

Clean Water in Congo!

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In July a team from National Community Church in Washington DC made a mission trip to Congo for Christ Center (CCC) in DR Congo. The team members were able to bless our friends at CCC with training for the Mango Tree School teachers, hygiene supplies and training for the girls, and providing ministry and counsel to the children and staff.

The team was also able to take two water filtration systems that were provided by Global Outreach donors in response to the appeal in the April newsletter. Jim Laird was a new team member this year. He was interested in going with the team, but wondered if his skills as a retired contractor could be useful in Congo. Little did he realize his skills were just what was needed! Jim was able to install the new system at CCC and also work with the CCC staff to teach them several technical skills and how to operate the new system. They are now equipped to keep this life-giving filtration system in good shape for years to

come.

This past July I was able to travel to Uvira, Democratic Republic of Congo with a mission team from National Community Church. While in Uvira, I led the team of grounds and logistics workers at Congo for Christ Center (CCC) in installing a water purification system that



Thank you, Jim, for your important work bringing clean water to CCC!

will supply clean water to CCC, Mango Tree School, and nearby neighbors, improving the health conditions of the children and adults alike. I used this opportunity to show the maintenance team how to install and operate the system provided by generous Global Outreach donors. Pastor Mika was also there to learn how to

install a second system provided by Global Outreach for the orphanage in Fizi. The grounds crew at CCC will be building a structure enclosing the system to protect it from damage.

Currently in Uvira, there are only two water purification systems in place – this newly installed system at CCC and one in use by the United Nations. We want to thank Global Outreach for providing these water purification systems that will make such a difference in the lives of our friends and loved ones at CCC. I was happy to be able to take part in this important water system upgrade. -Jim Laird

May God richly bless Jim and all the members of the mission team for the many ways they used their skills and talents to bless our brothers and sisters at CCC.



Jim and CCC staff installing water filtration system.

Children in Ohio Make a Difference!



Two of the girls pictured above saw the February newsletter and learned about families having to flee from their homes and live temporarily in the jungle due to the ongoing civil war in Myanmar. They wanted to do something to help, and I received a phone call from a young lady with questions about how they could provide food for those in desperate need. Questions from an eight-year-old wondering how much it costs to provide rice for one day, how many meals could \$100 provide and similar questions resulted in these children being determined to find a way to help. They made posters, gave a talk about it in church and then got together on a Saturday and cooked and baked an abundance of irresistible treats to sell the next day after church. They set a goal of raising \$100 to provide about 400 meals of rice. This young lady also went to a mission committee meeting and asked them to give \$100 for the project. You can imagine how excited they were to raise a total of \$638!

Food was gone!



Just a short time after the children raised the money, those having to live in the forest were able to return home. Since then, the war has once again escalated and the village where our Children's Home is located has come under attack. Pastor Richard sent photos showing the food pantry was empty as food is scarce and prices have soared. Families were once again having to flee into the jun-

gle and the children at the orphanage were forced to take cover and spend a few days cramped together in a bathroom. There was no electricity, and the children could not attend school. We rushed the money from the Ohio children to them and Pastor Richard sent the following note:



*"As soon as we received the funds, we bought all their needed food. We sent it to * village by taxi. We informed them immediately of the good news. They are all so happy and jumping and dancing for happiness. How joyful it is! Your help this time is more precious, we will never forget that we could buy the emergency needs for the children. We have great joy with unspeakable words."*



Above: Children taking cover in bathroom during bombing. Left: children praying for protection and food.

Our dear friends in Myanmar continue to face hardships and deprivation. Your continued donations will ensure these children and families have food and shelter and that the Gospel is proclaimed. Thank you for your prayers and support!

**name withheld for safety*

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