



*Republic of Cameroon*



*République Démocratique du Congo*

## *The Africa Appeal*

*September, 2013*

*The Africa Appeal is an outreach project under the care of the parishes of St. Columba of Iona and St. Bride of Kildare who are part of the Traditional Anglican Church of Canada (TACC). With the help of traditional Anglicans in Australia, the USA and the UK, we send money to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Cameroon. These two fast-growing churches are members of the Anglican Catholic Church - Original Province which is a world wide communion of traditional Anglican Churches. Funds collected are used for clergy support and various projects developed and run by Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge (Congo) and Father Alphonse Ndutiye (Cameroon) such as building schools, a farming collective for widows, and sewing classes for victims of rape.*

As I write to you half way through the month of September, we here on the west coast of Canada are enjoying the last of the summer warmth as it is forecast to change to autumnal cloud and rainfall in the next week. It is also a time when concern starts to grow for the end of the month, for it is then that we need to be able to send clergy stipends to the Congo and Cameroon - \$300 to each every month. Without these payments clergy are unable to meet their daily basic needs or keep their parishes supplied with all that is necessary for worship. As it is, it is a struggle to meet any extra expenses, for example illness requiring medicine.

You may recall the Widows' Agriculture Project in Moshu, DRC. The picture shows



the field that is leased so that the widows as a group are able to plant, grow and harvest two full crops of beans and manioc each season, providing food for their families and a surplus to be sold at market, and also providing each with

an income to pay school fees, buy clothing, and purchase other necessities.

In the past we have been able to support this project by paying the land lease of \$1000. It is time for the next planting to be done but first the rent must be paid.

As of September 16<sup>th</sup>, we have only enough money in the bank to send monthly stipends of just over \$200 each to Congo and Cameroon. There is currently nothing available for the Widows' Agriculture Project.

We pray that we shall receive enough to let us pay the month end salary commitment for the clergy in both Congo and Cameroon and look to you also for the funds for the widows' project. There are of course other needs that come up from time to time and we will do our best to help out with these as we can - government taxes, permits and licences.

Fr. Alphonse in Yaoundé does what he can to alleviate the financial challenge; he is chaplain at the jail and brings the Eucharist to the inmates and also to the hospital. This is over and beyond the daily Eucharist at the parish in Ngoulemekong and all of the other demands on his time.

Perhaps you read those wonderful reports in the newspaper about someone who has given millions of dollars to some project? We don't have anyone that we know who could give thousands of dollars. We really have very few who could give hundreds of

dollars. But if 100 people gave \$10 each, the widows would be able to plant their seeds and see another valuable crop this year.

The reality is that a very small amount can make a big difference – especially to the clergy in these two churches who do so much to help their parishioners and live on very little. We love to receive donations towards a specific project – but we also need to be able to support those who are planning and implementing the projects, and who are, of course, bringing the joyful news of Christ to people living in very difficult conditions.

*With my thanks for all of your support in building the Kingdom of Jesus Christ both at home and around the world, in Cameroon and Congo.*

*David+*

## **How to give support to these churches:**

There are no deductions from moneys received by the Appeal; the full dollar amount is sent to either Cameroon or Congo. Any overheads are paid from gifts received for this purpose.

### **In Canada**

Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to:

The Parish of St. Bride, c/o 20895 Camwood Ave., Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 2N9

Or

The Parish of St. Columba, c/o Box 894, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0

*Please make a note that the funds are for the Africa Appeal on the front of the cheque. Tax receipts will be issued by the parishes.*

### **In the USA**

The ACC Mission Fund, The Anglican Catholic Church, PO Box 5223, Athens, GA 30604

### **In Australia**

Anglican Aid Abroad, PO Box 256, GRANGE, QLD 4051

Or

A safe and inexpensive way of sending your gift is to make a deposit at any WESTPAC BRANCH to our Account at Morningside: MISSIONARIES OF ST ANDREW – ANGLICAN AID ABROAD 034 058 58 0656 -- Or use the INTERNET.

*If you need a receipt for tax purposes or acknowledgement in the newsletter, please write to tell us your name, details of the deposit and enclose a self-addressed envelope. If you intend the donation for a special project, please let us know, so we can designate it accordingly.*

### **In the UK**

Cheques should be made payable to “Anglican Catholic Church - Diocese of the United Kingdom” and marked on the back: “Missions - Cameroon or Congo” as appropriate and sent to:

Diocesan Treasurer ACC Diocesan Office, St Nicholas House, 42-48 High Street, Lydd, Kent  
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