

Christmas Celebrations

January 2015

A big thank you to our donors for your generous response to provide Christmas treats for orphans in Congo, India and Vietnam. We are happy to share some of the pictures and stories of thanks from delighted children in Congo and India.



Children and teens enjoyed a special meal of chicken fried rice

INDIA: From Reverend Thomas: "Thank you so much for your great help to our orphan children, pastors and widows. By the grace of God, we had a blessed Christmas. All the children, pastors, elderly and widows convey their hearty greetings to you all for your great help to have a happy and Merry Christmas this year."



The orphans were happy to receive gifts of new clothes

CONGO: From Pastor Jeremiah and Daniel: "We thank God who helped us to have a good Christmas celebration at CCC. Since the children entered the center it was the best celebration that we have ever had. We had different kinds of meals, some of which they have never taken since they entered CCC. The meals that we prepared included chicken, beans, doughnuts and spaghetti. We give all our gratitude to the sponsors who made this day successful by providing funds and standing with us in prayers. May



Children were excited to receive a present



Your gifts provided a special Christmas meal for orphans at CCC

God bless you all. The celebration started with a service of giving thanks and praying for God's guidance. After the service, the food was served, then the children exchanged flowers with each other as a sign of

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appreciation for the three years they have been together at CCC. After that we were able to present a gift for all the children to enjoy. It surprised the children since they never expected such a thing to happen and they appreciated it so much. Then we danced and enjoyed the day with the children.”

Some of the children sent their thanks as well:

Elizabeth: “We want to thank God for giving us such a wonderful day of celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ. We also give our appreciation to our sponsors for their continued support throughout the time we have been at CCC. Surely, we have seen the love of God through you. May God bless you for making us have such a wonderful day.”



Double Your Gifts—Help Us Keep Our Orphans in Congo Safe

We are praising God for the blessing of providing for 57 precious children in the war-torn country of DR Congo for the past three years at Congo for Christ Center (CCC). We have been amazed many times as God has used our wonderful donors to provide in miraculous ways to meet the ongoing needs of the children and members of the community. God provided water when there seemed no way for it to happen, and in 2014 a beautiful primary school building was constructed and paid for by your generosity and love. Ongoing expenses exceed \$5,000 monthly and it is only by faith and reliance on God that these expenses are met. The Global Outreach budget does not include funds for the extra expenses of building and adding improvements for CCC. Once again we feel we should share an urgent need with you and trust God to meet the need in His time and His way.

Since the property was first purchased in 2007 for the development of the CCC orphanage, Bible School, primary school and still to be developed ministries, there has been an urgent need for a security wall to prevent personal injury, property damage and theft. Two years ago we provided funding to install a temporary barbed-wire fence with wooden poles. When the center was attacked by robbers, they simply cut through the fence and gained access to the compound. When we visit the area, we notice that almost all similar campuses are enclosed with concrete walls. As we plan for the future and discuss the needs with Pastor Jeremiah, a security wall is always his most urgent request—even over solar electricity and transportation.

We believe it is time to begin construction of a much-needed security wall. We have received various estimates and have decided to build a wall that is



concrete block on the bottom with metal bars at the top. The estimated cost for this very large compound will be \$79,957. This is such a large cost, but when we look back and see what God has provided, it encourages us to begin the new wall. We have broken it down and find that \$5 will purchase one block and the associated expense of cement, iron, and labor. Forty dollars will purchase one linear foot of the fence.

We have already been extremely blessed with this new project! One of our very generous donors has provided \$20,000 to be used as a matching grant for the security wall. ***This means your gifts for this project will be doubled!*** Every \$40 given will provide for two feet of the wall rather than one. If you visit our website (www.global-outreach.net) and click on the donate button you will find a link to the security wall fundraiser on razoo. If you prefer, you may also use paypal and designate your gift for the security wall, or to avoid service fee deductions, send a check direct to Global Outreach.

Please start saving clothing, books, school supplies and sports equipment to be shipped to Congo. The container will be converted to a library for CCC. More details will be provided next month.