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Rwanda

The Africa Appeal

Michaelmas, 2021

Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

Priestly training resumes in Kenya

Bishop John Kamande Ndegwa has had a busy time lately. He has settled government-imposed legal requirements to legitimize his church, revived the training of seminarians and is planning for the future needs of these men as they go out to spread the Gospel.

Sadly, in early August, his father died; our thoughts and prayers are with him at this time. Francis Ndegwa Kiburi had been ailing for a while and was under Bishop John's personal care for about two years. "We thank God because he fought a good fight and we have no doubt that he has gone to be with the Lord. My father was my mentor. Even at his age he was still an active catechist with the Roman Catholic Church. But much more he was also the pioneer of Saint Ambrose Anglican Catholic Church in Wanyororo, Nakuru, where he gave his own land and we built a mission center which is yet to be utilized towards its original vision." A photo of Francis Ndegwa Kiburi appears on the next page.

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

<https://www.traditionalanglica>



Bishop John met with the State Counsel in the office of the Attorney General of Kenya on August 3rd. He wrote, “the annual financial returns from 2014-2020 were not only approved but we paid for them and received legal acceptance as a religious organization. We are now legally back on board with no threat of tamper or illegal access to our system or any such possibility in future.”

Two further meetings were required to finalize things but on August 29th, Bishop John was able to report that the ACC-Kenya is now “legally stronger and ecclesiastically” active again. He is happy to be relieved of that “major burden”. Africa Appeal was able to help by financially supporting the Special General Meetings necessary to fulfill state requirements.

His current main area of focus is the revival of seminary studies. Three Deacons to be priested and seven postulants to the diaconate will attend training between September 2021 and August 2022 when they will be ordained. Classes are from Friday to Sunday each week.

Bishop John feels that the seven candidates for the diaconate are “the most qualified class that we ever had”. They have all completed high school and two have, or will soon have, university degrees. They have all been supported by family and their local parish. See photo below.

The candidates stay in the house of Bishop John and his wife who have been securing extra food for their guests – some from upcountry and some from their “upstairs farm” (their roof garden). There is also chicken from their church chicken business described in previous Appeals.



Africa Appeal was able to send \$300 CAD to help with this training – covering the first few weeks. Donations towards this vital work and prayers for the candidates are most appreciated.

Bishop John knows that once the candidates are ordained there will be a need for more vestments and altar vessels. He had thought he would be able to collect donations of chalices, ciboria, patens, lavabo bowls,

stoles, etc. at the upcoming general synod in Georgia USA but since he (like so many) is unable to

attend due to COVID, he asks that these be kept for him until it is possible to receive them in some other manner.

He is hoping to return to his online studies with St. Bede's Anglican Catholic Theological College in Victoria, Canada. He hopes someday to be able to partner with this institution so that it can grant certificates to postulants trained in Kenya thereby strengthening the validity of training offered to his clergy.

Finally, he reports that he has received his first dose of AstraZeneca vaccine and the second dose is scheduled for 7th November 2021.

Rwandan parishes continue to conform to government COVID requirements



In early August, Father Chadrack Niyibizi wrote from Rwanda that, while the COVID lockdown is over, the pandemic is still quite strong. He was making plans to visit outlying parishes to boost morale and was concerned at the rise in transportation costs since public transport must carry fewer people to comply with COVID social distancing restrictions. We were able to send him \$300 CAD to help with this expense.

On his return, he was able to report that all the hand washing stations (as described in previous Appeals) had been installed. He must report to the government about the compliance of his parishes with COVID requirements and still needs paint (to mark how far apart people must stand) and three more thermometers. The photo above shows the circles that must be painted on the floor and benches to ensure people keep a safe distance from each other.

A few hundred dollars will help him complete the requirements and allow him to focus on building his church.

South Sudan appeals for our help as another round of flooding devastates the country

As reported in our last Appeal, South Sudan has been dealing with the effects of the flooding that occurred in 2020; serious food shortages have caused much suffering and Bishop Wilson Garang appealed for our help.



