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Republic of South Sudan

The Africa Appeal

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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). Along with traditional Anglicans in Australia, the USA and the UK, we send money to churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Cameroon and South Sudan. These fast-growing churches are, together with the parishes of the TACC, members of the Anglo-Catholic Church - Original Province, a worldwide communion of traditional Anglican Churches. Funds collected are used for clergy support and various projects developed and run by Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge (Congo), Bishop Wilson Garang (South Sudan) and Father Alphonse Ndukiye (Cameroon) such as building schools, a farming collective for widows, and sewing classes for victims of rape.

Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

Those of you who have read previous issues of this newsletter are aware that the church in Cameroon has been preparing to welcome Bp Steven Ayule-Milenge of Congo on an Episcopal visit during the last week in June. While there, acting for the Primate Archbishop Mark Haverland, he will ordain seven men to the priesthood, as well as four to the diaconate, and perform many confirmations.

Cancellation of DRC airline's licence no hindrance to Episcopal visit to Cameroon

Bishop Steven had originally booked to travel on a local airline to Kinshasa and then on to Yaounde in Cameroon. (Overland travel is too difficult and dangerous to be attempted.) But the DRC airline operating licence was abruptly cancelled in May and Bishop Steven had to cross the border into Burundi in order to fly to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, then back across the continent to Kinshasa, and from there to Yaoundé. But there is a silver lining to every difficulty. As he commented, "Ethiopian

Airlines is safe”. According to internet sources, all of Congo’s airlines are currently banned by the EU from flying into or over European airspace due to safety issues.

Seven new priests set to help lead the Cameroon church’s rapid growth

The church in Cameroon under the Vicar-General Father Alphonse Ndutiye has shown remarkable growth with relatively little financial support from overseas. Funding from Anglican Aid Abroad in Australia made possible the first sewing school and there are now several, all funded locally. This is at least partly the result of the business model for these schools; during and after their training, students work for the centre for a time, and then they may find work in sewing shops and small workshops or start their own business.

Australian money has funded the construction of several Cameroon schools; once built, the government will supply these schools with teachers. The Missionary Society of St. Paul in the USA continues to provide Fr. Alphonse with money for his rent and support. In Canada, the Africa Appeal has been sending \$300/month for Fr. Alphonse’s three clergy assistants, as well as sundry funding for the many demands of a growing church community.

It is, of course, important that the Cameroon church be in full compliance with local law. The Government of Cameroon has required all churches to be registered with the state. One requirement for this registration is that the church must own property and that the building on the site must be permanent. This has caused problems as it has required the rapid construction of a solid building before sufficient funds were in place. But the remarkable ingenuity of the Camerounais has resolved the problem and we are proud that the Africa Appeal has been able to be part of the solution due to contributions from people like you.

With the ordination by Bp. Steven of seven new priests and the leadership, energy and dedication of Vicar-General Fr. Alphonse, the church in Cameroon is at an important cross-road. Will we be able to send enough money for the new priests to have a small stipend to supplement their meagre income and diet? We pray that our friends, you who read this note, will provide an answer to this question by contributing financially as you have done in the past.

Two Congo churches still lack roofs

In Congo, two projects in which the Canadian funds proved very useful were the new churches in Fizi and Sebele, both in Sud Kivu and built several years ago.



Roofless churches in Fizi (left) and Sebele (right), Sud Kivu, DRC.

These were two of the first to be constructed of 'cooked' brick, able to withstand the violent tropical rains. Unfortunately, funding was not adequate to allow for roof construction for each church; \$800 for concrete and steel rebar and a further \$2,850 for roofing sheets, nails & etc. are required. It would make a big difference to these communities to have a secure church home for worship, for pastoral counselling and for education without the worry that the building might fall down when the rains start.



Bishop Steven has sent photographs of the Pentecost Mass at which time the clergy gathered to worship together and to enjoy a humorous interlude.



South Sudan proceeding with the construction of cathedral

It was good news to hear of those individuals and parishes in the USA (notably St. Mary Magdalene in



Orange County) who have been able to assist Bishop Wilson Garang in the continuing construction of the cathedral of the Diocese of Awei, South Sudan. The construction of this cathedral is a foundation not only for the church, but also for the entire community in the diocese, a symbol of permanence in an insecure and often violent place. The roof has been completed, leaving the doors, windows and interior furnishings still to come.

Renewed efforts to support Africa Appeal

In our efforts to support the African Church, we are trying to diversify our funding sources. The parish of St Matthew the Apostle in Ottawa has raised funds for the Africa Appeal by participating in a neighbourhood garage sale where items donated by parishioners were sold. Perhaps some of you might hold a similar sale or organise some other type of fund-raising event, e.g., lecture, concert, or run sponsorship.



Allan Higdon and Willa Rea at St Matthew's garage sale to raise funds for Africa Appeal

We are also hoping to develop enhanced publicity by using Facebook, with the hope that each of you who use it will *like* and *share* the news of the Appeal more widely than ever.

It is very clear that the exciting growth in our church in Africa will require funding and we must rise to the challenge. Not all of us are in a position to give money, although even small amounts make a difference and are gratefully welcomed. But tried and true methods such as bake sales, garage sales and other fund-raising events, along with an exploration of what might be possible using twenty-first century social media, might help us to meet our commitment to our fellow-Christians in Africa. We might even meet new people and make new friends for our church here in Canada. If any of you have ideas to generate funds or are interested in sharing your knowledge of social media, please get in touch.

As always, your prayers are most important, especially for Bp. Steven as he travels to and from Cameroon.

With thanks for your support,

**In Christ,
David+**

If you have comments or questions:

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How to give support to these churches:

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

In Canada

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, Congo or S. Sudan” as appropriate and sent to: Diocesan Treasurer, ACC Diocesan Office, St Nicholas House, 42-48 High Street, Lydd, Kent TN29 9AN