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The Africa Appeal

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The Africa Appeal is an outreach project under the care of the parishes of St. Columba of Iona and St. Bride of Kildare who are part of the Traditional Anglican Church of Canada (TACC). Along with traditional Anglicans in Australia, the USA and the UK, we send money to churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Cameroon and South Sudan. These fast-growing churches are, together with the parishes of the TACC, members of the Anglo-Catholic Church - Original Province, a worldwide communion of traditional Anglican Churches. Funds collected are used for clergy support and various projects developed and run by Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge (Congo), Bishop Wilson Garang (South Sudan) and Father Alphonse Ndutiye (Cameroon) such as building schools, a farming collective for widows, and sewing classes for victims of rape.

Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

Cameroon welcomes Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge

In 2010, the Anglican Catholic Church in Cameroon started off with one parish – the parish of St. André in Ngoulemekong – presided over by one lone priest, Father Alphonse Ndutiye.

In the space of four years, the church in Cameroon has grown to seven parishes with eleven priests and three deacons. This includes the seven new priests and two new deacons ordained by Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge during his Episcopal vist last June.



Bishop Steven also confirmed nine new Anglicans in a service in the original church in Ngoulemekong. Bishop Steven's comment that he found "the parishes are growing" is something of an understatement!

Vicar-General Father Alphonse is working to develop a diocesan structure. Bishop Steven has suggested that the new church is on the way to being established as a Missionary Diocese once that staus is approved by the College of Bishops.



One of the parishes visited by the Bishop contains the site of the new Cathedral of Saint Michael-Nsimalen, near the site of the international airport for Yaoundé. The Cathedral (shown at left) is being built with concrete blocks for permanence; this is essential to demonstrate to the government that the church is committed to the people of Cameroon. There are also longer-term plans for the construction of a small house which will be a new home for the current Vicar-General.

The cathedral of St. Michael is open for worship; but when the tropical rains fall it is perhaps a little too open! This is why a canopy is placed above the altar (just visible at the top of the photo to the right), so that the Eucharist can be properly celebrated no matter what the weather. When it rains, the people use umbrellas.



Cathedral construction moving slowly in South Sudan

Bishop Garang is also struggling with cathedral construction in South Sudan. As in Cameroon, torrential rain is not conducive to worship and holding church services under a tree as shown in the photo should only be a temporary measure. In war-torn South Sudan, the church must lead in the building of a new community and provide some measure of security for its people.

This is why the cathedral project in the Diocese of Aweil is so important. While the overall cost of the project is just above \$45,000 (see the May newsletter for an itemized list of costs), it is being completed in stages. A donation of any size would help this project move forward.



Generous donation funds church roof at St. Paul, Fizi in DRC

In the May newsletter, I mentioned two brick churches that had been under construction in the Democratic Republic of Congo for some time - St. Paul, Fizi and St. Mathieu, Sebele. They both needed roofs at a cost of \$2,070 each. Thanks to a generous donation from one of our readers, I am delighted to be able to tell you that construction is now proceeding on the roof for St. Paul, Fizi. It would be wonderful to receive a donation to cover the cost of the roof for the other church.

Bishop Steven writes about the on-going project to pay for the construction of schools in Sud-Kivu and Kasai provinces which the government will then fund and license. The school buildings are provided by the church; the government issues the licence and provides teachers and educational support.

Education is essential to address the great challenges facing these provinces. Without funding from outside agencies like the Africa Appeal, there can be no schools built. Without your help, we can do nothing.

With thanks for your support, And with prayers for a Blessed & joyful summer,

In Christ, David+

If you have comments or questions:

Please contact Father David Marriott at <u>drm274@hotmail.com</u> or 409-15210 Guildford Dr., Surrey, BC V3R 0X7.

How to give support to these churches:

There are no deductions from moneys received by the Appeal; the full dollar amount is sent to Cameroon, South Sudan or Congo. Any overheads are paid from gifts received for this purpose.

In Canada

The Parish of St. Bride, c/o 20895 Camwood Ave., Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2N9 Or

The Parish of St. Columba, c/o Box 894, Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0

Please make a note that the funds are for the Africa Appeal on the front of the cheque. Tax receipts will be issued by the parishes.

In the USA

The ACC Mission Fund, The Anglican Catholic Church, PO Box 5223, Athens, GA 30604

In Australia

Anglican Aid Abroad, PO Box 256, GRANGE, QLD 4051

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In the UK

Cheques should be made payable to "Anglican Catholic Church - Diocese of the United Kingdom" and marked on the back: "Missions – Cameroon, Congo or S. Sudan" as appropriate and sent to: Diocesan Treasurer, ACC Diocesan Office, St Nicholas House, 42-48 High Street, Lydd, Kent TN29 9AN