea of red mud.



As you can see in this photo showing worshipers attending a church service at the work site of the cathedral in Yaoundé, there is no roof. What must it be like to receive the Sacrament in the rain with no cover even for the priest as he consecrates the bread and wine? Fr Alphonse has repeated his request for funds to provide some roofing sheets (at about \$15 each) so that at least the altar area can be covered.

Worshipers attending church service at work site of cathedral in Yaoundé, Congo.

Your past support has ensured that worship in Congo, Cameroon, and also South Sudan where peoples' lives are also disrupted by rainfall, continues and that these churches continue to grow. Please consider buying a roofing sheet for the church in Cameroon or contributing to the construction of a house for Fr Alphonse or a chapel and Diocesan office for Bishop Steven in Congo. As traditional Anglicans in a western country we know something about the struggle to build a church that holds fast to traditional teachings in a changing world. May this knowledge soften our hearts towards our fellow Anglicans in Africa who are also struggling.

With thanks for your support,
And with prayers for a blessed & joyful Thanksgiving,

In Christ,
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 Cameroon, South Sudan 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

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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

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