

PROVISION OF FOOD AND OTHER FIRST NECESSITIES TO ORPHANS, VICTIMS OF PARENTS' MASSACRE  
IN THE BENI TERRITORY, IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

***"ACTION THROUGH GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, UK"***

Dear Friends,

We are sending you our very warm greetings from Beni, East D.R.Congo.

This scheme supports the project that contributes to the provision of physiological plus the application of Biblical principles of psychology, to help and restore hope for orphans whose parents – either one or several members in the families were massacred by Ugandan Islamic rebel factions. As stated in the project proposal, the responses envisioned for the intervention target the towns of Oicha plus Beni, and the surroundings in whole the territory of Beni, in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

On the completion of the plan for the school year 2016-2017, the implementation of the specific actions is actually leading to healing of bad memories and the restoration of hope for the victims, and helping them to experience God's love through the acts of Christian generosity. A short video, which is also sent to back this narrative, was produced locally to summarize the reality of intervention and evidence for the outcomes.

As said in our first letter-report, your continuous intervention brings you beside the beneficiaries, although thousands miles far away, showing the good intention God put in your hearts to serve the needy. This has been the perfect Christian testimony in the local communities of Oicha and its surroundings.

The report presented herein covers the whole period (including the first letter-report sent by end March 2017). This is after the completion of this school year's actions in running the activities of the specific objectives we sat up for the support to these vulnerable children.

For all this, please do accept our words grateful thanks, especially for the fact that you initiated this project from the burden you felt in your tender hearts, and promptly decided to act generously by providing the funding for the scheme. May all the glory be to our Most High "God of all consolation", in the most precious Name above all names –Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

**PROBLEM AND TARGET BENEFICIARIES**

As we can recall from the proposal we submitted for your consideration, the scheme was mounted and initiated to respond to the huge need, following the massacre perpetrated by the Ugandan rebels found in the territory of Beni namely ADF/NALU. These rebel groups have developed to act in the practices of Jihadists connected to some Islamic elements gathering mainly from Somalia, Uganda, DRC, Rwanda and Tanzania. They are operating from the sites situated in the Eastern side of the town of Beni in the hills of Ruwenzori Mountains. As also said in the proposal, thousands of people have run away from their villages in the territory and the majority is found in the town of Oicha. It's reported that more than 1000 people have been killed, so the many orphans and widows are found curenly in the town of Oicha and in other villages plus the corners of Beni town.

Since the launching of the activities for this project, we enrolled under this scheme a total number of 269 orphans, but 8 moved in other villages (some more 56 children are follow up in the surroundings of Beni town). Their selection is limited to those who are attending schools in the center of Oicha and some corners of Beni. The location of places to run activities for these victim children is divided into sites found, in Oicha for 223 children, and in the corners of Beni for 94 children (38 Beni & 56 in surroundings quarters).

### **TEACHING SESSIONS ACTIVITIES:**

Five members of our Healing and Reconciliation ministry trained in the practices of facilitating workshops for trauma healing in the towns of Oicha and Beni are voluntarily engaged to help these children. They are running 5 sessions a week, one at a time in 5 different schools. This has been programmed by the help of a coordination office in the town of Oicha, which coordination does the registration of children victims who lost their parents in the massacre since 2014.

The activities are being run specifically for these children since November 2016. As it was stated in the proposal, the activities continued for this school year 2016-2017 officially up to 30 June 2017. The children were supposed to go for a 2-month vacation. But as the facilitators (caregivers) realized that several of them are teens growing adolescents, and that after doing genuine confession of Faith in Christ, they decided to run Bible classes for those who are not going away from Oicha, at least twice a week. They are using the manual distributed by "Samaritans' Purse" called "The Great Journey". This begun after the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July, and the attendance was 78 teens daily.

The total number of those who attended the classes and workshops were:

- (1) 223 children in Oicha; 127 were able to recognize and narrate their bad experiences of having suffered either superarousal or intrusion, and testified healing of bad memories after the sessions during the seven months to June 2017. During the period they were attending the workshops, 220 confessed to receive Jesus Christ as personal Savior.
- (2) 38 children were regularly attending the sessions in the corners of Beni; 8 were able to recognize and narrate their bad experiences of having suffered either superarousal or intrusion, and testified healing of bad memories after the sessions during the seven months to June 2017. During the period they were attending the workshops, 14 confessed to receive Jesus Christ as personal Savior. There are 56 other children in the Beni surroundings who are followed up slowly, and they are not counted in this session because they were once chased from schools due to unpaid fees.

