



*Republic of
Cameroon*



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du Congo*



*Republic of
South Sudan*



*Republic
of Kenya*



Rwanda

The Africa Appeal

Lent 2020

Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

A second Diocese for the Congo – new Bishop to be consecrated Summer 2020

The Diocese of Congo has been split into two new dioceses. This is good news as it is a result of the wonderful growth in the Church there. But it was also necessary because of travel difficulties, specifically the difficulty of getting from Bukavu, where Bishop Stephen Ayule-Milenge lives, to Baraka. In 2004, when I last visited Congo, this 212-kilometer journey took two days. (Google maps indicates that a rickety bridge we had to cross at that time has been replaced by a ferry.) Even worse than the poor road, the trip is increasingly dangerous because of militia activity.

The new diocese will be based in Baraka, and extend into Fizi. Previous Appeals have described the constant threat of violence that the people in this part of the Democratic Republic of Congo live with. It is a tragedy that in such a magnificent country people motivated by violence and greed cause everyone to live in fear.

We at the Africa Appeal have been concerned about the establishment of the new Diocese given the difficulty of

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, Kenya and Rwanda. These fast-growing churches 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), Bishop Alphonse Ndutiye (Cameroon), Bishop John Kamande Ndegwa (Kenya) and Father Shadrack Niyibizi

funding it. The Missionary Society of St. Paul is not able to provide additional support. Bishop Stephen is working with his New Diocesan Committee Council to plan for supporting their new Bishop from funds raised by people in the new Missionary Diocese of Eastern Congo. If the new bishop's stipend can be raised, Archbishop Haverland will consecrate the new Bishop in South Africa in July 2020. Parishioners in the new diocese are likely to be able to raise \$100 a month. Africa Appeal is planning to send \$100 more per month than the \$300 we have previously been sending. If we are able to raise \$100 a month more to fund this new Bishop, then the people and clergy of eastern Congo, living in violence and poverty, would benefit from having religious leadership close at hand to comfort and guide them. Are you or your parish able to help?

Despite the political and social turmoil in Congo, there is good news. Since 2014, Bishop Ayule-Milenge has been in partnership with the Wilkins Foundation to build and staff a small medical clinic – The Mark Haverland Medical Clinic. The Wilkins Foundation was established in 2014 to help fight malaria in sub-Saharan Africa.¹ In 2019, a maternity wing was added to the clinic. More work needs to be done to completely equip it but babies are already being delivered.

An article with more information about this project is included in the January-February 2020 edition of the Trinitarian – the official gazette of the Anglican Catholic Church. Forming partnerships with foundations such as the Wilkins Foundation is a way for Africa Appeal to be involved in bigger projects normally beyond our means or capabilities. We are always looking for such agencies and welcome your suggestions.

Rwandan parish closer to obtaining government approval

As noted in previous Appeals, Archbishop Mark Haverland has asked that we work with Father Shadrack Niyibizi in Rwanda where some of the Anglican Catholic Church parishes are threatened with closure by the government if their buildings did not meet Rwandan government construction standards.

The Appeal was able to send \$1,500 CAD (\$1,100 USD) to repair the roof of Father Shadrack's church, St. Mark's Mukungwe. This was enough to buy half of the metal roofing sheets that they need. Prudently, they are waiting until they have all the materials necessary before demolishing the old roof. They still need \$1,900 USD to buy the rest of the roofing sheets and repair rotted support timbers.

¹ To view a full report on its activities, click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JgHzc2pr1i4>.



Father Shadrack writes, “In our culture it is traditional that when you receive good news you dance and sing as a sign of thanking both God and the giver. We thank the people of ACC Canada who have supported us through Father David Marriot.”

Now the challenge is for us to find the rest of the money!

Father Shadrack has also reported on church growth in Rwanda in 2019:

- Registered church members increased from 1,647 to 1,721
- Fourteen people were baptized
- Deacon Shadrack was ordained to the priesthood
- A women’s church group has been created
- A youth union with over 50 members was created to increase youth activity in the church

South Sudan continues to improve health care as hope for peace increases

Opposition groups and the South Sudanese government recommitted to cease hostilities, pursue political dialogue, and allow humanitarian aid for the people of South Sudan on January 14th of this year. Signatories of the *Rome Declaration on the Peace Process in South Sudan* included representatives of the opposition groups in SSOMA, who refused to sign an earlier peace agreement on Sept. 12, 2018 in Khartoum.

