



*Republic of Cameroon*



*République Démocratique du Congo*



*Republic of South Sudan*

## *The Africa Appeal*

### *Trinity II 2015*

Dear Africa Appeal supporters,

I have recently received a long message in which Fr. Alphonse detailed the revenues and expenses for the church in Cameroon in July and August 2015. This provides a more complete picture of what sources of income, other than our donations, are available to the church in Cameroon. It must be remembered that the Cameroon economy is chaotic and there is little or no job security for the majority of people who work in a range of casual employment. (*At right: downtown Yaoundé.*)



Fr. Alphonse writes of his work in the hospital, in the local prison, as well as teaching one evening course at the University (photo at left) - all sources of revenue for his church. When the church in Cameroon was just starting, there was anxiety expressed about the expense of starting a sewing school and whether it would be a continuing drain on church resources. There are now several sewing schools and they actually provide financial support for the church.

For the months of July and August 2015, Fr Alphonse and his church received a total of \$1,646 US. (The amount is approximate because of exchange rate calculations.) Almost half of this came from our donations through the Africa Appeal and the Missionary Society of St. Paul in the USA. Fr

Alphonse himself pulled in roughly 36% from his various jobs outside the church. The sewing school and money from local collection accounted for the remainder. You can see that our donations are very important. You can also see that Fr Alphonse brings in a significant portion of church income himself.

### Receipts for July and August 2015 for the church in Cameroon

Africa Appeal and Missionary Society of St. Paul	46%
Pay from hospital	15%
Pay from teaching night course	14%
Sewing School	12%
Pay from prison	7%
Local Collection	6%



The amount received is not sufficient to cover all expenses which include clergy support and travel (usually by bus –depot at left), required government fees, and administration. Fr Alphonse reports a debt of \$3,620 at the end of August, more than half of which is related to the



purchase of property at Nsimalen where \$2,000 US is outstanding. However, despite ongoing shortages of money for everyday living expenses, the debt has been kept very low.

It may be that press coverage of the refugee crisis in Europe has diverted peoples' attention away from Congo, Cameroon and South Sudan. But the needs of our African churches are still there. Our on-going and regular support is very important. The clergy in all three of these countries work very hard to make ends meet, to provide help to the poor, and to spread the Gospel. Their parishioners contribute so much in terms of sweat equity in church building construction. The impact of the

actual funds we send is magnified by the implementation of projects by the people of Cameroon, Congo and South Sudan. Please, in this time of terrible need in so many places, remember our African churches in your prayers and, if possible, with a continuation of your generous donations.

In Christ,

David+

(Father David R. Marriott SSC)

## **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