

Water Crisis at Congo for Christ

May 2023



You may recall that it was three years ago in April when Uvira experienced devastating rain and flooding. Many people lost their lives and even now many are still displaced after losing their homes. At that time, we helped many church members and widows who lost their homes and means of support. Daniel related how the torrential rains returned during the night of April 17th and watchmen fired shots to awaken

people and warn them of new flooding. As a result of their actions, only one person was lost in the flood, but many others have lost their homes. The home of one CCC staff member was flooded as well.

I will share Daniel's explanation of how this is presenting challenges at Congo for Christ:

The CCC ministry and the Rugembe community was really affected by this flood because it was the Mugadja river that flooded first. Our water source was damaged and some pipes were seriously damaged and up to now we have not traced where they are. We thank God because from where we pick our water pipeline from the Mugadja river, half of it was damaged and the other half is still in good condition. Currently, at the ministry we do not have running water from the water pipeline due to the flooding that took place in Uvira. The kids are using the borehole water to do all the activities including, cooking, washing, and drinking. We truly need your prayers because this is so challenging to us and the kids. Also, we thank God because we do not know what would happen if this had happened before having the borehole.

Daniel is requesting help to repair the water pipeline from the river which is the main source of water for CCC and the surrounding community. He also asked for prayer that there will not be an outbreak of cholera and other disease from this flooding. The

estimate to make the repairs is \$7,000. It is crucial that this work is done as soon as possible because the one borehole will not have sufficient water to supply the needs once the rainy season ends. Please designate any gifts for this project as "CCC Water."



On a happier note, we are thrilled to share this picture of Pastor Jeremiah returning to Congo for Christ. So many of you have prayed for him and given financial support for his medical expenses. It has been a long journey since his stroke in December 2021, but he and the family praise God for how well he is doing. They send their heartfelt thanks to you as well. Please continue to pray for his complete healing.

Help for Vietnam



*Li Su distributes wheelchairs and other supplies to lepers in Vietnam. What a blessing to partner with her!

In November, 2022 we shared the need for wheelchairs and other items for the leper communities in Vietnam. Through the generosity of a church and individuals we have been able to provide fifteen wheelchairs. These are a tremendous help to these precious ones suffering from leprosy. Li Su has also been sick for a few months but has once again resumed her visits to many of the 33



The children in the leper villages are always excited when Li Su and her team visit. They get to enjoy being children as she teaches them about Jesus and showers them with love.

leper villages she helps. In addition to bringing wheelchairs, hygiene supplies, clothing and food, she also teaches the children in these communities and provides them with a little fun in their lives.

We also provided funds to purchase a motorcycle for use at the *Bethel Children's Homes we support in Ho Chi Minh city. The motorcycle for the home is used to transport the children to and from school, transport supplies, as well as transportation for the older children so they can obtain employment. It seems everyone in Ho Chi Minh relies on a motorcycle. We were amazed at the motorcycle traffic, so I looked it up and found there are more than 8 million motorcycles in this city of about 12 million people. The church that donated nine of the wheelchairs has also provided funds for a motorcycle to help in the work with the lepers. This will be purchased soon.

We are thankful for every donation that allows us to support the three Bethel Children's Homes and Li Su's work with the leper communities. Every donation is a tremendous blessing to these precious souls in desperate need.

*Names have been changed.



They make several trips to take the children to and from school.

Jesus answered her, "if you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10.

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