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Team Visits Congo



Children at Congo for Christ and NCC team members

For the ninth year in a row, a mission team from National Community Church (NCC) in Washington DC has visited our friends at Congo for Christ (CCC) in Uvira. Over the years many team members have returned year after year. New members also go each year and we usually hear the same enthusiastic response from them, "I want to go again!"



Team members spend time with community children near Congo for Christ Missionary Church

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This year's team focused on two specific areas. One group worked with Pastor Jeremiah and Daniel to address the business strategy and focus on helping CCC develop plans to raise much needed funding. The other group worked with Mango Tree School leadership to continue to improve the quality of education offered.



Students line up for classes at Mango Tree School



Over 1,300 children attended the worship service and feeding program during the NCC team visit.

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The kitchen is in urgent need of repairs

Global Outreach Sponsorship Coordinator, Diane Helke, had the opportunity to spend time with the “Mama’s” who not only care for the CCC children but also do all the cooking. This includes cooking for the 1,200 children who attend the weekly feeding program. Diane shared the need to repair the kitchen and also provide some much needed supplies such as knives and pots and pans. The repairs will cost \$1,790 and the equipment will be \$1,232. In addition, we learned they need at least 1,000 more plates. At the weekly community meal, the children have to take turns using the plates. Diane said they had to wait until the first group of children is finished eating so the plates can be washed and reused for the next group. Each plate costs \$1.00.



Team members participate in worship service before lunch is served to over 1,300 community children

The education team members focusing on Mango Tree School learned that the students are in dire need of additional school books to meet government requirements. The cost of these materials will be \$2,300.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, please designate your gift for CCC kitchen or MTS.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to not only the team members who went on the trip, but also to National Community Church for their continued support of Congo for Christ.

New Children at Congo for Christ



(left to right) Sebastien, M'Munga, Haruma, Eto

Haruma is seven years old and in second grade at Mango Tree School. Her father died and when her mother remarried her new husband would not accept Haruma and provide for her. Her mother had three additional children before she passed away a year and a half ago. The father would not care for any of the children and they were living in desperate conditions. Their grandmother took them in but was no longer able to provide for them either. She asked CCC to take the children and give them the care she was unable to provide. After clearing through the government social agency, the four children were given a new home at CCC. They say the children can now smile and have hope!