

# News from Congo

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Pastor Jeremiah prays for new believers at Christmas Baptism

We recently received an email from Daniel who is the oldest son of Pastor Jeremiah in Congo. Daniel graduated from university this past year and is now working full time with his father at Congo for Christ. Daniel was reflecting on the blessings of 2012:

*I really thank God for His protection throughout this year. The year 2012, has been a very hard year in our livelihood and in other things...despite all that, we have some achievement during this year: the orphans entering the center and being taken care of for a whole year. As per me, I consider this, as a great achievement because that act of taking care of the orphans have inspired many people in our country, especially in Uvira and surrounding communities.*



This picture was titled "special food for Christmas dinner." The orphans seem more excited about this than the goat.

It is difficult for us to understand the struggles and challenges of raising 58 orphan children in Congo. The government of Congo does not provide for these children, it falls to the churches as it did in Biblical times to step up and care for them. With the help of our faithful partners, we will continue to provide these beautiful children with an environment where they can receive the nurturing love and care they so desperately need and deserve. Your monthly gifts ensure that our orphans have food, clothing, shelter, an education, and are daily taught the truths of God's Word.



The first harvest will soon be ready for the children to enjoy

We are happy to report a large garden has been planted and soon the children will have vegetables to add to their daily diets of rice and beans. They are in the process of putting a fence around the land to keep out wandering goats and other animals and to protect the harvest from theft. Please join us in prayer for a bountiful harvest of much needed vegetables to help build strong minds and healthy bodies.



Much to the boys dismay, the girls team won the soccer match they played at the Christmas festivities.



## Praise Report from India

It is always a joy to receive reports of new believers in Christ. Reverend Thomas of Feed My People, Tenali, India shared the following story:

Mrs. R\* was a married woman who came to accept Christ through the ministry of Feed My People about ten years ago. Her husband was orthodox Hindu and very opposed to Christianity. When she became a Christian he did everything he could to oppose her new belief in Christ. He prevented her from attending church and would not give her money to buy food and maintain the household. He beat her and treated her cruelly. He would bring food home for the three children but not allow his wife to eat it. Her parents urged her to leave him, but instead she continued to

pray for his salvation. One day he poured kerosene on her and set her on fire. She would have died but neighbors saved her life. Still, she remained with her husband and continued to intercede for him.



Reverend Thomas baptizes Mr. R and his daughter

Just a few months ago as Reverend Thomas was talking with him, God spoke to his heart and convicted him. He confessed his sins and accepted Christ as his personal savior. He attended the fasting and prayer meetings held during the month of December at the Feed My People Church in Tenali and subsequently was baptized in water along with his daughter. What an amazing answer to the faithful prayers of

Mrs. R. Please join us in praying for this family so they will continue to grow in their Christian walk.

*\*name not used to protect privacy*

“The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.” Lamentations 3:25-26

## Good News about Noe!



Mandy fell in love with Noe on her first trip in 2011

Many of you have been faithfully praying for Noe as he continues in physical therapy after surgery to correct the effects of polio on his hips and legs. Today I received a new report from Asumani, one of Pastor Jeremiah's sons:

*Praise the Lord, Mama Renee. When I was in Congo they were taking Noe to physical therapy and Salehe (a caregiver) was also helping him walk around the CCC compound using his new crutches. There has been much improvement since he went under surgery because he can go to and from the school alone without the help of anyone. He walks alone to every corner of CCC without being carried by anyone. This shows now he is strong compared to the past where he couldn't climb the hills.*

Please continue to pray for Noe as he grows stronger day by day. He is such a remarkable young man and everyone who meets him falls in love with him. We pray that one day he will walk without crutches. Noe has a big smile and a big heart and loves the Lord. Noe, we are rejoicing with you!

## Horizon of Hope Village

Jan and Don Slaton, Directors of Horizon of Hope Village, have now arrived in the Philippines and are working on developing an orphanage. You can follow their journey and if you desire to make a donation to support their new work, please use the link at: [www.horizonofhopevillage.org](http://www.horizonofhopevillage.org). Our prayers are with Don and Jan as they work to bring hope to Filipino orphans.