

Overcoming obstacles - gaining victories!



Dear Friends,

Since we arrived back in Congo last April we had many obstacles and at the same time great victories for which we are very thankful. A good friend of ours here said: "Living in Congo is like a free university course teaching you how to overcome obstacles." Indeed it is amazing how people here manage to make ends meet under the most challenging circumstances.

Some of the bigger difficulties we faced recently were major rain falls which washed away many houses, killing quite a few people. They also broke our and our

The German Ambassador helps with the food distribution in Kikimi/Mokali

neighbors' walls and flooded our houses. We are still fixing things up and prepare for the next rainy season coming soon.

Another time we woke up early to a big BANG - a car had broken through our wall and landed upside down in our front yard. Thank God the people inside were unharmed.

Recently also some of our materials outside the house got stolen and we are taking steps to protect ourselves better against theft.

On the other hand we had some great victories. After we moved into our new house one of our close friends proclaimed: "Now you have a seat in Congo!" Our dear landlord continues to help us get set up and we are very thankful for our many local friends who donated different items so we could get the house in order and have the basics to operate with. Some close friends of William in Italy donated a desperately needed car for which we are especially thankful since it's so difficult to



Big rainfalls flooding our house



The neighbors broken wall



No one got hurt: car broke through our front wall



Different people help us deliver food to the two orphan centres since we don't have a car yet

you are an important part of this work and will share in the blessings and rewards.

Dear Pastor Theophile continues to be visit the children. He helps us with organizing, coordinating and distributing the food to the children and further the work on the field. His wife



Florence and Jeanette cook ...



... and the children in Kisenso

Florence keeps overseeing the children in Kisenso with her faithful helper Jeannette. For the children in Kikimi we still prepare and deliver weekly food packages until we have the facilities to cook there.



Theophile & Wolfgang unload food in Mokali where we prepare weekly food packages ...

us build some rooms on the upper flat part of our field there. We need a room for a small family - the husband would guard and work invest more into it including fish for the fishponds, and the wife would cook for the children. Two bigger rooms are needed to feed the children and give them some basic schooling once we are set up for that. There will also be a small lockable storage room for the tools for the field. Since there is no electricity the



... until we can cook there too.

In order to be a bigger help to these kids in Mokali we are looking for sponsors to help



The orphans are so thankful for



German Ambassador and security officer visit our field-project in Mokali. He said that he enjoyed the food distribution.



This is where we plan the building

cook works outside under a roof where the children can also wash their hands. An out-house toilet will be separate as there is also no running water.

So far we found one potential sponsor. At the German reunification day we had a chance to meet the new German Ambassador and were able to shortly explain our work to him. When we shared that our operation is so small compared to what other big international aid-organizations have to work with, he encouraged us by saying that sometimes small projects can do more good than big ones. He didn't just encourage us with words but made a special tour to see our field and the orphans in Mokali and wants to see what he can do to help us realize the above building plans.

The overall situation with the children continues to be quite a challenge for several reasons. Prices keep climbing, especially for food; the "road" conditions to the outskirts are very bad, especially during the rainy season. Another big challenge which we didn't foresee is that some of the orphans are getting called by their relatives to move to other far away locations. This makes it impossible for us to keep caring for them. When this happens we take in new orphans and hope you don't mind to support another needy child in case yours had to move. We are very sorry for this complication but have no choice in the matter.

Some of you asked us how it is going with the minimum support for the children. The 10 Euros per child per month barely



Granny boils these cricket larva



Preparing another part of the field for planting seedlings



The final product: freshly harvested kassava potatoes



Captivated audience at our special Christmas flannelgraph presentation and lively songs with Marianne and Madlen

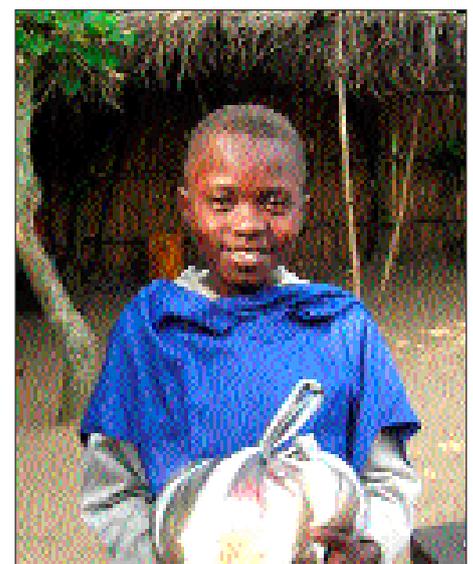


The Bible students enjoy their studies every Sunday afternoon in our public meeting place - Marianne plays the guitar.

cover their food expenses and we are thankful for our local friends who help to supplement those basic needs. It would be great if we could receive more funds so we can give them also some basic schooling, more clothing, medical care etc. But we don't want to overcharge anyone. Some of you give already more, but others cannot. We are thankful for whatever you can do to help us care for these precious underprivileged children. Thank you again for all your help! Each one of you plays an important part in this big puzzle - let's make it a beautiful picture!

Wishing you all the best - from hot Kinshasa,

Wolfgang, Lenka and team



The children in Mokali are very thankful for their weekly food packages and new T-shirts donated from a friend in Dubai

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