

## "I was hungry and you fed Me"

April 2016

In the January 2016 newsletter we shared the plans and desire to begin a lunch or breakfast feeding program for the students at Mango Tree School in Uvira, Congo, DRC. Since then, preparations have included renovations to the existing kitchen and the purchase of commercial size cookware and 200 plates, cups and spoons. Pastor Jeremiah and the leadership at Congo for Christ made the decision to expand the feeding program to the community children of the area and not limit it to Mango Tree School students.



260 children gather under a mango tree to hear the Word of God to which seven children responded and accepted Jesus as Savior!

In addition to feeding hungry children, a worship service is offered for the children to hear and learn about the love of Jesus. The first lunch was held on Saturday, March 19, 2016. Pastor Jeremiah spread the word that the neighborhood children were invited to a church service at CCC. Since they did not even tell them lunch would be provided, they were not expecting a large turnout. They were prepared to feed 200 children and were surprised when 260 children showed up for church. They were creative in feeding all the children. In Pastor Jeremiah's words:

*The children were many and therefore due to the number we were forced to place them under the mango tree because they were not able to fit inside the classrooms. We were able to lay a tent (on the*

*ground) and at that point they received the word of God and had their lunch. The challenges we got were that many more children showed up than we expected. The food became less, plates, cups and spoons also were little. It forced us to give them little food each, and some to wait for others to finish so that they could be served. **Despite that, the children were so happy with the little they got.***



Taking turns using plates, cups, spoons. We need to buy more.

*"For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat: I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink...And the King will answer them, I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me." Matthew 25:35, 40*



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Rice and beans fill the tummy, friendship warms the heart

tions will help us continue this important outreach ministry. Remember, only 50 cents will provide a meal for a hungry child. A gift of \$100 will sponsor one lunch for 200 children.

*Lunch for Congo Children is provided:  
To Celebrate the birth of our granddaughter  
Alena Renée Paroz  
March 20, 2016  
By Bill and Renée Reed*

The second lunch was served on March 23 with an emphasis on the Easter message of a risen Savior. Three hundred thirty four children attended the service and enjoyed lunch which was served by the CCC orphans.

This is such an exciting program for us to offer these precious undernourished children. **What a joy for us to have a part in feeding hungry stomachs and feeding hungry souls.** Please pray for these children as well as their families that they will continue to be able to receive both spiritual and physical nourishment. Your generous dona-



Such a joy to know we are feeding hungry children

### Phase I of Security Wall in Congo is Complete!

The security wall to provide protection for the orphans at Congo for Christ as well as the students at Mango Tree School has reached an important milestone. At a cost of \$53,500 the brick portion of the wall is complete! A culvert had to be



A culvert was added to divert water and protect wall from erosion during the rainy season



added to protect a portion of the wall from water flowing nearby. During the rainy season the wall would be in danger of collapsing as soil erodes.

Phase II will complete the wall with the addition of the iron poles standing upright between the brick supports. The estimated cost for Phase II is \$29,000. As with Phase One, the work is completed as the funds are received. Any gift, large or small is crucial to help complete this much needed wall to protect the children.

*Thank you dear partners for helping us extend Christ's love and compassion to a hurting world. Bill & Renée Reed*