



## *The Africa Appeal*

### *August 2018*

Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

**Cameroon.**



We have seen the progress that has been made, in a remarkable fashion – and with very little outside help, in the project to construct a Cathedral for the ACC-Cameroon.

With concern that as the walls have been rising, there will soon be the need for more expenses as the roof has to be installed. Fr. Alphonse has provided these useful figures as a guide to what will be needed in the coming months and years:

La Cathédrale: preparation for the roof:  
\$750

Cost of Materials: \$2000 ;

Cost of labour: \$900

Interior finishing: \$1300

Need for a temporary installation to protect the altar and the faithful for 3 years: \$900

Wall which has been requested to be built urgently to protect the site: \$3000

Electricity supply for the site : house and cathedral: \$900

Water supply for the cathedral and health centre: \$1300

Total: \$11,050.00 (Onze Mille Cinquante Dollars)



There is a need for more funds for construction, more funds urgently, so that a temporary shelter from heavy rain can be built for the current congregation at the cathedral, more funds for the wall (which one of the officials has recommended be built around the site.), more funds for the ordinands, not forgetting electricity and water supply to the Priest's house!

The challenge is for Fr. Alphonse to be able to find those who could help solve his problems!!  
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## Kenya.

This is a remarkable story which started out by a 'messenger' message from rural western Kenya. Mr. Jakair Benard is the senior Pastor for a group of 7 evangelical clergy & parishes in rural Kenya. He wrote about the challenges they faced, especially the need for fund raising projects. Bishop John Ndegwa had recently written to me about a chicken hatchery that his diocese had started: this had the potential to raise the nutrition for the people as well as provide a source of income as the eggs hatch and the poultry can provide more eggs, as well as a supply of meat to enhance the diet.

The hatchery that Bishop John bought requires electricity, but a smaller one was solar powered: Pastor Benard's village has no electricity: but that might work! Of course, we could not help in this as we had no fiscal agreement with Pastor Benard: we would have to work through Bishop John.



The result is that Pastor Benard will attend a conference for the Daughters of Mary this month: with a visit from Bishop Mentjies of South Africa. It is for the Daughters of Mary conference that the Blue material had been purchased: this from Bishop John's newsletter: 'The Order of Saint Mary has purchased enough materials to sew new uniform for about 60 women for the August re-launch. The price of the uniform was Ksh 1,800 (USD 18) for dress and headgear initially, Courtesy of funds from Saint Mathews Newport Beach, and with enough material now in place the women are required to contribute only Ksh 1,000 (USD 10) for tailoring and design costs. But this is too much money for most women from our church especially from Korogocho slums and upcountry missions. If it were not for the funds received, we couldn't have afforded headgears for them during the 20th May thanksgiving function. God has always been gracious, and we believe in His provision.'

## South Sudan.

This has just been received from Bishop Wilson Garang: 'May God bless you for your concern and continued support. With your support and God's grace we have managed to start the construction of the wall and we need more funds to pay the contractor, cement, bricks and the funds to complete the security wall.'





The construction is almost complete and what is left is about a quarter (lower photo). Therefore, we ask for your prayers and support to finish the construction of the wall. We still need USD 3,500 to pay the outstanding balances and complete the construction. Attached are the pictures of the security wall



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

My comment to Bishop Garang, on seeing these photographs, was that these people work so very hard: it seems like almost yesterday that the bricks were delivered, and already, a wall decorated with the Cross!!

**Postscriptum:** Bishop Garang has just advised that there is significant illness amongst the clergy: all help is welcomed to enable the clergy and their families to be able to access medical care!

## **Congo (DRC)**

For many years, community development has been part of the church in Congo, where oftentimes government does not have the funds to provide basic amenities. The Centre in Bukavu is also interesting as the centre is on the ground floor, with future office space above, and above which the church will be developed. (At present, worship is held on the middle floor.)

### **Community Development Training Centre**

*(This report has been written by Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge)*

The Sewing Training Center is a branch of the Learning Center for Community Development (CADC) of the Anglican Catholic Church, Missionary Diocese of Congo.

