

Container Update

July 2015

In our February newsletter, we began sharing with our partners the plan to purchase, fill, and ship a 40 foot container to Congo for Christ (CCC) in Uvira, Congo DRC. You responded generously to help fill the container with wonderful supplies that will dramatically improve the quality of life for the orphans at CCC, the orphans at Grace Orphanage, and also for the children who attend Mango Tree School. While these supplies will greatly impact their everyday lives, perhaps the most beneficial aspect will be when the container is turned into a library for the students at Mango Tree School and the surrounding community.



One of the classes at Mango Tree School

We are so thrilled that Mango Tree School is completing the first year of classes in their new building this month. What a tremendous blessing the school has been to not only our orphans, but also the community children who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to attend school at all. It has been said many times that education is the key to getting out of poverty. Imagine how difficult it must be to teach children to read and write when the only resources you have to use are a chalkboard and the students have on-

ly a notebook and pencil. Without books to read, how do you develop reading skills? Reading is the key to education, which will open doors to more learning and eventually to jobs and employment opportunities.

We feel the new library will be an essential key to improving the lives of all the children who use it. The container has loads of school supplies, teacher resources and most importantly, French and English books. Windows, doors, and shelving are also included to transform it from a shipping container to a library.

When we entered into this project in conjunction with International Widows and Orphans Association in Canada, we knew there would be unforeseen obstacles to overcome before the library would be a reality. God has blessed in many ways and several have contributed toward filling and transporting the container to Canada and provided financial gifts to help defray the expenses related to getting this container to Congo. Now that the container has been completely filled and on its way to Africa, we received the actual cost required for duty and port charges in Tanzania and for trucking it to Uvira, Congo. Surprisingly, the cost far exceeds the amount we expected. Our original projections were based on an amount Compassionate Resource Warehouse in Canada, who has shipped over 300 containers, felt was reasonably accurate. We currently have \$3000 on hand to apply to this project but will still fall short of the amount required for actual delivery to the CCC compound by approximately \$5000. Yes, this has been a learning experience and



Container was fully loaded before shipping from Canada

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the cost is more than we anticipated, however, the value of getting these essential supplies and books to the orphanage cannot be overstated. And, to have access to a library with plenty of books will elevate the quality of education and future opportunities of each of these children exponentially.

Please help us pray the funds needed to complete this mission project will be supplied in a timely manner as the container is due to arrive in July. As you can see, the need is urgent! **A few minutes ago we just received word the container is due to arrive at the port on July 4th!** How I would love to be there to see the children's faces when everything is unloaded. Every donation for this project is crucial!



The new library will be a tremendous enhancement to the quality of education at Mango Tree School

Small Business Supports Widow in India



Suseela with Isaac and Dviya

Suseela was raised in the Feed My People Orphanage in Tenali, India for most of her childhood. When she left the orphanage she married a Christian man and they had a son, Isaac, who is now fourteen years old. After her husband died, Reverend Thomas allowed

her and Isaac to return to the orphanage to live for two years. At that time she remarried and had a daughter, Dviya who is now nine years old. After a few years, her second husband also passed away.

With no means of support and left with two children to raise, she once again turned to Reverend Thomas for help. When he shared her story with us, we were glad to help set her up in a small business. Global Outreach provided funding to allow her to open a small store where she sells snacks, rice, and a small selection of groceries. She is so thankful for the opportunity to provide for her children.

“Give a man a dollar and you cheer his heart, give him a dream and you challenge his heart. Give him Christ and you change his heart. Then, the dollar and the dream become meaningful to him and to others.” Neal Strait



*In Loving Memory
Of
Mary Parritt*



By Her Grandchildren

Danette McDonald, DeAnna Hanson, Christy Williams, Kim Boswell, Kevin Parritt

This gift will be used to purchase a bicycle for the girls at Horizon of Hope Village, Philippines,

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. God Bless You! Bill & Renee Reed