



Republic of Cameroon



République Démocratique du Congo



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). 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 Ayule-Milenge (Congo), Bishop Garang in S.Sudan and Father Alphonse Nduziye (Cameroon) such as building schools, a farming collective for widows, and sewing classes for victims of rape.

This special edition of the Africa Appeal has been designed to give a ‘snapshot ‘ of what is happening in the three churches which we have been trying to support: Congo (DRC), Cameroon, and South Sudan.

We have been trying to support their work although with difficulty at times, as we need to expand the number of donors, either those who give regularly, or the occasional donor, so that we can be pro-active in the work that is so urgently needed in these three countries.

South Sudan.

The Diocese of Aweil is in an area of South Sudan which is subject to heavy rain at certain seasons: ‘Weatherbase’ states: ‘The average amount of precipitation for the year in Aweil is 36.7" (932.2 mm). The month with the most precipitation on average is August with 8.4" (213.4 mm) of precipitation. The month with the least precipitation on average is January with an average of 0.0" (0 mm). There are an average of 84.3 days of precipitation, with the most precipitation occurring in September with 17.3 days and the least precipitation occurring in January with 0.0 days.’

(<http://www.weatherbase.com/>). The result of this weather pattern is an alternation between floods in June through September, followed by a dry season from November through March.



But when your home is built of brick adobe, even with a large overhang for the thatch roof, and raised up on stilts, there is a limit!

The lands is flooded: so no crops, no work: and the work to rebuild and redevelop is repeated each year – when the rain stops!

The cathedral project started by Bishop

Garang is one way of making a community church which can stand and not fall down with each rainy season: and thereby is a symbol of what the future holds for those who can stay the course! (But I have not been able to send help to Bishop Garang yet.)



Cameroon.

Rain in Cameroon is also heavy with 1540 mm each year, with two drier months in December and January. The rain falls in heavy deluges, between which the sun reappears: the average annual temperature is 28 degrees Celsius.

Since Fr. Alphonse Ndutiye started developing the church some 5 years ago, the rain has proved a major challenge, which was resolved with the construction of St. André Ngoulemekong, Yaoundé: but the church grew quickly, adding new parishes and new clergy with visits by both Bishop Mentjies from South Africa, and Bishop Ayule-Milenge from Congo. New parishes, new priests, an opportunity to bring more to a knowledge and love of Jesus Christ: and the remarkable fact is that even when it rains hard, even when you worship sheltered by an umbrella, your feet slipping on the



red mud underfoot: but people go to church, where Father Alphonse has just written to say that the roof sheets we sent funding for have been bought, and they can be set up over the altar, so that he can celebrate Mass in the new cathedral which is under construction in Nsimalen, Yaoundé, close to the international airport.

The land for the cathedral is owned by the church, thanks to a generous local donor. This has room for a small house for the vicar general, and diocesan offices. Such a house will save the church money pays now for

rent – sometimes with great difficulty, and eviction happens very quickly in Cameroon! But, to build a small house will cost around \$3000: we are looking forward to seeing this house built as soon as we can find sufficient funding!!

Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge is only too well aware of the difficulties with rentals, having found himself out of house and home in the past, as well as seeing the rental accommodation for the chapel and offices damaged in the 2008 Bukavu earthquake, which happened during Sunday Mass. Rents in Congo are usually paid 6 months to a year in advance: and the Appeal had just sent funds, the rent had been paid, but the building was a write off, so a new home was required. The problem was that the landlord, having paid his own debts, could not refund any of the rent paid already!

The result of this and other occurrences is to try and develop land, again owned by the church, where cathedral church for the Diocese, diocesan offices, a school and meeting rooms, as well as accommodation for the Bishop can be built.

So far, the land is there, so the interim plan is to repair a building on the property (itself damaged in the earthquake) for use as chapel, offices & meeting rooms. CDN\$1000 has enabled the work to be started, but in his moist recent message, Bishop Steven estimates that a further \$1000 is necessary for completion of the work.

In the meanwhile, the Bishop writes to say that the landlord of their current chapel and offices is asking for a rental agreement for the next 10 months, or to leave on the 15th October! No further news as of the 17th October: but we are unable to help, anyway!



In Bukavu, Congo, this little house is already built on church grounds: it was damaged in the earthquake in 2008, but renovation would allow it to be used as a chapel and diocesan office until the cathedral project can be started: and at the same time, save the Diocese the rental cost of chapel and office! How much will this cost? The sum of US\$1250 is the full amount budgeted by Bishop Steven.

With thanks for your support,

In Christ,
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:
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