The vision for the creation of this center was to help the more disadvantaged population: to take care of themselves and to earn a living after having learned a professional training within the Center. Also, to help them out in ignorance inculcated by a bad culture and custom of gender dominance. For example, in some cultures and customs in the region, a woman is not entitled to



school education, family inheritance and other benefits open to men or boys. In other words, she will be married and inherited from her husband's inheritance. After the death of her husband, her husband's family snatched all the fortune she had received with her husband when he was alive, or even sold the house left by her late husband by throwing the children out of the house. Nature without shelter. Being someone who had not studied any profession to take care of themselves, children start to go around the streets to look for food because the mother has

nothing to give them. This is the starting point for the presence of several street children in the Congolese cities because the children leave the villages to take refuge in the city believing that they can have a good life in the village. The woman also having no hope of making a living, she gives herself to prostitution. In prostitution the consequences are to catch HIV / AIDS.

The second example of this marginalization of the woman and girl in this culture: a woman was deprived of eating the chicken or an egg, saying that the chicken is reserved for visitors and the sons-in-law. My grandmother died in 1996 at the age of 92 without tasting or eating the chicken and the egg. It was hard for me to see her refusing to eat the chicken and trying to convince her to banish old customs, but she told me that she cannot change the old-fashioned custom as a



married woman in the bloodline. Royal, guardian of the custom. All this gnawed in my heart for all the years I was in Europe studying and especially as at a young age I was raised and studied in European culture in Congo. I had a lot of trouble overcoming this situation. In this way, our Learning Center for Community Development (CADC) has set itself the goal of helping people to come out in ignorance of the custom and false sewing that is not part of the Christian life. The center wants to change the mentality of the people that they can be released from

the pagan culture, this by assisting them to learn the professional trades that can help them to raise their intellectual, spiritual and mental level. The teachings received within our Center give them an ability to know their right and to defend it in society. They can take charge and win the bread of his children.

This is why we are soliciting your help to complete the construction of the Center to help the poor to earn a living and to go out of their ignorance. The program and well designed in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs despite the fact that the



government gives nothing, we try to make our own efforts to get the population into misery. The execution of our project is planned in several phases according to the availability of funds.

1. First phase: roofing the offices of the Sewing Training Center: \$ 4,400
2. Second phase: finishing work of the offices by plastering, pavement and sanitary installation plus electricity: \$ 7,180.
3. Third phase: digging and evacuation of land: \$ 2,100.
4. Fourth phase: construction of rubble retaining wall: \$ 4,308.
5. Fifth phase: construction of the main staircase of the building: \$ 1,800.
6. Sixth phase: building brick walls: \$ 4,240
7. Seventh phase: formwork, reinforcement and concreting of the building: \$ 7,935

+The Right Reverend Steven Ayule-Milenge (PhD)  
Bishop Ordinary of the Anglican Catholic Church  
Missionary Diocese of Congo

## Rwanda

Archbishop Haverland has suggested to Fr. Deacon Shadrack Niyibizi, who is at present is working to register the church as legal representative of ACC in Rwanda that Fr. Shadrack might contact me and the Appeal. The situation is like that in Cameroon, where there have been several 'churches' established which have been simply money generating services for some untrained 'clergy'. It is why Fr. Alphonse had to start the cathedral project and why Deacon Shadrack writes this:

'This year the government of Rwanda closed many churches from different denomination requiring them to upgrade their building structures to meet government building system. Some of our parishes were also affected. We have requested the government to allow them to operate us we upgrade them, but challenge has been funds and very soon they may be closed again.

<https://www.news24.com/Africa/News/rwanda-closes-thousands-of-churches-in-bid-for-more-control-20180404>

We request that if it is possible that the Africa Appeal may help us in this.'



Old; at left; new below!



## And:

'We are appealing for support for St. Thomas RWANYAKAYAGA we are constructing a new parish after learning that the government will close the old church building which was of timbers. The church members took a decision not just to discuss the quagmire but do something

about it. They demolished the old building and in its place a new modern building is coming up. The church members had promised to do more, but their efforts were frustrated by poor harvest due to sun. The church service will not continue until the building is finished and presented to the government for approval. The project to finish the work is 7000\$. if the funds are availed the finishing work may be completed before heavy rains of December. Attached is the progress of the construction of the new building compared to the old one; there is a big different and you will be kept updated on its progress and needs. We pray that African Appeal may support us in this.'

My thanks to all who have enabled this Appeal to continue assisting our brethren and sisters of the ACC in places where you can still build a good and solid church for about \$7,000!

In Christ,

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### **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

*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.

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### **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