### **SAMPLE CASES OF 8 SELECTED CHILDREN FOR INTERVIEW:**

In evaluating impacts, the team went around in the two first weeks of July doing interview in several households hosting these children after previously interviewing the tutors in schools of their attendance. The summary of the interview is represented by the short video that was sent prior this report. The eight children amongst those visited home included here below. The very significant impact is observed and testified by their responsible in the households. Please do find attached the short testimonies on another sheet.

### **THE FUNDING AND ITS CONTINUOUS USE**

With the received funding we have been able to execute the following:

**SCHOOL MATERIALS:**

1. We provided pairs of uniform to 269 children for : \$ 941.50
  2. Notebooks to 269 children for: \$ 151.50
  3. Bill pen to 269 children for: \$ 59.15
  4. School bags to 269 children for : \$1,076.00
- Total fund used for school materials amounted to : \$2,228.15

**FOOD PROVISION**

1. Rice given 4kgs monthly to 269 children (February): \$ 817.76
  2. (Replaced beans); bread and milk on teaching sessions: \$ 268.32
  3. Washing soaps to 269 children (February): \$ 164.14
- Total food provision amounted to: \$1,250.22

1. Rice for Mach are planned with April (after Easter holidays)
2. Bread and milk on teaching sessions (March): \$ 268.32

**FUNDS SO FAR USED FEBRUARY AND BEGINNING OF MARCH: \$3,746.69**

**EXECUTED FROM MARCH TO JULY (FOR JUNE) 2017:**

	March 2017:	April 2017:	May 2017:	June 2017:	Totals:
1. Rice :	-	\$1,601.32	\$1,113.33	\$1,265.20	= \$3,979.85
2. Washing soaps:	-	\$ 248.68	\$ 179.00	\$ 166.40	= \$ 594.08
3. Bread and milk:	\$ 290.30	\$ 300.00	\$ 295.40	\$295.40	= \$1,181.10
4. Continued July, bread & milk:					\$ 305.00
5. Transport:	\$ 90.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 97.67	\$101.31	= \$ 380.98
<b>Totals:</b>	\$380.30	\$2,242.00	\$1,685.40	\$1,828.31	= \$6,441.01

Total funding executed: \$3,746.69 + \$6,441.01 = **\$10,187.70**. We will begin proceeding to reenroll the children by doing thorough assessment in their hosting families. This will help determine in advance those who are around to resume schools in September 2017.

The total budget in US Dollars was 11,443.78. We cancelled the provision of beans due to no direct access to the funds kept in the bank account of CME. We then introduced the provision of bread and cup of milk to take during the teaching sessions, because these sessions take place

after they come out of the school official programs. At that time they are very hungry cannot manage to listen properly to the presentation.

The displacement of facilitators is supported so far by the program of Healing and Reconciliation. The reality for the coming school year may also induce to school fees, since NGOs just promise but do not get back to pay. The schools are not supporting that we can provide for first necessities to these children when fees are not paid.

**SOME PHOTOS AND TESTIMONIES:** (see the attached sheet)

### **WORDS OF THANKS**

Once more, we are sending you all our very deep words of grateful thanks on behalf of all beneficiaries, of local communities including schools' personnel and all members involved in this activity.

Sincerely, in His humble service -Daniel.

On the behalf of the Committee.

Story No.1



She is called KAVIRA DORIKA MATHE.

Dorika is in form three at Itomu Primary School of Oicha. When she was still a little girl, her mother went away from their house and left them alone with their father. A few moment after, as raising the family was becoming tough, the father decide to shift from Oicha. He relocated with all the family in a village called Mapobo for field activities. They spent many days in that village. One day, ADF/ NALU came to that area and went with them in the forest. Dorika's father was given a very heavy luggage that he carried all the way from the village. Very far in the forest, after a long journey, he felt tired and asked to be given a few moment of rest. They directly killed him using a machete. Dorika saw that with her proper eyes. After shooting him, they strangulated an old woman and disemboweled her. Dorika, her brothers and the other people of the group, who were still spared, stayed in the ADF / NALU stronghold during a couple of months. When they needed to eat something, it is banana peelings that they could find and this is what they often ate.

When the government troops, led by Colonel Mamadou, started the second round of attacks against the ADF, they left the camp and went to fight. Dorika, her siblings joined the rest of people who were still alive and fled from the camp up to Mukoko.

Since she is attending the trauma healing sessions and has been taught about forgiveness, Dorika has confessed her pain at the cross workshop and confessed to forgive those who killed her father and she now feel better than she was feeling some months ago.

