



*Republic of Cameroon*



*République Démocratique du Congo*



*Republic of South Sudan*

# *The Africa Appeal*

*Trinity 2016*

## **Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,**

Those of you who follow football (soccer to North Americans) know that the Euro 2016 football tournament is currently being held. Although this is a European league, it features players from around the world. Over the years, Cameroon has given us a series of star football players. The boys' soccer team from the Cathedral parish at Nsimalen in Cameroon is pictured on the next page. How many of these boys might end up playing for their country – or your favourite team – in future years?

### ***Fr Alphonse in Cameroon making progress***

The cathedral under construction at Nsimalen still consists of the starting rows of concrete block, with a temporary roof to protect it from the heavy rains which are a feature of the weather in Cameroon. The Cathedral compound also includes a little house for Fr. Alphonse and a partly-constructed health clinic being built in cooperation with the local authorities (see photo on the next page). It is important that progress be made in the construction of the church building because it is government policy in Cameroon to offer formal recognition to those church denominations that can demonstrate an effective

*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 and South Sudan. These fast-growing churches, together with the parishes of the TACC, 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) and Father Alphonse Ndutiye (Cameroon).*

and functioning presence in the country. This requires the presence of at least one permanent building solidly constructed of brick or concrete on land which the church owns. The government has introduced this policy to eliminate a plague of false priests and church groups.

Fr Alphonse has established a second sewing school (see photo below), building on the success of the first one. The two sewing machines in the photo were purchased by local efforts and will provide a good source of income for the school and also for the church.

The church in Cameroon functions with minimal resources and very low income but Fr. Alphonse and his team are determined to fulfil their commitment to the Great Commission of bringing the love of Jesus Christ to all people.



Future football champs from the Cathedral parish in Nsimalen, Cameroon



## ***SouthSudan, Diocese of Aweil: the crisis continues***

This same devotion to the Mission of the Church is also the driving force behind the work undertaken by Bishop Wilson Garang in the Diocese of Aweil, South Sudan.

Bishop Garang reports that the situation in Aweil continues to be very grave. There is a serious threat of famine and starvation both for the people and the livestock they depend on for so much.



**Bishop Garang is working to assist those affected by drought**

The woman in the photo at left is very thankful for the help offered by her Bishop but more help is needed to provide what is necessary for the entire community to regain their health and energy.

Continuing drought is lowering water levels and reducing the amount of grazing land and this is

having a grievous impact on livestock. In South Sudan many depend on cattle for meat, milk, fuel, and so much else – and they are seriously affected. Yet even when surrounded by hardship, children take time to play. The photo below shows boys taking relief from the heat in a lake much reduced by drought.

As if drought and starvation were not enough, Bishop Garang has had to contend with the theft of money sent by Africa Appeal to Nairobi for use in Aweil. We have submitted a claim to Western Union to replace the stolen money and are hopeful that eventually we will be reimbursed. But the money is needed right now.



**Children take a break from the heat**

Many thanks to those of you who answered a special appeal launched via email and Facebook to replace the stolen funds. The money was sent to Nairobi (where it has been received) by a new method which we are assured is more secure.

Along with unfavourable exchange rates, the difficulty of transferring money to fragile countries is a problem for us as it is for all international charities. We are hopeful that new technologies and



improving infrastructure in developing countries will eventually resolve these issues. In the meantime, we do our best to keep your donations secure and are very thankful for your generosity to a people in crisis. This letter from Bishop Garang expresses his gratitude and describes the situation:

*Dear Father David,*

*Thank you very much for your email , concern , continued support and the funds you sent for us , the one on the way and the one taken by an unknown person.*

*May God bless you abundantly for your concern and the donors and grant you all abundance good health and many years for your concern and the donors concern .May God make it possible to recover the lost funds because the needs are great in the Diocese because of starvation in the Diocese which is claiming many lives and forcing many people to leave the country to Northern Sudan in search of food.*

*Many people who are leaving the country face many challenges on the road i.e. starvation, thirst, disease and robbers on the road, so far more than 50,000 have left the Diocese.*

*Am sorry to report that the situation is very dire and need God's intervention and it is good to let the need known to the people who can be of assistance , we are thankful to the donors and you for the assistance you have been giving us, you can see this from the pictures attached.*

*People are still collecting wild leaves to live on which is causing loss of lives and diseases , therefore am appealing and requesting you to make this needs known to the people that would be of assistance.*

*Thank you very much for your concern and continued support.*

*Wishing you many blessings and many thanks for your concern  
+Bishop Garang*

Bishop Garang has sent the following photos to illustrate how drought has affected the lives of the people of South Sudan.



Starvation affects livestock



Gathering firewood



Meagre harvest



Wild leaves

### *The Diocese of Congo: construction of a secondary school*

It has been most heartening that thanks to one major gift, we have been able to send funds to Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge for the construction of a secondary school in Baraka, Sud Kivu. This



Road to Fizi

is a major step forward for the children in this area. A local high school means greater safety for the students, reducing the risk of assault as they walk to school.

The road in the photo at left leads from Baraka to Fizi. It is in Fizi that we had raised funds for a brick church to be built but, at that time, we lacked funds for a roof. With our appeal in memory of one of our strongest supporters, Mr. Frits

Jacobsen, we have been able to send funds to complete the task. Many thanks to those who have contributed.

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

### **In Canada**

The Parish of St. Bride

By  (new!) see <http://parishofstbride.webs.com/>  
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