



*Republic of
Cameroon*



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*Republic of
South Sudan*



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of Kenya*



Rwanda

The Africa Appeal

September 2020

Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

We are happy to report that COVID-19 is not the main topic for most of our Dioceses. However, several dioceses are coping with serious situations that a small organization such as Africa Appeal can do little to improve. What we can do is provide support to the clergy in their efforts to comfort their people with the message of God's love. Your prayers and of course your donations are needed now more than ever.

South Sudan supporting abandoned children

Bishop Garang writes that the Corona Virus is not very serious in South Sudan but starvation and other diseases are still claiming many lives.

Aweil Diocese has been experiencing very heavy rains since August and the rains will continue until end of October. The whole area is heavily flooded and crops, homes, and property have been destroyed and many people are still displaced from their homes. Most of the residents have been forced to live in makeshift structures on the roadsides. The displaced persons are now camping in higher grounds that are not flooded and if the rains continue they may also be affected as their temporary structures will be destroyed. We are

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 Ndujiye (Cameroon), Bishop John Kamande Ndegwa (Kenya) and Fr Shadrack Niyibizi (Rwanda). Previous issues of this Appeal can be found at

<https://www.traditionalanglican.ca/news/africaappeal/newsle>

praying that the rains will let up and the flood waters will start flowing away. Several people have died as a result of bites from snakes and many face the danger of contracting water borne diseases.



It is especially urgent to care for 10 orphans who came to the church in Aweil recently to seek assistance, “we could not send them away because they may lose their lives and one of them is severely malnourished”. The plan is to accommodate and feed them within the church compound. Bishop Garang appeals to all of us, on behalf of the orphans, to help to fund their care and to make their needs known to others who can assist.

Here is some information about these ten children. Thiep Akot (18 months) and his sister Adut Bol (left) were abandoned by their mother, an alcoholic recently sent to prison. They are now being looked after by two other orphan children.

Adino Reech Lual and Reech Reech Lual (right) usually roam the streets of Aweil Town begging for food – which they carry in their paper bags.

Adior Deng (two photos below), a very young mother¹, dropped out of primary school, ended up in prostitution and now has two children Ayak Garang Bol and Amiir Garang Bol, 2 years old. She has no job. The girl in the second photo (Achol Deng) usually assists her in taking care of the children.



Garang Garang Bol and her baby brother (Photo next page) have been abandoned by their mother and roam around Aweil Town begging for food.

We have also identified another two orphans (Deng

Lual and Manut Garang) who are need of care. This brings the total number of children that need to be assisted to ten.

¹ Since only 5% of births are registered in Sudan, it is difficult to be certain of ages.



Aweil Diocese is appealing for financial help to support the ten orphans. The Diocese will hire two women caretakers who will look after the ten children. One of the caretakers will be Achol Deng mentioned above. The plan is to bring the children to the church compound where they will be taken care of and provided with food, accommodation and clothes. Two small houses and a kitchen will be built within the church compound to house them. The estimated cost of this undertaking (\$26,000 USD) implies that a long term investment in caring for abandoned children is being made – something that is beyond the financial capacity of Africa Appeal.

If anyone knows of a charitable organization with capacity to partner with us on this project, please let us know. In the meantime, your donations and prayers to help these children are urgently needed.

Fighting continues in Eastern Congo highlands



Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge writes: *Translated from the French:* The photo on the left is of the high plateaus around Fizi, Uvira and Itombwe, where armed groups are fighting to gain control of the land². Ethnic Tutsi Congolese herders (the Banyamulenge) supported by foreign militias have entered into armed conflict with indigenous people/peasant farmers supported by the Congolese Army. The army has placed these farmers in UN camps for their protection; they are in danger of losing their land. In the past, the various ethnic groups had lived together in peace but now most have lost family members to the conflict. There is great need for training in reconciliation techniques; our church is active in these areas.

There is a new diocese in Congo. Bishop Steven wrote to us on July 12 shortly after returning from Baraka where he presided over the election of the bishop for the new Missionary Diocese

² A more detailed discussion of this situation can be found in the website “Genocide Watch” which issued a warning about the possibility of genocide in January 2020. <https://www.genocidewatch.com/single-post/2020/01/20/Genocide-Warning-Banyamulenge-in-Eastern-DR-Congo>



of Eastern Congo. The election went well but he had difficulty with the road. Lake Tanganyika has risen so much that the road running beside it had to be closed. Bishop Steven's vehicle was damaged when a rock fell on it. The photo shows Lake Tanganyika covering the area where the road should be. The Bishop-elect for the new Missionary Diocese of Eastern Congo is the venerable Lameck Mmokvwa Mtundu.

The new diocese means we are increasing the monthly funds for

Congo to \$400 from the current \$300. The current amount pays the salary of the diocesan secretary in Bukavu. The new amount will be shared between the two dioceses. Note that the new Bishop elect will not receive any funding from the MSSP. The rains in Bukavu and in Rwanda have been extreme this year.

Bishop Alphonse in Cameroon recovering from Typhoid Fever

The past few months have been very difficult for Bishop Alphonse. His children were barely out of hospital (see the June Appeal) when he himself was knocked off a motorbike taxi on which he was riding resulting in a hospital visit and requiring the purchase of medications which he can ill afford. (The Appeal has been able to send some money towards this expense.)

