

Help Us Feed Hungry Children

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Mango Tree School at Congo for Christ Center (CCC) in Uvira, Democratic Republic of Congo is making a tremendous impact in the lives of nearly 300 precious children. Global Outreach partners have provided the means to build and operate this Christian primary school. The students in this school are not only orphans from Congo for Christ Orphanage and Grace Orphanage but also children from families in the surrounding community. This is an area that faces extreme poverty and many of these children would not even be attending school if Mango Tree School were not available to them. These students are being afforded the unique opportunity of learning Christian values and life skills that have the potential to change the moral and spiritual fiber and climate of this region of the world. In fact, it is our belief that we are training the future leaders of Congo.



Students at Mango Tree School arrive with empty stomachs.

While the children's minds and spirits are being fed daily at Mango Tree School, their physical hunger persists. **Most of the children, including the orphans at CCC start the school day with nothing to put into their stomachs to dull the hunger pains with no prospect of food after school.** You can understand how this negatively impacts their ability to concentrate on their studies and think clearly.

Global Outreach currently sends about \$2,000 per month to feed the orphans at CCC and honestly we do not have any additional funds for food in our budget. **We feel compelled to share this urgent need with our donors and let you know how you can help feed these hungry children.** The first step is to prepare the kitchen so the feeding program can begin.



The current kitchen needs renovation to handle feeding program.

We are so thankful to report that a generous grant of \$1,000 has been received from the Amalia and Nicola Giuliana Foundation for Religion and the Arts to purchase commercial cookware and serving utensils. Perhaps you would like to join this effort and donate toward supplies still needed:

- \$500 - renovate the kitchen (see picture)
- \$300 - 300 plates @ \$1 each
- \$150 - 300 cups for water @ \$.50 each
- \$150 - 300 spoons @ \$.50 each

In addition to these supplies, the largest expense to begin and sustain the feeding program will be for food. We estimate a lunch can be provided for 300 students for \$150 per day or breakfast for \$100 per day. This is only \$.50 per lunch or \$.30 per breakfast! We are offering you the opportunity to provide a lunch or breakfast for one or more days and if you would like, your gift can be given to honor someone or to celebrate any special occasion. We will be happy to announce the meal sponsors in our newsletters and on our website. Please designate your gifts for Congo Feeding Program. A link is available on our website for donations to this project.



Help Us Provide Safety for our Children



The brick portion of two-thirds of the security fence for Congo for Christ Center property has been completed.

Early last year we announced the start of a large project to provide safety and security for the orphans at Congo for Christ. **The need for security and protection for the children is now greater than ever.** The brick portion of the wall is well underway and they have completed two-thirds of the 605 meters needed. The plan is to complete the bottom brick portion all the way around the property first, then add the metal poles which will complete the wall. Even before the metal poles are

added the brick portion is a tremendous help in keeping out stray animals and intruders. The wall will provide protection not only for the orphanage but also the nearly 300 students at Mango Tree School. The total estimate for the wall is \$80,000 and we have received about \$36,000 of this amount. To complete the brick portion of the wall we still need \$20,000. Every \$40 gift buys the bricks for one linear foot of the wall. Every gift, large or small, for this project will help us reach the goal of a more secure, safe campus for our children in Congo.



We love to see our children in Congo happy and having fun. A security fence will help keep them safe.

Cyclone Damages Orphanage in India



The roof of the Pothavaram orphanage was destroyed in a cyclone. The government is requiring this old building be replaced with a new concrete building.

Reverend Thomas, founder and director of Feed My People in India, notified us that a cyclone and heavy rains have damaged one of the orphanage homes. Thankfully, there were no injuries from the roof damage as the children were not inside at the time. This orphanage in the village of Pothava-

ram which houses 15 children and Pastor Yohan and his wife was purchased by Global Outreach about twenty years ago. The government has told them they must build a new concrete house at a cost of \$15,000 to continue caring for the children. **The old house is no longer safe but Reverend Thomas feels if we can repair the roof at a cost of \$650 they will be able to continue using it until a new building can be completed.** If you would like to help with this project, please designate your gift for India orphanage.



Pastor Yohan and his wife, Lydia, have served at Pothavaram faithfully for over 20 years

Annual receipts for your 2015 donations will be mailed to you by the end of January. Bless you for your generosity in helping to provide spiritually and physically for orphans, teens, widows, and pastors. Bill & Renee Reed