



Republic of Cameroon



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Republic of South Sudan

The Africa Appeal

Easter, 2015



When the original Africa Appeal started in 2007, **Mr. Frits Jacobsen** took it on himself to take care of all the photocopying and mailing of the appeal to you, thus relieving the need for the parishes to assume this overhead

cost, and assuring you that all the moneys you had given to these various projects were sent to and received by each country church with whom we had a signed agreement.

As many of you will know, Frits died on the 27th February this year. There are two projects which we propose to you as memorials in Frits' name: the first is in Congo, the second in Cameroon.

Congo (DRC)

A roof for St. Paul, Fizi.

In 2007, the church of St. Paul looked like this:



It was a low, thatched roof building, with open sides. The church asked for funds to build more solid structures that could withstand tropical rainstorms, and this was the result of the appeal in 2008 – 2009:

The new project is that we raise \$2000 in Frits' name for a roof to be raised for the new church!

Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge writes : ‘the parish of St. Paul was established on the 12th February 2005 by the Révérend Père Steven AYULE-MILENGE, but was divided in 2009 to set up the Paroisse Saint Matthieu, Sebele. The first curate was Révérend Père Baruani Abyala until 2009. During his curacy, the parish did not show any development activity, but with the visit of Bishop Wilson Garang and the ordination as Deacon of the Révérend Diacre Mseko Sibwela in 2010, when he was called to guide the parish under the

supervision of the Révérend Père M'mokywa Mtundu. In 2012, whilst the curate was away on vacation, the Church Warden Mr. Donatien Maenda Lusekea with the 'catéchiste' Welelwa Lusekea gathered the Christian faithful and built the new church with brick - 'en briques cuites'. It was thanks to the Africa Appeal that we were able to assemble the funding to build the church to the current level, with thanks to the courage of the catéchiste Welelwa, who as ordinand, the diocesan council have decided that on his ordination as deacon will be appointed as assistant to the parish of St. Paul, Fizi.'

The parish has serious problems with many living in great poverty : but they are very courageous and faithful in their commitment to God. We thank the Africa Appeal for all that has been done for the development of this parish.

Cameroon.

A church for Edéa.

In Cameroon, the Appeal letter for Lent had some photographs of the church building which they



have received in Edéa: but we must note that the



ACC-Cameroon has recently been given not just a building in Edéa, but also a congregation including a group of religious! The

photos show the parish after Mass on Palm Sunday, with Fr. Alphonse and Fr. Paul Tsala.

The new church building, with worship and office space, will also need some renovations at a cost of some \$1500: so that this project is also in memory of Frits Jacobsen.

Both projects will be acknowledged by an appropriate to be installed in the building, acknowledging all of your help in bringing a safe place to worship Our Lord to the people of Fizi and Edéa.

More News....

Cameroon



We have some new photos of the progress being made on the house for Fr. Alphonse, and also on progress being made at the cathedral project in Nsimalen (Yaoundé).

In February the house looked like this:



So it is good to see that by March, the scene had changed: indeed, this photo was taken on the 27th March, and Fr. Alphonse has already been able to take up (a sort of) residence there, even when most of the place is still under construction: which is one reason for the construction of the roof before the walls, to protect from the heavy rainfall!



The cathedral, shown above, has grown higher walls: progress is slow, as it depends on the provision of funding from overseas, but it will provide a firm foundation for the future growth of the Anglican Catholic Church in Cameroon.

Ecole de Couture.

As we started to work with Fr. Alphonse some years ago, he proposed that the church might establish some trade training for both young men and women, who were limited in opportunity for work by a lack of skills. The Africa Appeal and Anglican Aid Abroad from Australia were able to provide funding for the first sewing machines, even though it was not certain that the school would be able to succeed without additional funding.



The first school has now been joined by others, with a good business model which also is able to help with funds for the church.

The good work accomplished by teachers and students at the sewing schools are enabling these young men & women to gain a skill which will have a major impact on their family's well-being.



Fr. Alphonse is shown in a visit to the school, with some of the work produced behind him and two of the beneficiaries of this work, more of which is shown here:



More from Congo:

This just received from Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge, who has been very busy at Easter:

Here are some activities done during the Holy Week and Easter day.

1. Baptism

On Holy Saturday October 4th, 2015 the Right Reverend Dr. Steven AYULE-MILENGE, Bishop Ordinary of the ACC-Missionary Diocese of Congo baptized in the Parish Church Sainte Trinité- Bukavu five children: **Reine Salima M'massa, Jean Fataki M'massa, David M'kangya, Gedéon Toto-Iutho, and Gloria Sifa Matabaro.**

2. Ordination

The Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter day)



April 5th, 2015 the Right Reverend Dr. Steven AYULE-MILENGE, Bishop Ordinary of the ACC-Missionary Diocese of Congo ordained the deacon **M'massa Komite** to Priesthood in the Parish Church Sainte Trinité- Bukavu.



3. Appointment

The Right Reverend Dr. Steven AYULE-MILENGE, Bishop Ordinary of the ACC-Missionary Diocese of Congo has appointed the Reverend Father M'massa Komite as assistant priest to the bishop at the Parish of Sainte Trinité-Bukavu. He will acting as Priest in charge of Sainte Trinité Parish because the bishop is very busy with diocesan activities.

Thanks,

+The Right Reverend Dr. Steven AYULE-MILENGE
Bishop Ordinary

South Sudan

Thanks to your support, we have been able to send \$500 to South Sudan: this not for the cathedral project which is ongoing, but after hearing from Bishop Wilson Garang by telephone.

Bishop Garang advised that the situation in Aweil, whilst relatively peaceful, has been made much worse by the arrival of many people who have been fleeing the fighting which continues in other regions of South Sudan: it is for this reason that the United Nations states: 'One in seven people have been forced from their homes. Inside the country, 1.3 million remain displaced, and 450,000 have left for the safety of neighbouring countries.

Within months, the dream of South Sudan – the world's youngest country – has turned into a nightmare.'

(<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=88>)

If you want to know more that you might look at this presentation from the United Nations: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=88> & scroll down to '**A Man-Made Catastrophe - A multimedia journey through South Sudan**'.

(If you look at the interactive map on this website, Aweil is in the 'Northern Bahr el Gazal' region.)

It is easy to avoid this issue of man's inhumanity to man, but it is our Christian duty to step up to the plate and support our brothers and sisters in Christ, our family, our community of faithful people whether they are far away or just down the road, as well as we are able: in this we help the other rebuild his or her life, and it may well be that our future generation will see our generosity of spirit repaid when South Sudan finds its feet, and becomes an important resource for us in the west!

Sometimes these appeals seem to be just about money, but in this case, that is not true: as we look at the three countries of which we write, all affected by violence and corruption, the commitment to prayer and intercession might be the key to a resolution of the hardships and starvation so many endure.

In Christ,
David+



In Aweil

'No Man is an Island'

No man is an island,
Entire of itself,
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less.
As well as if a promontory were.
As well as if a manor of thy friend's
Or of thine own were:
Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind,
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell
tolls;
It tolls for thee.

MEDITATION XVII
Devotions upon Emergent Occasions
John Donne

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 the cheque out to the parish: and 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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