

## Wedding Gift Brings Joy to Orphans

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We are so happy to share the story of a young couple from Washington DC who have been members of the NCC Mission Team to Congo for Christ for the past three years. You will learn how they even found a way to bless the orphans in Congo as a part of their wedding. Nik shares their story:

Nik and Mandy are surrounded by NCC Congo team friends



*Mandy and I have been honored and blessed to travel to the DRC the past three summers with a group from National Community Church in Washington DC. Pastor Jeremiah, the staff of CCC and the kids have become such a huge part of our lives—they are our family. So when we began planning our wedding we knew that our Congolese family would be there in spirit even if it wasn't possible to have them there in person. We hung pictures all around the venue from our past trips and even played recordings of the CCC children's choir during the reception. As many know, it is an American wedding tradition for the bride and groom to provide small gifts—favors—for their wedding guests to take home. With a creative and unique twist on this tradition, Mandy suggested that in lieu of favors, we make a donation in honor of each of our wedding guests to our friends at Congo for Christ Center.*

Nik, Mandy and Noe share some love



*In the same spirit of creativity, Renee Reed of Global Outreach suggested providing something fun that the kids want versus a "need" (they are kids after all) and Renee had the CCC Soccer Program in mind. We learned that the kids at CCC, who are crazy about "kabumbu" (soccer in Swahili) had begun to compete locally but lacked both shoes and the uniforms needed to compete officially. As one great idea can spark another, someone thought it best to bring in some friends from my soccer team in the DC based District Sports soccer league. So in honor of all 150 Hanlon/Vida wedding guests and with generous donations from Damien McGrath's soccer club, Pastor Jeremiah's son, Asumani, has initiated the official CCC soccer team in Uvira, Congo. Go CCC!!!*

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CCC soccer team members are proud of their new uniforms. They played a local team on Christmas Day and won by 4-2!

## Global Outreach Website Adds Blog



I'm excited to announce the new Global Outreach Blog section of the website (<http://www.global-outreach.net>). You can access the Blog by looking for the red "Blog" icon on the right hand side of the website or by using the Blog links found throughout the website. When you access the Blog there is an option near the top right side to search for posts by topical content or you can simply browse the most recent posts. Each individual Blog post has a Facebook comments section included at the bottom to provide feedback and social media buttons to share a post with your friends online.

The Blog has been populated with GO information gathered from the newsletters back to 2010. There are now over a hundred Blog posts documenting the last 4 years of GO's 27 year history including information on ministry updates, needs, special donations, answered prayers, miraculously funded buildings, mission trips, hundreds of rescued orphans, and Christian conversions from around the world. For faithful supporters, each newsletter is another amazing chapter in the story of how God is using your gifts to alleviate suffering around the world....and now that information is readily available to every website visitor. You can show your continued support for GO by sharing the Blog posts online with others who have not had an opportunity to learn about Global Outreach.

Jason, Global Outreach Webmaster

*We are so thankful for the tremendous work Jason has provided for the Global Outreach website! Jason, you are a blessing from the Lord.*

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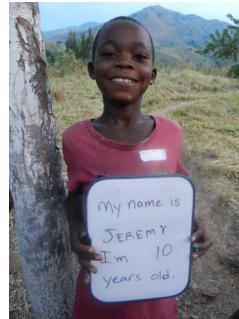
*"Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble." Psalm 41:1*

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## Orphan Sponsorship 2014

Thank you so very much to all who have sponsored one or more of the orphans in Congo. At the end of 2013 we only have seven orphans who are not sponsored. A few sponsors prefer to pay annually and some of those sponsorships are now up for renewal. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about your child or sponsorship.

The monthly rates for 2014 remain unchanged at \$35 per month for the basic sponsorship and \$47 per month to add the cost of education for your child. Our website (<http://www.global-outreach.net>) has pictures and signup information for the orphans still awaiting sponsorship. Here are a few pictures of these precious children:




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*With gratitude for your continued investment in this ministry in 2014—Bill and Renee Reed*