

# News from Congo for Christ

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The feeding program is back! Over 1,000 children gather weekly for a worship service followed by lunch.

Just as so many people around the globe have experienced hardships this year, our friends at Congo for Christ (CCC) have faced many challenges as well. We are thankful to report that things are slowly improving. The above picture shows the children gathered at CCC for a worship service which is followed by lunch. In September they served 3,947 community children.



The new chapel was used for testing for 11 area schools

In September the government used Mango Tree School and the new chapel as a testing site for students from eleven area schools. Even while school was not in session, your monthly gifts were used to hire teachers to continue teaching the children at CCC. This has enabled the children to keep up with their studies and advance to the next school year when classes resume in October. The start of a new school year means the children will need school fees and supplies. They are able to use last year's uniforms since they were out of school for such a large portion of the year.



Trenches such as these will provide better drainage to avoid future flood damage.



New wash stations and bathrooms help maintain good health.

Much work has been done to repair damage caused by the floods and also to prevent future damage during the rainy seasons. In addition, new bathrooms, septic tanks, and wash stations have been completed. The new chapel is being used even though the roof is not complete. What a blessing this chapel is already!

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Bora and Clarice in the relief camp

During times of massive flooding in Congo, your generous gifts provided much needed help to many who were suffering loss of homes, belongings, and family members. In one of the relief camps CCC visited, they found two children who were very sick and in danger of dying.

Your donations provided urgent care, medical treatment, and life sustaining milk. One of these little ones is Clarice, pictured above in her mother's arms. After Clarice improved, the CCC ministry team visited her again and learned that her mother, Bora, was in a desperate situation without anyone

to help her. The team gave her \$150 which enabled her to start a small business that will provide for them. One Sunday, Bora and Clarice arrived at church and gave glory to God for the ability to rent a home and support her family.

Pastor Jeremiah expressed his thanks for the opportunity to play a big role in showing community members the love of Christ during the ongoing crisis.

There are still numerous needs at CCC and Mango Tree School. Praise God for His provision and your generous donations and prayers for our friends in Congo!



Bora is now praising God for a home and small business

Water for Fizi



No more hours of walking to carry water!

This picture shows an answer to prayer several years in the making! For a few years Pastor Fred (pictured in orange shirt) has been requesting our help in bringing water to the orphanage and school (built by Global Outreach) he oversees in Fizi, DR Congo. The orphans and cooks had to walk and carry water several hours each day. The initial estimate was huge and we were unable to help him. Earlier this year the government was able

to bring water to a nearby town and Pastor Fred once again requested our help. Since water was now much nearer, the price was much more affordable. In May we were able to send \$14,000 which enabled them to run water pipes about one kilometer to the property and also build a large water storage tank. Several challenges along the way delayed the work, but thanks be to God, they now have running water!

In addition to supplying water, Pastor Fred has requested our help in repairing the solar power system they have. They need new batteries and a few other items to get the system back in good working order. The cost for these repairs is \$4,415. In addition, we would like to purchase Pastor Fred a house which will cost about \$12,000. If you would like to contribute to either of these projects, please designate your gift for Fizi.



Water storage tank

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” 2 Corinthians 9:9