



## *The Africa Appeal*



*Republic of Cameroon*

*République Démocratique du Congo*

*St. Columba of Iona & St. Bride of Kildare,  
The Traditional Anglican Church of Canada (ACC-OP)  
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Bishop Ayule-Milenge has written asking for some support for the school at Birindwa. The school is situated some 30 Kms west of the city of Bukavu, and has been operating in property sub-leased from a local development association, who have now served notice on the school to leave: this, unfortunately before the end of the school year.

Birindwa is one of the communities which make up the district of Wailungu: it is on the main highway, N2, heading east from Bukavu, But the interesting thing to note is that in the area before you get to Wailungu, and for quite a space afterwards, Google maps shows a break in this highway: it has simply disappeared.



The photograph to the left is of highway N2, about 60 – 70 Kms further to the west of Wailungu.

(<http://mapsof.net/province-du-sud-kivu>). If you have access to a computer you can see the map at Google maps: type in Bukavu, and follow the N2 route. You will see that the road climbs with many switchbacks as you leave Bukavu, and then you come into the Equatorial forest, with occasional compounds and farms.

The school at Birindwa can continue, and the local authority has made available some land for the school to stay: but the church needs US\$1000.00 to purchase the land, and then the local parishes will erect tents as temporary accommodation so that the students will be able to complete their school year. Can you help??

This Birindwa school is one of three schools, under the guidance of the ECAC, in the same local authority – ‘la Chefferie de Ngweshe’: l’Ecole Primaire Birindwa, l’Ecole Primaire Mauwa & l’Institut Birindwa with 4 secondary classes in general education.

Bishop Steven is very thankful for the assistance given to the women’s projects by Anglican Aid Abroad. He has also received information from the Archdeacon in Itombwe-Lulenge that there has been a problem with the goats locally: clearly a major challenge when so much of local livestock are goats. The Archdeaconry has put out an appeal to other parishes to try and resolve their current problem. This is very important, as so often we fail to realize the amount of fundraising and major efforts made by the clergy and the people living in the DRC – to which we can add our funding.

In Cameroon, Fr. Alphonse has spoken of the contribution of so many people in and around Yaoundé: he writes of the efforts and energy which has allowed the church such rapid growth, but at the same time, the Diocesan Council has met so that the plans for expansion might be revised due to the limited support which has been available from those of us in the western world.



It had been hoped that there would be sufficient growth in giving that the church could plan for more and more parishes: but the reality of the situation is that the church has to develop in an orderly fashion, and in full compliance with local and national regulations. This means the full transfer of the property where the church is in

Ngoulemekong, Yaoundé (photograph above, with Fr. Alphonse & M. Léon Ebode (Président du Conseil): and this in turn means the payment of the full price, so that the church can then be registered as an official church recognised by the state: which then in turn permits Fr. Alphonse the possibility of a full passport, and perhaps a visa for the USA, so that he could attend Provincial Synod. (His fare and accommodation will be paid by the Province.)

And then what might seem to some of us to be ‘the small problems’: at the parish of St Eleuthère de Biteng, the altar is in the open: but Cameroon has frequent heavy rainstorms: it is very difficult to celebrate Mass outside at the best of times, but in heavy rain, this becomes virtually impossible. So the faithful have pooled their assets, trying to buy enough roofing sheet so that at least the altar and (perhaps) the sanctuary might be protected. Roofing sheets are around \$15.00 each: not much for us, but quite a sum for those who have little or no work!

Once again, Anglican Aid Abroad has been most helpful in supplying funds for the primary school (& sewing school), but of course, Australian Tax law forbids any Australian charity offering support for clergy, church buildings or church expenses. This places a little greater challenge on the TACC and our Africa Appeal!!

You might wonder why we are only working with the churches in Congo and Cameroon: first, Canadian Tax law requires that we have a contract established with the details of the work and the contact we maintain in each country. We have these

contracts with our churches in the two countries of the DRC (Congo) and Cameroon. As we are unable to properly support these two churches, it would seem wrong to make an attempt to spread our efforts still wider: and as the Missionary Society of St. Paul in the USA has been doing such good work with such countries as Haiti, Rwanda, South Sudan, and South Africa, as well as the work done by Bishop Iverach and the ACC in Australia in Kenya, in Pakistan and India, we are content to limit our endeavour for the time being.

Pray for all who work in this outreach, especially those clergy and laity in each country.

O GOD, who willest that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who labour in the Gospel at home and in distant lands [particularly Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge, Father Alphonse Ndukiye, their clergy and all of their people in Congo and Cameroon]; protect them in all perils, and support them in loneliness and in the hour of trial; give them thy grace to bear faithful witness unto thee; endue them with burning zeal and love, that they may turn many to righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*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:

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058 58 0656 -- Or use the INTERNET.**

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**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:

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