

God Bless our Partners!

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This has been a difficult and challenging year for everyone, but even more so for our friends who struggle to provide even the most basic needs in the best of times. As the pandemic caused border closures and forced people out of work, the prices of food and other basic supplies increased drastically, causing a state of emergency for many of the ministries we support. As we shared these needs with you, your generous outpouring of love and support has allowed us to distribute more than \$60,000 in relief efforts to Bangladesh, DR Congo, India, Myanmar and Vietnam. **Thank you dear partners for your generosity during these trying times.** Your gifts enabled us to help hundreds of people in extreme need. This has all been above and beyond the regular monthly support we send to children, teens, widows, Pastors and others that depend on us.



Widows are taught to open small businesses at Congo for Christ

DR Congo was hit with, not only the Covid virus, but also a devastating flood causing much loss of life and property. Your donations allowed Congo for Christ (CCC) to provide assistance to many families in need. In addition to food, you may recall we purchased new mattresses for elderly widows who had

lost their homes. Also, mission team members at National Community Church, who were unable to make their annual visit to CCC, donated the travel funds they had already raised to disaster relief efforts for the community around CCC.

Pastor Jeremiah sent a report about how these funds blessed many women who were destitute after losing their husbands and homes in the flood. They were able to assist forty three women and gave them training on how to start a small business to support their families. Additionally, each woman was given \$40 as startup funds for their new business. After the schools reopened in October, these displaced women and their children had to relocate from the school shelters to tents set up as emergency housing. We share a few of their stories with you.



Mitima Dafrose, age 45, eight children

She also lost her husband during the floods and is left to meet the living expenses of her eight children. Unable to send them all to school, she has chosen one child to attend school. She is now selling maize flour and charcoal. Even though she was left with a large burden, the help from CCC and donors has given her hope and is improving their quality of life.

Joy to the World!!

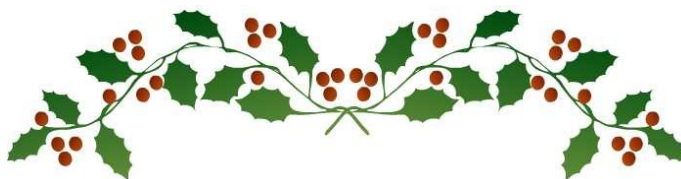
**Chibalonza Jacqueline, age 27, four children.**

When the flood water reached their home it was flowing too fast for them to run from it so they escaped next door to a two story building hoping to be rescued. The water and mud reached the second floor and her husband attempted to find a way of escape for them. He was stuck in the mud and died trying to save his wife. Thankfully the children were visiting grandparents at the time. Jacqueline is very traumatized but through the love and care that she has been receiving from the people of God her life is being transformed. She is selling small items such as cooking oil, snacks and fabric. Her business is helping her meet the living expenses and pay for two of her children to attend school.

**Uzia Maombi, age 27, four children.**

When the flood invaded their home, her husband lost his life while managing to save the family. Her two oldest children are in school and she is struggling to pay their school fees. She was very grateful for the great work that CCC did in her life and now her family's living situation is starting to improve. She has a small stand to sell fish.

Pastor Jeremiah sent his thanks for making these gifts to these widows possible. He would love to help more women who are still suffering from losing their homes and husbands. Your gift of \$50 will enable one women to provide for her family.



"But the angel said to them, don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is Christ, the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11



If the world ever needed some good news of great joy, it's now! The message the angel heralded over 2,000 years ago, is still as powerful, heartwarming, joyous, and life transforming today, as it was then. Thanks to the generous giving of our donors, we have been able to take this, the greatest of all messages, "joy to the world, the Lord has come," to literally thousands around the globe. From the unreached jungles of the hill tribes of Bangladesh to the war-torn and poverty stricken nation of Democratic Republic of Congo, lives have been changed, light has dispelled darkness, joy has overcome despair, the lost have been found, and the weak made strong. All made possible because of a Savior born in Bethlehem, who is Christ, the living, loving, light bearing, and life changing Savior of the world! Together, let us continue to take this good news of great joy to a world who desperately needs God's love and compassion. Have a wonderfully meaningful and joyous Christmas celebration and the brightest and most blessed New Year ever!