

## New Opportunities for a New Year

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Pastor Jeremiah is a man who carries in his heart a profound sense of pain and sorrow for a nation devastated by war and a powerful faith and hope for that nation's healing and restoration. While we hear about the renewed violence and continued corruption in Congo, Pastor Jeremiah quietly and with a servant's heart goes about the daunting task of building up the kingdom of God. He cares for orphans, trains new leaders in the Bible college, is the senior pastor of Congo for Christ Missionary Church and continually seeks ways to reach the lost for Christ. He knows the hope of Congo does not rest with the government, but rather with God working through the church. He firmly believes that investing in the lives of the 58 orphans at CCC will produce men and women of God who will bring about change in Congo.

The week before Christmas, Pastor Jeremiah was seeking new areas and ways to expand the ministry and outreach of Congo for Christ Missionary Church (CCMC). CCMC meets in their newly constructed church building that doesn't have doors, windows, complete walls or a floor. They don't have the



New church worships in tent

funds to pay the pastor and other staff members, but they have a heart to win others to Christ. Pastor Jeremiah and another church leader, Pastor Ibucwa Lotomwa spent several days conducting house to



Establishing the new church in Sebele

house witnessing and visitation in the town of Sebele which is 124 kilometers south of Uvira in the Fizi district. They were able to establish a new church built on a nucleus of five families. After officially registering the new church with the government, Pastor Jeremiah shared his vision and burden for the people of Congo. They have been offered a 20 acre plot of land for \$1500 for the new church. Pastor Jeremiah shared with me: "I tell you my dear sister, Sebele is a good place to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. People were more affected by the war, and they need somebody to encourage them."

CCMC is now five years old and feels the urgency to reach other areas for Christ. Pastor Lotomwa will lead the new congregation. If you would like to contribute to this new outreach please designate your gift for CCMC outreach ministry. Please pray for Pastor Lotomwa as he faces many challenges in establishing this new congregation in Sebele.

Dear partners, we believe God has much more that He wants to accomplish through the ministry of Global Outreach in 2013. Thank you in advance for your continued love, support, encouragement and participation with us as together we bring hope and change in the name of Christ to those who so desperately need our help.

## Christmas in India

Christmas in India for Reverend Thomas and the pastors and church congregations under his leadership with Feed My People means a time of special emphasis on sharing the gospel message. Every day from October 1st through the last day of December, more than 100 church members met for prayer throughout the night returning to their homes at 5:30 in the morning. The week preceding Christmas is given to evangelistic meetings, pastoral con-



ferences and worship services among the communities and villages served by Feed My People. Reverend Thomas was the speaker for many of these meetings including a conference attended by 2,000 pastors from several Christian denominations. They also distributed packets of clothing, fed thousands of people, gave blankets to children suffering



The orphans look forward to new uniforms for Christmas

with AIDS, and shared the good news of a Savior born in Bethlehem with thousands. Reverend Thomas reported "this Christmas season many Hindus heard about the birth and life of Jesus Christ."

Our orphans always look forward to the Christmas celebration as well. They enjoy a special meal, Christmas worship services and each receive a new school uniform. The orphans express their love and thanks to all who make this possible for them. Reverend Thomas said "Thank you for your love and help towards our ministry. Please pray for our ministry and for us so that God will use us in many places for the glory of God."



## Global Outreach Welcomes Two New Board Members



**Dr. Douglas Ray:** Douglas Ray, MD, is a Family Practice Physician in Phoenix, Arizona. He has been married to Karen for over 20 years and they have 3 sons. Doug and Karen went on a medical mission trip with Global Outreach to Congo in July 2012. They were moved by the amazing work being done at Congo for Christ in Uvira, DRC and are looking forward to future ministry opportunities with Global Outreach.

**Nancy Welch Rodman:** After retiring from the Department of Natural Resources, Nancy married Bruce in 2006 and moved to Pennsylvania. Nancy received her Masters in Business Administration from the University of Alaska and completed course work in chaplaincy training (Rapid Response Team) through the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Nancy has one son, Brandon Welch. Nancy is also serving as treasurer for Global Outreach.



*May God bless you and your family in 2013, Bill and Renee Reed*