

Help Needed in Congo

May 2021

We are thankful to report that many good and encouraging reports have been received from Congo for Christ (CCC) in the past few months. Finishing work on the new chapel continues. They are now painting and adding windows and doors. They have been using the chapel for several months, but look forward to having it totally completed soon.



Painting and other finishing touches on the new chapel.

Other projects are coming along nicely as well. The drainage system which includes five different phases



Pastor Jeremiah (red hat) inspects work on drainage system

is now fully funded. They have completed three of the phases and are now beginning the final two. A big thank you to all who contributed to this \$51,802 project which was necessary to protect the property from flooding and water damage to the buildings.



Mango Tree School students enjoy the new chapel!

Mango Tree School is back in session after being closed for January and most of February due to a resurgence of Covid-19. In addition, seventeen of the CCC children are currently attending university or vocational school. The weekly community feeding program is going well with an average attendance of 1,200 children. Nearly 100 children have accepted Jesus as Savior in 2021. The monthly teen seminar continues to grow and averages more than 300 teens.

While we rejoice over the wonderful accomplishments, there are a few urgent needs as well. Pastor Jeremiah and two other leaders made a trip at Easter to visit three other churches. After a difficult journey by boat, walking, and motorbike, they arrived at Baraka church and learned the roads to the other churches were impassable due to heavy rains. During the conference at Baraka, they were given disappointing news that the landlord will no longer allow them to rent the property for the church. They have had to dismantle the church and at the present time

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Baraka church has been dismantled and needs help to rebuild

this congregation of more than 100 members does not have any place to gather together for worship services. This past Sunday they met under a tree to hold a service, however, rain forced them to abandon that plan. They can rebuild their church on another temporary site at a cost of \$3,203 or for \$8,000 plus, depending on the size, they can purchase enough land to rebuild the church and have a permanent location.

Another urgent need is for the Kimanga church which is the mother church of Congo for



Kimanga church needs \$3,815 to protect their property

Christ. Last year's flooding and heavy rains this year, have put this church building in danger of structural damage. They have to remove their shoes and wade through water to enter the church offices and restrooms. **We have just heard that water is now entering the sanctuary as well.** An estimate to build a retaining wall and drainage to protect the property is \$3,815.

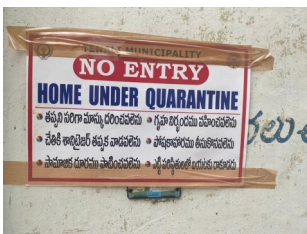
Any gifts towards these projects would be a tremendous blessing to our friends in Congo.

Crisis at Fizi Orphan Centre



Pastor Fred informed us that the Fizi Orphanage, home to thirty-three children, lost the sponsor who was providing operating expenses. We have helped with projects in the past, such as the water tank you see in the picture, but not the daily expenses for the children. **They are now sending the children out to various church members homes twice a day to eat and then return to the orphanage to sleep.** We are unable to take on the entire monthly expense, but if we can provide \$600 per month, they will be able to feed the children one meal a day at the children's home. If you would be interested in committing to a monthly gift towards this urgent need it would be greatly appreciated!

Another Covid-19 Wave Hits India



Thomas Jr. sent word that the second wave of Corona Virus is hitting their area hard, taking the lives of eleven of their family and Feed My People members in the past two weeks. Pastor Raju of Pentapadu Children's Home leaves a wife and children. The main orphanage is now under quarantine and the government is also requiring them to provide more nutritious food for all thirteen orphanages. They urgently need our help with this added expense. Please join us in praying for God's hand of protection and provision for our Feed My People family.