In late July 2021, Bishop Wilson Garang reported that South Sudan had again experienced heavy rains and flooding which had displaced people and destroyed crops. The photo at left shows a flooded sorghum crop which will wither and die.

He appealed for our prayers and for any financial assistance we can give. “It is my prayer and hope that God will touch the hearts of the people you will be talking to so that they can give generously for the affected flood victims.”

On September 20th, Bishop Garang wrote to thank the Appeal for its continued support and prayers and to report on the situation he had found when he travelled upcountry in August and early September.



“By the time I left, the situation was still very bad and there is an urgent need of assistance to the flood affected population which needs immediate relief of medicines, food, non-food items and shelter. We need also to pray for the flood victims because many people are dying of water-borne diseases, snake bites and Malaria. The flooding has forced people to move to the roadsides and others have moved to school compounds where they are staying.” The children in the photo at left have collected wild leaves to eat.

Bishop Alphonse in Cameroon continues to make progress on his security wall

On July 22nd, Bishop Alphonse emailed the sad news that his father had recently died in Rwanda, at a place just across the border from Bukavu in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Bishop Alphonse's mother and father had been in hiding in the DRC jungle for some years and had lost contact with Bishop Alphonse until quite recently when their Roman Catholic priest put them in touch with him.

In the last Appeal we announced that Bishop Alphonse had won the long-running court case to assert legal title to his land. The previous owner had claimed that the land was still hers. He is now in the process of safe-guarding this legal title by registering his deed and certifying the severance of his land in accordance with the laws of Cameroon. This is expected to cost over \$1,400; he is



required to submit information to satisfy the Ministère des Domaines et des Affaires Foncières and the local planning office including a survey and a full description of his development plans. All appropriate government offices need to have official notification of the decision of the court so that the previous owner can never again try to claim ownership. This work is expensive but necessary if he is not to risk the loss of all the construction work he has completed over the years.

Due to a significant donation from a few members and friends of the parish of St. Matthew the Apostle in Ottawa, Bishop Alphonse has been able to make progress on the construction of the security wall to protect his cathedral compound.

A strong metal front gate has been installed and workmen are increasing the height of the walls by making and installing cement blocks. The security wall is not finished however and more funds will be required to build the walls to the required height of 11 blocks and fabricate and install a rear pedestrian gate.



Congo recovers from volcanic eruption

In our last Appeal, we described the disruption caused to the people of the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo by the eruption of the volcano Nyiragongo. Two months later, on August 5th, an earthquake of magnitude 4 on the Richter scale was again felt. Goma had recorded more than 100 tremors in the months leading up to this, though their intensity had been decreasing. According to the volcanologists, the earthquakes were caused by the tectonic plates seeking to recover their equilibrium after the recent eruptions. The Goma Volcanological Observatory (OVG) stated that the tremor felt in the town had no connection with the activity of the volcanoes - this is an earthquake that is tectonic and not of volcanic origin. The earthquakes are expected to continue decreasing in magnitude.

Last May, at least thirty-two people died during and after the flow of lava from the Nyiragongo volcano that devastated localities north of the city of Goma in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Large numbers of people were forced to flee, some into Rwanda, and many returned home to find their businesses looted.

There has been no more news about the volcano from Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge so we hope that life has returned to normal – although the security situation in eastern DRC is still very difficult.

We have been able to send \$300 CAD to Bishop Steven for the new Bishop-elect, Mgr. Mmokywa Mtundu Lameck, in Fizi/Baraka for the purchase of roofing sheets for the parishes - hopefully before the rainy season.

Throughout the past few months, no matter which part of the world we live in, there have been difficult times - COVID, floods, heat waves, volcanic eruptions to name the worst. May our prayers for each other and our faith in the Saviour comfort us all.

**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

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 St. Paul Missionary Society, 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

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

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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 "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.