



The Africa Appeal

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Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

Cathedral construction in Cameroon very slow as temporary roof collapses

In Cameroon, when it rains, it really does pour down. At the Cathedral of St. Michael project in Yaoundé, lack of funds has meant that wall construction is slow and the congregation was obliged to build a shelter with roofing sheets so that worship could continue protected from the downpour of rain.

This has worked quite well until this past week when really heavy rain caused the shelter to collapse. Fr. Alphonse Ndutiye has asked for help to provide a stronger structure. It seems that this temporary structure, in order to be strong enough to last, would cost approximately US\$2,050.



The Cathedral will be some years in construction so the need is urgent. But as usual the money is hard to find, although he and his people in the church have worked hard to provide for a place where worship can continue during construction. Can you help?



Fr. Alphonse has sent these photographs showing the slow construction progress. Most of the funds for this work have been raised locally and Fr. Alphonse has used some of his personal allowance to purchase materials - which he can ill afford.



The white building is Fr. Alphonse's home and the future health centre. This unfortunately lacks running water and electricity at present but that too will come when funds permit.

Recently, a challenge was made as to whether the sale of the land to the church had been valid. The vendor and her advisor attempted to intimidate Fr. Alphonse and prevent any further work on the site. Fr. Alphonse has made depositions to the local authorities and to the courts in defence of the Cathedral project, supported by the Anglican Catholic Church and by the Archbishop.

Since the ACC was registered and verified under international law after an assault on the church by a man claiming to be its Bishop, the local authorities are well aware of the good standing of the ACC in Cameroon. Fr. Alphonse has established strong relationships with the local Prefect and sub-Prefect, the main administrators under the Cameroon system of governance.

Pursuing new partnerships to help South Sudan

Bishop Garang is now well, having recovered from the sickness which accompanied him home to Nairobi from his last visit to his Diocese in South Sudan. He is hoping to return there in the near future and is accumulating funds to pay for his air ticket and gathering together those things which are so desperately needed by the people of the Diocese. These include foodstuffs to relieve the endemic starvation and medications not available in the villages away from Aweil Township.

Getting these items to South Sudan in these days of increased airline baggage restrictions is a challenge. Those who have seen the women traders from Caribbean islands at Miami airport arguing with the airline staff that their multiple bags and bundles are not really excess baggage, can surely understand the challenge faced by Bishop Garang.

Malaria is a major problem in the Diocese of Aweil, especially in this rainy season. But to obtain a large quantity of mosquito nets for the people in the villages would entail a significant cost. As an example, a supplier in the USA has indicated that 16 bales (over 400 nets) would cost CAD\$10 per mosquito net. To this is added the cost of shipping which would be even higher than the cost of the nets. Of course, far more than 400 nets is needed in the Diocese.

WHO nets are manufactured from 100% polyester and impregnated with insecticide in a special treatment process that ensures the nets retain their effectiveness for several years and multiple washes. The insecticide treatment will kill, deter and knock out mosquitoes for 3 years.

How to protect the people of the Diocese of Aweil from this dread disease which singles out children and the elderly with great ferocity is indeed a major challenge.

The same four problems remain in South Sudan. These are:

- famine and malnutrition,
- the lack of clean water for human and animal use,
- disease, especially the threats of malaria and cholera,
- aid for those fleeing the civil war.



We are thankful for the World Food Programme which does a good job supplying basic foodstuffs and coping with the logistics of getting the sacks of flour etc. to the right places. This activity is of course far beyond our scope.

We would like to find another partner organisation to repeat the generous grant from Voice of the Martyrs which allowed two water wells to be

drilled in two villages; there are many more villages which lack this essential supply. Note that any organisation interested in helping has to understand the challenge of working in an unsafe area.



