



*Republic of  
Cameroon*



*République  
Démocratique  
du Congo*



*Republic of  
South Sudan*



*Republic  
of Kenya*



*Rwanda*

# *The Africa Appeal*

*Advent 2020*

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

What a year this has been! At the very least, our daily routines have been turned upside down. Some of us have suffered financial hardship, health declines or bereavement. May the Lord give us strength to endure with fortitude and may our faith in Jesus Christ comfort and uphold us.

### ***Bishop-elect Mmokywa Mtundu setting up new Diocese of Eastern Congo***

In Congo, where rains are heavy, roads are bad and travel is never easy, Bishop-elect Mmokywa Mtundu Lameck, is working on setting up the new Missionary Diocese of Eastern Congo. His headquarters is the town of Baraka on Lake Tanganyika in the province of South Kivu. Baraka means “blessing” in Swahili. As stated in our last Appeal, our monthly transfer to the Democratic Republic of Congo has increased from \$300 to \$400 shared between the two dioceses. The St. Paul Mission Society in the United States is not able to support Bishop-elect Mtundu at this time so a donation to the new diocese would be very welcome. Having the new diocese in place is helpful to Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge due to the rise in the number of the faithful and the increasing difficulty in travelling to Baraka.

*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 Chadrack Niyibizi (Rwanda). Previous issues of this Appeal can be found at*

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

Both Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge and Bishop-elect Lameck Mmokvwa Mtundu are working to bring the people of eastern Congo to God. But violence continues. The UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, had this to say on their website<sup>1</sup>,

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is alarmed at the increasing number of violent attacks on displaced civilians by armed groups in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

We are calling on the authorities to strengthen the presence of police, military forces with support of the UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO) to improve the security situation and hold the perpetrators accountable. **DRC has one of the highest rates of internal displacement in the world.** Over five million people have been uprooted by insecurity within the country's borders, while nearly a million Congolese have sought safety in neighbouring countries as refugees. UNHCR is receiving accounts of the way armed groups are unleashing terror on people as they flee, in displacement sites and hosting areas, and when they attempt to return, including reports of killings and mutilation, sexual violence and looting.

### ***Family health care expenses continue for Bishop Alphonse Ndukiye***

In the past few months Bishop Alphonse Ndukiye has thankfully not reported any illness for himself. You may recall the difficulties he had during the summer as described in our last Appeal. We are hopeful that his recovery from typhoid fever and his road accident are progressing well. Two of his children, however, were taken to hospital with nausea and vomiting and the youngest, named Marriott, required a tonsillectomy. There are no government programs to cover health care expenses; these must come out of his pocket and we were able to help to some extent by sending him \$200 for the tonsillectomy and a \$100 advance on his \$300 stipend for the next month. There is still something to pay on his hospital bill which we hope to cover soon.

### ***The Rwanda Church continues to work toward official government recognition***

Fr Chadrack Niyibizi writes from Rwanda that the church is slowly reopening after having shut down due to COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the government. Earlier in 2020, we were able to support the government requirement for hand-washing facilities at their church.

The Rwandan church has been dealing with other government-imposed restrictions. In 2019, the government introduced new registration requirements for faith-based organizations. The registration application and supporting documents were duly submitted but changes and corrections were required. Then COVID-19 arrived and it was not possible to make these changes. In the fall, they received a request for the revised application with a deadline for resubmission of November 27<sup>th</sup> or they would be locked out of their church. To finalize their application they needed to call a meeting to agree on the changes and gather together all the supporting documentation including a good conduct certificate from the Rwanda Investigation Bureau. We were able to send \$300CAD to help with this – especially the travel expenses of those who needed to attend the meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unhcr.org/news/briefing/2020/6/5efaeefb4/unhcr-appalled-rising-violence-against-displaced-eastern-drc.html> accessed on 11 December, 2020.

The meeting was held and the registration form re-submitted by the deadline so Fr Chadrack is waiting for government to approve the registration of his church. He writes "Thank-you very much. This has shown our church members that we have brothers and sisters in the Lord we can trust in times of need".

Fr Chadrick also reported the death of Deacon Dunia Benjamin in September. Fr Benjamin was ordained to the Diaconate in 2017. He leaves his wife and six children.

### ***Bishop Garang hoping to visit his Diocese in South Sudan***

As many of you know, Bishop Wilson Garang does not live in South Sudan where his diocese is, but in Nairobi. Conditions in Aweil in South Sudan are so difficult that Bishop Garang could not bring his wife and children there to live with him. He visits his diocese as often as he can but of course the pandemic has intervened. He went there in early March and was unable to leave until early August because of the shutdown in air travel due to the pandemic. He had planned to visit again for Christmas but was unable to find an affordable flight; the best he could do was \$900 US on Kenya Airways. This will be the first Christmas he will be able to spend with his family for quite some time; we wish him and his family a very happy Christmas.

### ***Kenya planning to re-start mission activities after pandemic shutdown***

Bishop John Ndegwa writes that, in early October, the Kenyan church held a "contemplative summit" whose planning was described in the last Appeal. He writes, "All went well and the meeting achieved more than the intended objectives." He sent a report after first presenting it to the main parishes where the resolutions were approved.

According to this report, the Kenyan church is very much aware of its missionary status and the importance of planting churches and laying a firm foundation which is Catholic, apostolic and sacramental and where Mass is conducted properly and feast days are observed. The phrase that struck me was "After eight months of hibernation [due to COVID-19] and reduced missionary activities it was like starting all over again".

It seems they took the pause imposed on them by the pandemic to evaluate their weaknesses and make a plan to improve. They are looking to boost the involvement of men in parish life, financial contributions and care for the needy. As more mission churches are started, their physical needs understandably include things like prayer books, chairs, chalices and patens, and musical instruments such as drums and tambourines for use in worship services. The photos on the next page show the postulantes for ordination and delegates having a discussion.



***In closing...***

Africa Appeal provides a regular monthly income to bishops in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, and South Sudan so they can establish parishes and spread the gospel free of major worries about providing food and shelter for their families. We also send money to Rwanda and Kenya when there is a need and funds are available. We all have unexpected expenses from time to time; when possible, Africa Appeal tries to meet them for our African bishops.

The nature of these expenses gives us an insight into the very different lives our brothers and sisters in Christ lead from those of us in Canada. As you can see from this and previous issues of the Appeal, unexpected health expenses from accidents or endemic diseases or ailments such as tonsillitis are regular issues for our Bishops and their families. As Canadians, we do not likely remember having to pay doctor and hospital fees before the introduction of our tax-payer funded health care system.

Other sources of unexpected expense in Africa are new government regulations that require expensive upgrades to churches and other church-run buildings and lawyers fees to deal with conflict over land tenure. In Canada, we have an established building code and land tenure and zoning regulations that mostly head off this sort of dispute.

Your donations to Africa Appeal cover the regular monthly stipends and as many of the unexpected expenses as we can afford. We try to balance need and fairness when deciding where to send limited resources. And of course we must ensure that we maintain our CRA charitable status by documenting the use to which your donations are put.

I am looking forward to a healthier year in 2021 – for myself, for the African bishops and clergy who need our support, and for all of you who give so generously.

Wishing you all the blessings of the season,

**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.