There is hope that this important development will improve security to the point where it will be possible to bring more aid to the people of South Sudan; they have suffered from starvation and disease which could have been prevented or reduced if peace had prevailed.

In the last Appeal, I mentioned that a donor had constructed a hospital in the town of Aweil and that funds were now needed to equip the hospital and hire staff. Bishop Garang writes that the Lighthouse Medical Centre is currently operational and provides outpatient services to about 250 patients daily. Monies collected would help to finish the inpatient part of the clinic, buy medical supplies and pay for staff salaries. This clinic is a vital part of South Sudan's health care system which is rebuilding after years of war. It offers hope to people suffering from malaria, diarrhea, and respiratory infections – diseases that are preventable and treatable. Bishop Garang is grateful for our past support and hopeful that we will be able to help with this vital project.

The following photos are of the Christmas celebrations in South Sudan which included confirmations and ordinations.





Kenya: Support for clergy development and training

Bishop John Kamande Ndegwa has sent us the Mission Plan for his Church for the first six months of 2020. Previously he had written about the need for a Community Welfare Service Initiative to identify and deal with any social service issues that arise leaving clergy free to “offer ecclesiastical services to our members”. A committee has been looking into this and will report at their next Diocesan Synod to be held in early April. Other items on the plan include:

- Planning for April’s Synod
- Upgrading and repairing their chicken house (a source of income for the poor)
- Inducting four new postulants for the diaconate on Easter Sunday. This will bring to ten the number of deacons in this diocese. Bishop John trains them by having them stay with him so he can instruct them in liturgical and doctrinal matters, general parochial services and maintaining resilience. They will be ordained as needed and as they are ready.
- Ordaining four deacons to the priesthood on Whitsunday
- Confirmation on Whitsunday
- Opening the St. Hilda of Kildare parish in Kagio, Kirinyaga in June.



Bishop John and Postulants

Cameroon: Bishop Alphonse recovers

Bishop Alphonse has returned home after being hospitalized for malaria. He was very ill and we are most thankful for his recovery. He has sent photos to show progress on the construction of a new health centre and also their cathedral at Nsimalen.



Upper: In the background is the Health Clinic including water tank and in the foreground is the Youth Centre.

Lower: Interior of the Health Clinic.

Children about to start their Christmas holiday after Mass celebrated by Bishop Alphonse.



Upper: Members of the Nsimalen Airport "Gendarmery Group" wish Happy New Year to Bishop Alphonse. Lower: Construction proceeding on the Cathedral of St. Michael, Nsimalen.

Upper: Interior of the Health Clinic. Lower: Dr. Murenzi arranges medicine and other materials.

Financial report 2019

In 2019, the Appeal received a total of \$21,650.56. Our generous donors include not only individuals, but also the Traditional Anglican Church of Canada, its parishes and bequests (Society of St. Columba of Iona). Donors have the option of designating funds for the country or project of their choice. The amounts designated to individual countries in 2019 are shown in the table below.

The Appeal was able to maintain all monthly funding commitments and, thanks to the generosity of our donors, was also able to add to these amounts. The table below shows the amount received by each country. Transfer fees represent payments to Western Union and MoneyGram to send the money. One individual donor has committed to covering the cost of these transfers.

2019 Donations	
Unassigned donations to Mission Fund	\$ 17,681.00
Assigned donations:	
Cameroon	\$ 2,320.00
Congo	\$ 665.00
South Sudan	\$ 100.00
Kenya	\$ 175.00
Transfer fees	\$ 709.56
TOTAL	\$ 21,650.56
2019 Transfers/Expenses	
Cameroon	\$ 9,303.00
Congo	\$ 4,600.00
South Sudan	\$ 3,900.00
Kenya	\$ 1,150.00
Rwanda	\$ 1,500.00
Paypal Fees	\$ 9.30
Transfer fees	\$ 709.56
TOTAL	\$ 21,171.86
Difference between donations and transfers/expenses	\$ 478.70

Thanks to you all for your generosity. We look forward to maintaining this work in the years to come with your continued assistance and support.

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

P.S. Perhaps you have noticed that your Appeal letter is no longer coming into your inbox as an attachment to an email but rather as a link to the website of the Traditional Anglican Church of Canada? Our distribution list had grown to the point where our email system could no longer reliably handle the volume and we have turned to Mailchimp to deliver our newsletter. Thanks to Father Robert Mansfield for setting this up. It promises to be much more efficient.

How to support 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