He currently (since early September) is battling typhoid fever for which he was hospitalized. He is at home now but must continue to take medication and he has been ordered to improve his diet in order to be able to fight off illnesses such as typhoid which are endemic to many parts of Africa. Typhoid fever is a serious infection caused by poor sanitation and food handling practices.

We have been able to help cover his hospital bills and medication but he still owes about \$290 USD to the hospital. Bishop Alphonse is low in calcium and other vitamins, has lost a lot of weight and has compromised balance. The doctors (who are members of his parish) have subsidized his care for now, but he will need more support.

During this period of poor health, Bishop Alphonse has been dealing with a series of attacks on Cathedral enclosure. Vandals have come in the night to attack the partially constructed buildings which he and his parishioners have been working on over the past years. The police have

recommended that the wall surrounding the Cathedral compound be completed as soon as possible and that the lighting be improved. He is in need of funds to do this.

Not only is the physical security of the Cathedral in jeopardy but the legal tenure of the land on which it sits is also being questioned. The former owner is claiming that she still owns the land and that the sale was not legal. She has a history of making such claims and trying to defraud people of their land. Bishop Alphonse has consulted with authorities and they have worked out what documents need to be prepared to assure their ownership in the eyes of the law. But this too will cost money. The land registration system in Cameroon is not as developed as it is in Canada.

Please pray for Bishop Alphonse as he tries to recover his health and protect the progress he has made in the Cathedral compound.

Kenyan Church planning for the future

Bishop John Ndegwa has written from Kenya to thank us for supporting his online religious studies at St. Bede's Anglican Catholic Theological College³. He is very thankful that so far none of his Church members has been directly affected by COVID-19 apart from the pangs of hunger and social/economical difficulties, which the Diocese of the south (USA) has mitigated by supplying 60 COVID-19 food-and-essentials baskets, worth \$ 1,500. "We thank God for this; may His Name be praised."

From October 2-4, the Kenyan church will hold a small "contemplative summit" to revise and develop Church directions and to strengthen Church mission while considering lessons learned during the pandemic. Although this is not exactly a Synod (which had been planned for this time), there will be four ordinations and two more missions will be established through the poultry project. "We are seeking to raise \$430 USD for the purpose of holding these important meetings and "request your prayers that the will of the Lord be done".

In closing ...

The Africa Appeal deals with five African dioceses, each of which has significant needs which exceed our ability to fund, but where we are always hopeful that the support that we can give will help maintain the diocese.

³ **Saint Bede's Anglican Catholic Theological College** is a 'virtual college', established in 2001 to serve the needs of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada and the Traditional Anglican Church as well as other Continuing Anglican Churches. The College provides academic, spiritual and pastoral training of men for the ordained ministry; post-secondary theological education for lay people; and post-ordination training and professional development. The College is a registered charity and not-for-profit post-secondary theological institution incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada.

In Rwanda Father Chadrack was told that churches could only re-open if they could supply water for handwashing. We have been able to facilitate this for several parishes, but they still need more funds - \$300 USD.

In Sudan, the situation is almost overwhelming - starvation and abandoned children urgently require our prayers and support.

Cameroon has had bandits invade the cathedral compound at 1.00am. The neighbours rallied round and helped the Bishop and others chase them away. But now they need to complete their security wall and improve their lighting. Traffic accidents and disease are constant impediments to progress.

In Kenya, Bishop Ndegwa is looking for extra funds so that they can expand the chicken programme which provides food for parishioners and a small profit to fund further church activities. Donations are also needed to provide more food-and-essentials baskets (\$25 USD each) to parishioners whose access to food has been disrupted by corona virus restrictions and who do not have savings to fall back on.

In Congo there is increasing insecurity, especially in the Uvira/Fizi highlands, with inter-tribal disputes and armed assaults. Travel to far-flung parishes is dangerous and the roads are very bad.

So, as we are dealing with our own problems made even more intense by the worry and restrictions of the pandemic, I am thankful that my burdens do not come close to the loads that our African friends in Christ must bear. May the fellowship of the Holy Ghost keep us all from falling into despair at the suffering in this world. And may your prayers and donations strengthen the resolve of the bishops and clergy in all of the Africa Appeal dioceses as they bring good news and hope to their people.

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

How to support these churches:

There are no deductions from money received by the Appeal; the full dollar amount is sent to Cameroon, Congo, South Sudan, Rwanda or Kenya. Administrative costs, eg, money transfer fees, are paid from gifts received for this purpose.

In Canada

The Parish of St. Bride

By  see <https://www.parishofstbride.com/africa-appeal>

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 and New Zealand

Anglican Catholic Church Missionary Diocese of Australia and New Zealand Appeal Fund

By cheque made out to: ACC (OP) DAT and sent to
Missionary Diocese of Australia and New Zealand
C/- 5 Fallow St
Chermside West, Qld. 4032 Australia

If you intend the donation for a special ACC (OP) project, please let us know, so we can designate it accordingly.

By Direct Deposit to:

Anglican Catholic Church (OP) Diocesan Administrative Trust
or ACC (OP) DAT (for short)
BSB 034-064
A/c 335868

Please note the intentions for the donation on the direct deposit details.

Please be aware that given the current Australian Law situation, we are unable to offer any tax deductible receipts.

In the UK

Cheques should be made payable to Anglican Catholic Church - Diocese of the United Kingdom and marked on the back "Mission". If you would like to designate a particular county please indicate which one. Mail to: Diocesan Treasurer, ACC Diocesan Office, St Nicholas House, 42-48 High Street, Lydd, Kent TN29 9AN.