Dorika and her siblings are now living with their aunt.

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LUMANA

Her father was killed by ADF on a trip in the zone around Eringeti. She never saw the body of her father but was just told by her mother that he was no longer alive because the ADF had killed him. As Eringeti was becoming more and more unsafe, she was shifted by her mother from Eringeti to Oicha where she lives with her aunt while studying at Itomu Primary School in form three. But the way she was being treated in her aunt's house was worsening her desolation and pain. Now that she is attending trauma healing sessions where herself and other kids are being taught about the healing of inner wound through the cross of Jesus – Christ, she has testified that she has forgiven both the ADF for having killed her father and the acts of mistreatment she undergone in her foster family (her aunt's house).

Story No.3 (in the video)

He is called MUMBERE KIKONGO



He one day went with his father to bring food from their field, for it was harvest time for the groundnuts and banana they had planted. Just a few moments after they arrived, his father said he should go and wait for him out of the field where he often hid. It was in his friend's house. A few hours later, they suddenly heard shots and went to hid in the bush. At home, nobody knew what was going on. They thought that both were dead already. But his father was from being killed in fact. When the shots stopped, he saw his father among the dead whose bodies were found.

He already intended to join the army so that one day he could fight those who killed father. But he says he had given up that option since they have been taught that God himself has the right to revenge the harm they have experienced.

Mumbere is now in form five at Kitokolo Primary School in Oicha



She is called KAHINDO THERESE

KAHINDO is separated from her family for many days. When war came to Mayi – Moya, a village located at the North of Oicha, every one took his direction. She left alone with their neighbors. She got a lift in the car of someone who was also fleeing from Mayi – Moya. She just heard the people who came from the forest saying that her father was among the people who were killed. Up to now, she also doesn't know where his six siblings and his mother are found. Whenever she thinks of them, she really feels overloaded with pain. And life in her foster family, according to her testimony, is tough. People are often being unkind with her and this makes her remind of her parents and siblings.

The more she is attending the sessions on inner wounds healing, the more she is progressively feeling better. Kahindo also mentioned that she has forgiven those who killed her father and may be the rest of her family, though it is still hard for her to deal with that situation, she is can realize that the inner pain has gone.



She is called SISKI FATAKI

Siska was with her mother in the field. The ADF came few hours later. When she saw them coming, she fled and went to hid not far from the field but her mother stayed. From the place she was hidden, she saw how her mother was being killed.

Now Siska is in form three at Itomu Primary School in Oicha. According to her teacher, she is one of the cleverest student of her class. At the beginning of the school year she was very shy and nervous some times. But after she started attending the teachings on the healing of inner wounds, great change has happened in her way of being. She now laughs, plays with her class mates during play time and she is very active in class.

Story No.6

He is called KAMBALE BASIZA



Kambale's father was killed in Kokola by ADF. When his body was brought to Mamove for burial, Kambale saw it. They moved from Kokola to Oicha. He lives with her grandmother, his two siblings went to stay with his mother at Mabasele (at the other side of Oicha). In addition to the fact that he was wounded from the loss of his father, Kambale experienced mistreatment in her grandma's house because she used to insult him. The hatred grew in his heart to the point that he also intended to join the army one day so that he can revenge the death of his father.

Kambale testifies that the teachings on forgiveness after the cross workshop have pulled him back from the anger and revenge attitude. He decided and confessed to forgive the murderers of his father. He has also forgiven his grandma and is feeling relieved from inner pain.

Kambale is still going to school. He studies at Kitokolo Primary School

Story No.7

She is called FRANCINE

Francine's father and mother were killed in Eringeti. After they had been killed, the ADF put fire on



their house. Their bodies burned together with the house. She was taken in Oicha with her older sister after that happened. She lives now with her sister. When she was told by her sister that her parents were killed, she felt extremely shocked and even attempted a suicide. Whenever she could think about that event, she used to get in the house to cry.

Now that she is attending the sessions on lessons for the healing of inner wounds, Francine says she has been helped a lot for the anger and bitterness she frequently felt. It's decreasing progressively as she experiences it. She also confessed forgiveness for the ADF who killed her parents.

She is called GENTIL

Gentil's father was killed by the ADF in the field. They just heard that he was caught and killed but didn't have the chance to see his body and bury him. She felt very shocked by that news and took the decision doing her best to revenge his father one day. But since she is attending the trauma healing sessions, the pain she used to feel whenever she heard about ADF is becoming less strong. Gentil has already forgiven the ADF who killed her father.

Gentil is studying at Kitokolo primary School. She lives with her mother and siblings