

New Orphans in Myanmar

July 2017

House of Refuge home is once again bursting at the seams and in need of more space! When we visited in January 2016, they had thirteen children and even then the home seemed crowded. Since then, they accepted an additional nine children last summer, six this summer and now have a total of twenty-eight children. Pastor Cyrus and his wife, Rebecka, also have two young daughters. The boys all sleep in a bamboo house, (see August 2015 newsletter) the girls all in one bedroom, and Cyrus and his family share one small bedroom. Everyone shares a single living space for eating, studying, Bible classes and other daily activities. Knowing that they are living in such crowded conditions, it was no surprise when Pastor Cyrus told us they are in urgent need of another house.



Six additional children joined House of Refuge this summer

It is an easy decision for us to want to help Pastor Cyrus when he shares a need. He didn't even ask for us to pay for the new project, rather, he showed us what they had already done to meet the need on their own. The new 30 x 20 foot building they are currently working on will provide two rooms that will be used for church services, a dining hall, a study room, as well as a classroom for the children and members of the surrounding community.



The older children are working hard to help with the new house

The total cost of the new building is estimated to be \$8,810. Some of you have already donated to this need through the donation page on our website. We have been able to send your funds to keep the construction moving along. Thank you to all who have given and any additional donations for this project can be designated for House of Refuge building.



The foundation for new building is dug by hand.

Pastor Cyrus always expresses his love and thankfulness for every gift we send to House of Refuge: *"Thank you for everything you have done and shown the unconditional love of our Lord Jesus Christ to the lives of forgotten children."* Pastor Cyrus

Great News from Congo!



We are so thankful the security wall at CCC is finished!

We are thrilled to report that the security wall at Congo for Christ and Mango Tree School has been fully funded! This has been a project that has taken over two and one half years to complete. The final construction should be finished this week at a total cost of \$87,842. Praise be to God for making this possible and a tremendous thank you to everyone who has partnered with us. We cannot overstate the importance of this sturdy brick wall topped with iron bars to keep the children safe. Not only does it provide protection for them, it provides a sense of security and well being in a land with a history of violence and war. All of the children have been impacted by violence and for many it is the reason they are orphans. What a blessing to provide this huge improvement to Congo for Christ.

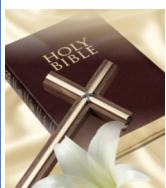
We have more exciting news to share from Congo for Christ. In the May 2017 newsletter we reported about Pastor Jeremiah and Asumani's visit to National Community Church in Washington DC. It was then that we learned of the urgent need to upgrade and repair the system that supplies clean water to not only Congo for Christ and Mango Tree School but also the surrounding community. From the estimates we learned it would be \$6,000 to repair the broken pipes and rebuild the intake area from where the water supply originates. Knowing they cannot go without water, we went ahead and sent funds so the repairs could begin right away. Thank you dear partners, once again you came through and supplied the funds to complete this project.



Praise God, the water is flowing again at Congo for Christ!

As always, your ongoing faithful support is what makes it possible to provide care each month for these precious children who depend on us.

We are still in need of a new Sponsorship Coordinator. This volunteer position plays a crucial role in keeping the sponsorship program healthy and vibrant! It directly impacts the lives of many children. Please let us know if you are interested or have more questions about the program. Ashleigh, the current Sponsorship Coordinator will provide training and share her expertise.



Memorial Gift in Loving Memory of

Ellen Smith

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Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:25

