



*Republic of Cameroon*



*République Démocratique du Congo*



*Republic of South Sudan*

## *The Africa Appeal*

*January, 2014*

*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), Cameroon & South Sudan. These fast-growing churches are members of the Anglo-Catholic Church - Original Province which is 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 Nduziye (Cameroon). Projects include building schools, a farming collective for widows, and sewing classes for victims*

You may have noticed a third flag at the top of this letter – that of South Sudan. In my last newsletter, I mentioned that we were looking forward to establishing funding agreements with three new dioceses: South Sudan, Haiti, and the Eastern Cape in South Africa. The agreement with South Sudan has been signed and the other two are pending. This means it is now possible for you to assign your donations to projects in South Sudan as well as to the Democratic Republic of Congo and to Cameroon.

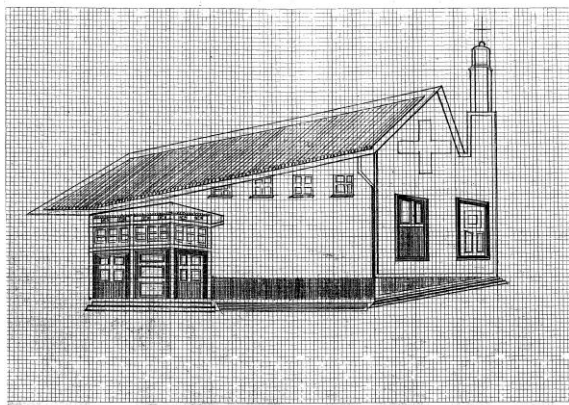
The faithful members of these churches have taken it upon themselves to work, to build, and to grow their churches in a way that is wonderful to see and we are grateful to be able to offer them some support. In 2013 we were not able to send as much money to Africa as we had hoped; the actual amount sent to Cameroon and Congo by the Africa Appeal was in the order of \$15,000 (unaudited), similar to amounts sent in

2012 and 2011. We are so very grateful for every donation, whatever the size. And we are hopeful that the addition of South Sudan (and shortly two more dioceses) will stimulate more interest in the Africa Appeal and an increase in donations. If every one of our donors persuaded one other person to contribute, we would could do so much more!

### **Ambitious building programmes in all three churches**

With generous gifts from the Missionary Society of St. Paul in the USA, each of the three country churches have undertaken ambitious building programmes. Where a country has experienced conflict and war, often the building of a church for a community is an important symbol of a return to civil society. When a society is marred and wounded, it has a serious need to be grounded in the moral and ethical teaching which is to be found in the Anglo-Catholic Church. This is true of Congo, of Cameroon (where, despite political and economic stability, corruption is severe), and of course, for South Sudan, where they are building a new society from the ground up.

### **Congo: new Cathedral church in Bukavu**



At left is a drawing of the proposed Cathedral for the ACC-Missionary Diocese of the Congo (DRC) to be built in Bukavu, the capital of Sud-Kivu province. This diocese is the largest in the ACC with similar distances to the Canadian church but with no or poor roads and dangerous militias.

In the DRC, solid construction is done in brick. Less expensive “brick adobe” is what is used for many homes and village structures, but it often collapses under the torrential equatorial downpours of rain. So the church has made the decision to build new churches and schools from “cooked brick” - the type we are familiar with world wide.

### **Cameroon: land purchased for Cathedral**

In Cameroon, land at Nsimalen, close to the international airport, has been purchased for the construction of their Cathedral. The faithful have been working very hard to start this new project.

The church is complying with a new government regulation which requires that any church granted official recognition must also prove that the church is viable by having at least one solidly constructed church building. This government policy was enacted to prevent the establishment of pseudo-churches where a small group start a new “church” and solicit money from the west. (Remember, there is high unemployment in Cameroon, but if you can collect even \$200 per month, you can have quite a comfortable life!) This government action, while diverting the church from original plans, will prove beneficial as it will reinforce the legitimacy of the ACC in Cameroon.

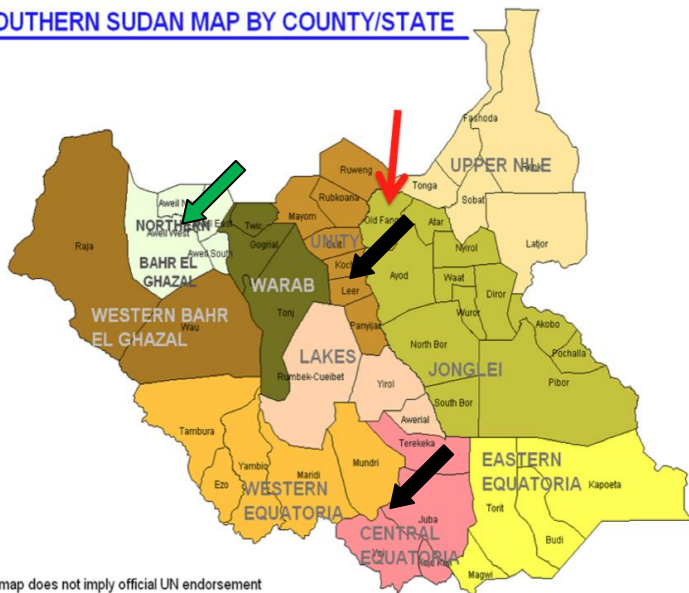
The healthy growth of the church will also help these children from St. Augustin School and all who come after them!



**South Sudan: current fighting not near Diocese of Aweil**

There is a war - again - in South Sudan. But this is happening at some distance from the Diocese of Aweil (green arrow on the map) with fighting in areas shown by the black arrows (ignore the red arrow).

SOUTHERN SUDAN MAP BY COUNTY/STATE



This map does not imply official UN endorsement

The tragedy is that this conflict is damaging to a people who have only just emerged from civil war and were beginning to build community, to build peace. Bishop Garang is at the forefront of this work in the Diocese of Aweil.

The photograph below left is of the current church and that below right shows the partly built Cathedral Church of the Diocese. The construction of this Cathedral is a powerful statement by the Church and the Diocese that they are here to stay, and are ready to build a community of Christian faithful where that very community has almost been destroyed.



*As the bishops and priests in Congo, Cameroon and South Sudan, helped by their catechists and ordinands, have made their commitment to the church and the salvation of their people, so the Africa Appeal has made a commitment to continue the work which we have started. But of course, we can only fulfil that commitment with your help and support in 2014.*

*With my thanks for all of your support in 2013 - building the Kingdom of Jesus Christ both at home and around the world, in Cameroon, Congo and now, South Sudan.*

*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 Cameroon, South Sudan 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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