





République Démocratique du Congo



Republic of South Sudan



Republic of Kenya



Rwanda

The Africa Appeal

New Year 2019

Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

Rwanda joins the list of African churches to which you can direct your Africa Appeal donation

The ACC mission in Rwanda began in January 2009 when Father Phanuel (Samuel) Munezero, a survivor of genocide, returned from his theological studies in Kenya. Beginning in the Gisenyi area he planted two parishes: St. Francis in Mubuga and St. Emmanuel in Mukungwa. We welcome the Rwanda Missionary Diocese to the Africa Appeal – you may now designate your contributions to this Church as well as to DRC (Congo), Cameroon, South Sudan, and Kenya.

Fr. Deacon Niyibizi has sent photographs of two parishes which are renovating their churches - rebuilding to comply with the Government of Rwanda requirement that churches be of sound construction and built of fired bricks and not material that will easily erode in heavy seasonal rains. By implementing this requirement, the government hopes to stop the proliferation of dubious churches that spring up and prey on people with little experience of a true Christian community. Registered churches that build schools and health centres are eligible to receive government funds to staff them. You may recall reading in a previous Appeal about a similar approach taken by the government of Cameroon.

The Africa Appeal is an outreach project of the Traditional Anglican Church of Canada (TACC) administered by the parishes of St. Columba of Iona and St. Bride of Kildare. Along with traditional Anglicans in the USA, Australia, and the UK, it supports churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Cameroon, South Sudan, Kenya and Rwanda. These fast-growing churches are members of the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC) - 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), Father Alphonse Ndutiye (Cameroon), Bishop John Kamande Ndegwa (Kenya) and Fr. Deacon Shadrack Niyibizi (Rwanda Rwanda).



The parishioners of St. Barnabas Gatovu (left) have worked hard to rebuild their church to conform to government requirements. They were provided with metal roofing sheets (paid for out of the monthly support payments from the Missionary Society of St. Paul in the USA) in time for them to have their Christmas service protected from the rain. After all the effort that went into getting the roof installed in time for Christmas, it turned out to be a sunny day!

Another parish, St. Matthew Busumba, is also being rebuilt to conform to government regulations (right).



The Church in Congo has grown to the point where it needs to be split into two dioceses

In Congo, Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge has been working to grow his diocese while trying to protect his people from the violence and assaults which have been even more frequent during the recent political turmoil when there is little or no rule-of-law.

The College of Bishops, meeting on October 11, 2018 in Denver, Colorado, has approved the division of the Diocese into two:

- 1. The Diocèse Missionaire d'Itombwe-Tanganyika will include the Territories of Fizi, Uvira and Mwenga, an area larger than that of the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi together. This new Diocese will include 17 chapels or churches organised in 13 parishes with 14 priests and 3 deacons.
- 2. The Missionary Diocese of Congo will include the entire République Démocratique du Congo, less the Territories of Fizi, Uvira and Mwenga. The Missionary Diocese of Congo will have 6 parishes with 1 Diocesan Bishop, 6 priests and 4 deacons.

Bishop Steven write: 'For the new Diocèse Missionaire d'Itombwe-Tanganyika, the Anglican Catholic Church has put in place a preparation committee led by members from the three Archdeaconries which make up the new diocese, composed of one archdeacon, one priest and two laymen, one man and one woman. The preparation committee is coordinated by Bishop Steven. We have opened a bank account for the new diocese, which will be blocked until the diocese is operating or until the election of a Bishop Ordinary in January 2020 at a meeting of the College of Bishops to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. We need to find a benefactor who can assist with the salary

for a secretary to help me coordinate the reports from the parishes in the three archdeaconries of the new diocese, to monitor contributions from the parishioners for the organising committee, and to deposit these into the bank account.'

Cameroon struggling to complete Cathedral in Nsimalen

Bishop Alphonse¹ has sent photographs of his wife, Anne Nana, with his new son, Ngirabagenzi Marriott Alphonse, born on December 10, 2018 (on the left) as well as a 2017 photograph of him with his daughter, Ndjuti Rachelle Alphonsine in the Cathedral grounds (on the right). He has two other children; Mboutchen Romaric Dimitri and Noungoung Grace.





The Cathedral of St. Michael in Nsimalen continues to grow, but significant funds must still be raised to complete the roof and final details of the building. There will be unavoidable delays in the church construction and an urgent need for a new temporary shelter for the altar and congregation. We must all pray that we in the wider church will find it in our hearts to see this amazing project completed.

In Kenya, Bishop John is requesting help to pay the registration fees of seven needy students wishing to sit the exam that would allow them to graduate from high school

Bishop John Ndegwa has written from Nairobi, Kenya:

We thank God so much for your continued support and prayer towards the needy students of our schools in Kenya. This year we have seven students sitting for their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination (KCSE): Ann Mwikali, Nolyse Andenga, Joylet Agani, Mildred Atieno, Emmanuel Muteti, Nelly M'mbone, and Denvas Mtitiri.

¹ Father Alphonse Ndutiye was consecrated Bishop in October 2018 at the College of Bishops of the Anglican Catholic Church meeting held in Denver, Colorado, USA.

All come from very needy backgrounds, we are not sure how their lives would be if they had not found this school. This year we have negotiated registration fees with the examination centre and instead of them paying \$44 like the rest, they need to pay \$36 per student - a relief to us who help them to register.

If God may touch anyone to support any of these students sit for their exams this year, I have a PayPal account where any amount can be sent through <u>john.ndegwa@googlemail.com</u> with almost no fees and the funds arrive immediately.

Please note that for Canadian donors, the Appeal can issue tax receipts, these are not available for direct PayPal transfers. Also note, the registration cost is in US dollars. The deadline for exam registration is February 15, 2019.

Bishop Garang in South Sudan sends his appreciation for our support

Bishop Garang writes:

On behalf of Aweil diocese and the people of Aweil I convey our sincere appreciations to you and the donors for the financial support you have been giving us over the years. We look forward to a fruitful and continued partnership in 2019 and beyond for the sake of assisting the needy communities in South Sudan. May God bless you and the donors and continue to bless you abundantly for many years. I want to end my appreciation with the following quotes from the bible and may God give you back what you have given us, bless you more, increase your wealth and may you not lack but have abundance to do more.

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Bishop Garang is at present in his diocese. When there, he too is subject to the same health risks as anyone else. During his last visit to his diocese, accompanied by his wife, Tabitha, both fell sick. But



they managed to return to Nairobi where they could access medical help. The virtual lack of medical care for the vast number of people in South Sudan requires the Bishop and his Clergy to become involved in the distribution of medication; there is nobody else who can do this in many of the villages (left).

Summary of Africa Appeal finances for 2018

We started the year with \$4,886.92, received over the year \$20,028.50, and sent out \$22,235.00.

Cameroon suffered a number of crises during the year, needing urgent response. Yet we have been able to maintain regular monthly payments to Congo and South Sudan as well as periodic special project assistance. In cooperation with the Archbishop, we will continue to encourage proper budgeting for the future in all countries.

Balance as of Dec 31, 2017			\$4,886.92
Income			\$20,028.50
Expenses	Cameroon Congo South Sudan Kenya Payable from 2017 TOTAL	\$12,135.00 \$4,600.00 \$4,600.00 \$250.00 \$650.00	\$22,235.00
Balance as of Dec 31, 2018			\$2,680.42

Wishing you all good health and happiness in 2019 and beyond,

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, Congo or Kenya. Any overheads are paid from gifts received for this purpose.

In Canada

The Parish of St. Bride



or

c/o 20895 Camwood Ave., Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2N9

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