

Reaching Teens in Congo

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The Feeding Program to reach community children in Uvira, D.R. Congo continues to grow. The latest lunch was on August 23, 2017 with 1,323 children in attendance. Of those, twenty children prayed to accept Christ as Savior. We continue to receive reports of how the positive influence of this program to the children impacts the entire community.



Teens from the community near Congo for Christ attending the seminar and lunch funded by Global Outreach

The tremendous success of the children's program inspired Pastor Jeremiah to do something to reach the teenagers in the community. The area surrounding Congo for Christ is one of the poorest areas of Uvira and is lacking any programs to help the teens. Teenage pregnancy, alcohol abuse, delinquency, and other troubling behaviors are big problems. In an effort to meet this need, Global Outreach started sending funds in July so CCC could launch a program to target at risk teens. They have now had two successful meetings. This ministry is structured to teach the teens and meet their specific needs. They began by sending invitation letters and sixty teenagers turned up for the first seminar. They spent the time getting to know each other and learning about the challenges facing these young people. In the second meeting seventy teens attended. One of the staff members of CCC, Bokechi Mzuri, shared a message from 2 Timothy 2:22 with them. The teens were given time to ask

as many questions as they wanted, and responded well to the interest shown to them. They were served lunch after each meeting and as a special incentive to attract the teens, they also gave them a bottle of soda.

Daniel shared his thoughts on the new teen program:

*It was very touching to listen from different kids sharing about the challenges they are going through in their lives but they said that they thank God for the program that the CCC ministry has introduced to give them some basic advice to help them in their lives. They have a lot of expectations and hope to get the best from these trainings that they will be receiving from the CCC ministry and they promised that they will not be keeping it for themselves but will be sharing with their friends who will not have the chance to attend the trainings. **God bless you so much for supporting this program and for loving our dear nation and for bringing hope for the hopeless in our community and nation.***

Daniel



Teens enjoy lunch at Congo for Christ

As always in starting new programs like this, there are challenges to meet and to keep the program growing. One of the first needs they shared

is to provide notebooks and pens so the young people can record what they are being taught. They said many of them do not have access to these very basic supplies at home. We assured them we will send funds to help with this and other needs so this vital program can be continued. If you would like to contribute to this life changing ministry, please designate your gift for Congo Teens. By changing young lives we are changing a nation!

Global Outreach Welcomes New Sponsorship Coordinator

As reported in the June newsletter, the time has come to say a big thank you to Ashleigh Fields for the tremendous work she has done over the past five years as the Sponsorship Coordinator. She has taken the sponsorship program from its humble beginnings and made it into a viable and highly successful program. As a result of her diligent hard work, there is currently only one child at Congo for Christ in need of sponsorship.

On that note, we are extremely happy to introduce our new volunteer to step into this important position. Jennifer Connell is joining our staff and we extend a hearty welcome to her. We have asked her to write a few words to introduce herself and we share that with you.

As the new Sponsorship Coordinator at Global Outreach, I am excited to partner with you all as we share the powerful love of Jesus Christ with many around the world. I have been interested in international relations since I can remember and earned my Master's degree in the subject by studying at the Brussels School of International Studies in Belgium. My studies have always focused on war and creating peace, and it was this focus that led me to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

I have had the privilege to be a part of National Community Church's (Washington DC) annual mission trip to Congo for Christ Center in Uvira, DRC since 2011. As many of you know, this partnership was birthed when Renee Reed took a step of faith and prayed some bold prayers with our Lead Pastor, Mark Batterson!

My work in international development and at National Community Church, where I am currently serving as the Office Manager, has helped

me understand the complexities and wonderful potential of partnering with incredible people in vulnerable circumstances. I believe this type of partnership is a beautiful example of the community early Christians made to worship God and care for one another (see Acts 2:42-47). It is this type of holy and loving partnership that will transform the world for the better, and this is why I consider it an honor to step into this role!

Jennifer Connell



Jennifer shares some smiles with Ana and Sifa, two girls at CCC she has sponsored for several years.

Ashleigh has generously worked with Jennifer to facilitate a smooth turnover. Those of you who sponsor one or more children will soon be hearing directly from Jennifer. She will also be sending information to those who sponsor children at Congo for Christ for the annual letter writing campaign. Once again, welcome aboard Jennifer and a giant thank you to Ashleigh!

Help for Lepers in India



An urgent request has been received from Reverend Thomas in India. He writes:

The people affected by leprosy are considered untouchables and they exist only by begging in the streets. This is the rainy season now so they are not able to walk in flooded areas because of their

wounds. Please kindly help these 150 people with rice, blankets and bandages.

Pastor Thomas

Thank you dear partners for the love and compassion you show by your prayers and support in Christ's name.

