

Container for Congo

April 2015

In the February 2015 newsletter we shared the plan to ship a 40' container to Congo for Christ to be converted into a library for Mango Tree School and the surrounding community. We also shared information on how you could contribute items to fill the container and bless our friends in this war torn land. Thank you dear partners for your wonderful response and generous outpouring of gifts! We were pleasantly surprised when boxes and more boxes began arriving at our home. Several days we got multiple deliveries from different parts of the country. Churches, groups, families and individuals, provided an abundance of blessings for Congo for Christ. We also had a company that gave 60 pairs of running shoes. You sent new and used clothing of all



Shipping container will turn into a library!

kinds, lots of shoes, bedding, health and hygiene products, school supplies, vitamins, balls and other toys, gardening tools and seeds, and even a guitar and ukulele. Others of you gave monetary gifts to help fill the container and assist with the shipping costs.

When all the supplies were gathered and boxed, it was time to get them to Canada where they will be packed into the container for shipping to Congo. In Canada there are four pallets of French school books that will be added. Also, materials to convert the container into a library to include shelves for the books are being purchased.



These garden tools will help with growing healthy vegetables for hungry children in Congo



Every box that arrived was like a treasure chest of wonderful gifts to bless the orphans. Balls, vitamins, toothpaste, bandages, soap, crayons, pencils, toys, clothing and so much more!



(left to right) Erin & Soren Franklin, Joe & Cecily Gray, helped pack and load the trailer and the Gray's drove it to Canada.

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As you can imagine, it was a matter of great concern and prayer for us on how we would get everything to Canada. One Sunday morning at church a friend asked what we had going on and I shared with her our concern for finding a way to get everything to Canada. She looked at me and said, "my husband and I could do that!" I wasn't sure I had heard her correctly but she assured me she was serious. Sometimes angels show up driving a van pulling a trailer!

We anticipate the container leaving Victoria the end of this month. Prior to that we will need to pay our share of the cost of the container itself and the shipping costs. We anticipate this cost to be about \$6,000 and we are still about \$2,500 short to meet this expense. If you would like to contribute to this "container turned into library" expense please designate your gift for the Congo Library. We also ask you to pray that the container will make it all the way to Mango Tree School at Congo for Christ and that we will not have to pay any customs fees in Africa.



The crew at the warehouse in Canada helped unload your gifts

Will You Help Us Spread the Word?

You can help spread the word about the work that we are doing to love orphans, care for widows and elderly, support and train pastors and indigenous Christian ministries around the world. We have developed an easy way for you to share the work of Global Outreach with your home church or chapel, Sunday School class, home group or others with a heart to share the love of Jesus with a hurting world.

Free promotional packages are available upon request and include a full color card suitable for use as an insert in your church bulletin or simply as a handout, and a DVD which gives an overview of the ministry of Global Outreach. The DVD is approximately 4 1/2 minutes long and the contact card invites

people to sign up to receive our monthly newsletter. Please visit our website to request your promotional package or additional information. There is a link provided for you to download the DVD. You may also request a packet by email at contact@global-outreach.net.



2015 Sponsorship Letter Writing Program

For the second year in a row we will be collecting and delivering letters from sponsors to the orphans at Congo for Christ (CCC). This is your opportunity to write to the child(ren) that you sponsor. These letters mean so much to the children. The letters and photos of you and your family put a face, a name, and a voice to that someone who sponsors them. As we witnessed last year, a strong connection was made as your personal letters expressed love and encouragement to each orphan. When you become a sponsor, you become more than a prayer lifter and a financial giver, you become part of their heart...to them, you are family. Join us in making that connection even stronger this year with another letter and more photos! If you are a sponsor of a child at CCC, you will be receiving an email with additional information about submitting a letter and photograph. The deadline is June 15th. You will also find more information on our website. At the present time only Alphonsine still needs a sponsor...do you, or someone you know, have room in your heart to love and provide for her?

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We depend on you! Bill & Renee Reed