



*Republic of
Cameroon*



*République
Démocratique
du Congo*



*Republic of
South Sudan*



*Republic of
Kenya*

The Africa Appeal

New Year 2018

Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

While at the Synod of the Anglican Catholic Church in Georgia in October 2017, I met Bishop John Kamande Ndegwa from Kenya and had an interesting discussion with him about his plan for hatching chickens in a temperature-controlled incubator.

The hatched chicks enable the church to improve diets for the people, ensure a good supply of eggs and chickens for the future, and make a moderate return on investment. The parish concerned produces hatchling chicks which can then be distributed to families, with surplus being sold for the benefit of the parish and the orphanage.

Bishop John did not have the capital to buy the incubator (\$1,000), but was able to obtain a low-interest loan from the bank through a scheme aimed at small enterprises in Kenya for which his church qualified. I suggested to Bishop John that this program might be of great value to other countries and he has given me the necessary information to pass along.

Still, if possible, replicating this idea elsewhere would enable other churches to reap the same benefits as Kenya. So many times, with a small helping hand, local people will work absolute wonders – as we have already

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 South Sudan and Kenya. 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), Father Alphonse Ndukiye (Cameroon) and Bishop

seen in Congo, South Sudan and Cameroon where, with the help of God, the people's resourcefulness has produced miraculous results. Some extra money in these countries could go a long way in helping these churches to build or complete churches, schools and health clinics.

Kenya joins the list of African churches to which you can direct your Africa Appeal donation

I suggested to Bishop John that we could include Kenya in our Appeal (the fourth flag in our heading) so that if we receive any gifts for the Kenya church, its orphanage or other projects, we could forward these funds to him. He has signed the necessary forms to comply with the rules of the Canada Revenue agency so we can now issue income tax receipts.

Bishop John recently sent me this note:

Last Friday we had a vigil (overnight prayers) to pray for our work, our friends and to thank God for this ending year, while asking Him for the same favour in the coming year. We prayed for you and the anticipated working relationship between the church in Kenya and parishes in Canada.



Kenyan members of the ACC praying during all-night vigil

We are aware that this addition to the Appeal will not likely bring many new responses, but the effort and innovation shown in the work of the church in Kenya impressed me so much that I felt we had to use any means available to support it. If you would like to make a donation to Kenya, please ensure that "Kenya" is clearly marked on your cheque or PayPal notification.

Encouraging News from Congo

I was delighted to hear from Bishop Steven who was visiting the parish of St. Françoise d'Assise in Moshu, a village high above Lake Kivu, not too far from Bukavu, in Sud-Kivu, Congo (DRC).

When I was there in 2007, I visited some of the homes of the parishioners. Many were widows with small children. Other households had husbands who had accepted the only work available in artisanal mines. This gentle-sounding title masks a terrible reality. In these mines, men dig holes in the ground to find the minerals necessary for our electronic gadgets. There are no safety rules, no

labour laws, and no emergency rescue services available. The mines are often hidden away, illegally exporting the wealth of the country.

During my 2007 visit to St. Françoise d'Assise, I took a photo of the parish children with their then parish priest. Ten years later, Bishop Steven has sent this photo of some of these children now in the choir at the church. Note the new roof and solid walls, replacing the thatch of 2007.



Left: Parish children in 2007



Right: All grown up in 2017

Bishop Steven adds that Africa Appeal funding received during the early years has played an important part in the success of the ACC mission in Congo. The widows were destitute, but gathered together to rent some land so that they could grow crops. The women grew three crops each year, and this gave them sufficient income and food to feed their families better diets, pay the children's school fees, and have some funds left over.

Others have also contributed. There has been the provision of a Health Centre thanks to a major project in the USA. Also Australia has provided elementary and secondary schools; this is most important as it means that the children do not have to walk long distances to another village for their education.

