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Pastor Jeremiah and his wife, Georgette.

Greetings from Congo for Christ Center (CCC) in Uvira, Democratic Republic of Congo. We are here visiting with our CCC friends. When we were greeted at the airport in Bujumbura, Burundi, we were thrilled to see Pastor Jeremiah! We didn't know he would be here during this visit. He recently returned from his follow up visit in India where they performed his heart surgery last year. We are thankful to report he is doing well!



Bill is preaching at the Sunday worship service and Asumani is interpreting.

Our days have been packed with so many activities they had planned for us. It was a great blessing to participate in the Sunday worship service at the CCC Chapel. It was our first time to see it, and it's even better than the pictures convey. Bill was privileged to bring the message to the 600 present. We had a tour of the CCC campus and were amazed at all the progress that has been made.

The new road provided by Sterling Church in Washington is nearly complete! This road which is approximately three-quarters of a mile long will provide access to CCC from the main road in Uvira. They were nearly finished with pouring the cement when we arrived, and now it is nearly complete. Because the cement needs a month or so to dry and cure before vehicles can use it, we walked up and back each day. It turned out to be a great way for us to view the incredible



Some of the women working on the road.

amount of physical labor involved for this project and to interact with the local community. They treated us like celebrities and wanted us to take their picture. Everyone is amazed that this road is being built so quickly. The work has only been going on since July. What makes it even more astounding is that it is basically all done by hand labor. From digging it out, breaking up the stones for

cement, pouring the cement from small buckets and every other step required. They have hired over 200 local people, including many women to do this back breaking work. There is really no way to convey what a miraculous change this is bringing to the entire community and CCC. In comparison, we saw another road in town under construction that was not nearly as far along. They said the government has been working on that road for over two years. The new CCC road is a miracle road for sure!



Bill and Washikala, one of the CCC orphans who went to university on a Global Outreach scholarship and became a civil engineer. He is working hard on the road project.

On Monday it was time for the community children's feeding program. Daniel told us they were expecting about 4,000 and the actual number was 4,009. About

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About 2,000 children in the chapel service.

2,000 children fit inside the chapel for the worship service. They started feeding the other children while the service was underway. I would say it is probably the largest crowd Bill has ever preached to, but possibly not the most attentive! Lots of hungry little bodies wiggling and squirming! The CCC orphans and staff have it so well organized. Every CCC child knew their assignment and worked hard to serve these children. They served in crowd control, cooking, serving, washing dishes and various other tasks. It is incredible how they can feed and serve so many precious little ones. When we saw how hard the CCC mama's work to cook over 600 pounds of rice and 600 pounds of beans to feed this crowd we can see this task is overwhelming. They start cooking the day before and all night long. We also

learned that many times the CCC children do not get to eat or eat very late because of the work involved in feeding the community children. CCC leadership is absolutely committed to continuing the program, but we must hire extra help.



These precious mama's not only feed, love and care for the 63 CCC children, they also cook for the weekly feeding program.



Left: CCC kids help serve the food. Right: Cooking over a wood fire to prepare rice and beans for over 4,000 children

This is just a small sampling of some of the amazing ministry at CCC. We were so thrilled with the progress that we have seen. Seeing first-hand the life changing impact they are making, inspires us to do everything we possibly can to support them. Every dollar you donate is definitely being used to change lives and an entire community for Christ!

Urgent Prayer Request: We have just received word from Pastor Richard of Missions of Myanmar that the fighting has increased in several areas near our orphanage and new Ministry Center due to the military conflict. As a result, restrictions have been imposed in certain villages that prohibit gathering for Sunday worship and other ministry activities. The increased violence has also affected Pastor Richard's ability to travel to provide ministry training and oversight and even deliver supplies. Please pray for God's protection for our dear brothers and sisters throughout Myanmar and that peace, stability, and freedom will soon be restored.

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