As with the provision of water wells, we must look to major donors for help with the management of malaria. One of the organisations we are approaching is the Gates Foundation,

whose goal (amongst others) is the eradication of malaria¹. As they work with partners who are based in the USA, it is hoped that the St. Paul's Mission Society of the ACC could develop a relationship. Of course, these things do not happen overnight, but the Africa Appeal asks for your prayers to make all and any of these potential partnership endeavours succeed, for the benefit of the faithful parishioners of the Diocese of Aweil.

Supporting the clergy of the Diocese, through the work of Bishop Garang, enables them to provide aid for those fleeing the civil war. They are required to offer pastoral support to the many who are in internal exile who have left all behind, fled in fear with their families and do not know when it may be safe for them to return to their home villages. For this, we ask for your support to enable us to do more so that the clergy can do more.

Father Alonda Makutano gravely ill in Congo



Recently, Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge in Congo (DRC) sent the following note to me and others concerning Fr. Alonda Makutano.

“Dear all,
Father Makutano was hospitalized since 2 months. He has got two surgicals of heart and pancreas. We tried to raising money from our parishes to help him but our effort is down now. The operation asked \$1,500. His family has been able to \$600, the diocesan's contribution is \$400, and Fr. David Marriott was \$150. We are in need of \$350 to complete the required hospital fees. Please have sorry to him. God bless.
Bishop Steven”

I met Fr. Makutano when I was in Congo in 2007. At that time he was a Catechist, taking care of several chapels on the road south of Uvira, on the way to Baraka. I asked him what materials he had for this work; his answer was to show me his Bible.

Later, he studied and was ordained priest. More recently, the village where he was priest was attacked by militias in search of minerals and manpower for illegal mining. He survived only to be diagnosed with major health problems and has been hospitalised in Bukavu where there is a University Hospital and School of Medicine. Please pray for him.

In the most recent issue of the Trinitarian, there was other news from Congo. The village of Moshu, which overlooks the beauty of Lake Kivu from on high, has gained a medical clinic thanks to a generous benefactor and now the village has a doctor working at the clinic. Many say that Congo is a lost cause, but this village has a primary and secondary school, a new medical clinic, and the church of St. Francis of Assisi is no longer a thatched roof brick adobe structure but has solid walls and a good roof to keep out the Congolese rains.

¹ <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/Global-Health/Malaria>

All of this has been achieved through the hard work of the people of Mosho, the support of Bishop Steven, and the generosity of Africa Appeal benefactors over the years, and, more recently, by great generosity of many other people. Please take a look at your copy of the Trinitarian for the full story.

Also reported in the Trinitarian is news that “The Missionary Diocese of Congo (ACC) has



proposed a plan to prepare for the establishment of a second diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo, possibly in 2020”.

This would be headquartered in the town of Baraka, close to Lake Tanganyika and south of Uvira. The 2014 population of Bakara was estimated to be between 90,000 and 120,000. In Baraka, the ACC has built a secondary school which still needs a roof before it can be put to use. It is to the south of Baraka

that Fr. Makutano had his parishes.

Baraka is in Fizi territory whose population is estimated to exceed one million. Fizi is situated inland from the lake where the land becomes mountainous. The Missionary Diocese of Congo has a significant presence in the township of Fizi Centre - the parish of St. Paul, now in a new brick building which we have been able to fund, as well as chapels in several surrounding villages.

I know you will join me in including all our brothers and sisters in these three countries in your prayers. As always, donations are most gratefully accepted.

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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, Congo or Kenya. Any overheads are paid from gifts received for this purpose.

In Canada

The Parish of St. Bride

By  see <http://parishofstbride.webs.com/>
Or: c/o 20895 Camwood Ave., Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2N9

*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

Or

A safe and inexpensive way of sending your gift is to make a deposit at any WESTPAC BRANCH to our Account at Morningside: MISSIONARIES OF ST ANDREW – ANGLICAN AID ABROAD 034 058 58 0656 - or use the INTERNET.

If you need a receipt for tax purposes or acknowledgement in the newsletter, please write to tell us your name, details of the deposit and enclose a self-addressed envelope. If you intend the donation for a special project, please let us know, so we can designate it accordingly.

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