South Sudan: Medication and food continue in short supply

Bishop Garang spent the Christmas season in the Diocese of Aweil. It has been an uncertain time in South Sudan, with many people displaced from their homes by the civil war which has been raging in other parts of the country. A ceasefire has recently been announced to take effect on December

24th in a bid to end three years of violence that has claimed tens of thousands of lives and forced four million people from their homes. Sadly, it already appears to have been breached. South Sudan only obtained independence in 2011.

The result of all this trouble is that the people of the Diocese of Aweil are suffering more shortages of essential supplies, notably medications and food. This is made worse because of the influx of those escaping violence in other regions. This is officially described as “internal displacement” - the phrase used to describe the arrival of many thousands of people into this region where severe shortages of essential food supplies already exist. With this arrival, the pressure on health services is also increased, so that those with malaria and other endemic diseases such as cholera have difficulty finding proper treatment.

At this time, we give great thanks to Voice of the Martyrs Canada for funding two water wells. I understand that Bishop Garang has high hopes that such collaboration might continue, although it seems that the internal security situation in the country might cause any further progress to be delayed – just as it does in Congo.



Bishop Garang continues to distribute what medication he can with thanks to major institutions like the World Health Organization and the World Food Program who supply the products. Pastoral work takes on a new dimension when the only source of medication is your Bishop!

The church has other roles as well. It serves as mediator; when other organizations are unable to enter into areas, the priest may be trusted to assist and support joint

projects. One such joint project that Bishop Garang is hoping to achieve is the construction of a school and orphanage. The government has made land available for such a purpose. Africa Appeal has funded the transfer fees for the land as required by the government to formalize the land transfer. Bishop Garang has the building plans. All that is needed is financial support so that construction can begin. This is a major project which calls for significant support and we ask that you prayerfully consider donating to this project in one of the world's poorest countries. Or, if you know of any organization who would like to take this on, please contact me.

Cameroon: Cathedral construction continues despite great difficulties

Fr. Alphonse Ndukiye is proceeding with the Yaoundé Cathedral project. Despite a major lack of outside funding, Fr. Alphonse has been able to develop the site in order to meet the requirements of the government of Cameroon. This will allow the ACC to be recognized as an approved church, as distinct from many fake churches which exist in Cameroon and elsewhere in Central Africa. You may recall the challenge faced by Fr. Alphonse when confronted by a fake bishop who claimed to be the ACC Bishop for Cameroon!

At present, the walls are slowly rising. Currently, the local people worship under a thatch shelter within the half-built walls of the cathedral. Fr. Alphonse works hard to keep costs down. By purchasing raw materials instead of pre-made bricks, construction can continue despite the small amount of money available to him.

When I reread this Appeal, I am struck by the difficulties encountered by those building the church in Africa. But it is also clear that progress is being made. Slowly but surely, the ACC is becoming stronger and more able to do God's work among those who live such hard lives. May we thank God for their efforts and prayerfully consider what we can do to help.

Wishing you all good health and happiness in 2018 and beyond.

**In Christ,
David+
(Father David R. Marriott, SSC)**

2017 in Review

During the year, we have been able to maintain regular monthly payments to the three countries, Congo (DRC), Cameroon and South Sudan, thanks to your generosity. It has also been possible to sponsor a variety of projects in each country: the amount sent to South Sudan includes funds from Voice of the Martyrs, which undertook the task of funding two water wells in villages in the Diocese of Aweil at a cost of CDN\$39,480.48. The funds were transferred through the Parish of St. Bride as the parish had a signed charitable agreement with the Diocese of Aweil.

With my thanks to Mr. Andrew (Scott) Ferguson, Treasurer at St. Bride's, for his work on this special project

Funds sent:

Cameroon	\$ 11,786.85
Congo	\$ 5,200.00
Sudan	\$ 46,378.00

Operating Costs:

Western Union Fees	\$ 719.11
Money Gram Fees	\$ 328.00
Wire Transfer Fees	\$ 60.00
Exchange Fees	\$ 705.80

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

In Canada

The Parish of St. Bride

By  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