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...with kind regards

November 2006

Dear friends,

CAN YOU HELP BUILD AN OPERATING THEATRE AND EDUCATE 3000 CHILDREN?

The trustees recently met with Philip Wood, an English doctor who is Medical Director of CME. It was really helpful to hear of the plans of the CME to start rebuilding. Up until now they have been using rented buildings and have been unsure about building their own until they had more stability and security. With the recent elections having passed relatively peacefully, CME would like to start building on the land outside Beni that they purchased last year. One of the projects is to create an operating theatre.

The current operating room is a rented house that has been adapted to provide minimal facilities for the 200 or so operations a month. The intensive care ward is about 100 yards up the road. The building plans incorporate an adjacent recovery room and intensive care ward. The budgeted cost for the Operating Room is £25,000. So far we have received £5,500. This a fantastic start since we haven't even told many people yet, so we feel sure that we should continue with this idea. We have not sought to raise funds to such a large extent before, and clearly we cannot do it without lots of support. If you would like to help, please see the forms below.



Left: the current operating room which is located in the house (below). The house is located on this road (bottom right). After surgery the patients are carried up the road to the intensive care wards.



The intensive care ward.
The making of bricks to build is an arduous task in Congo. However CME has already started making them. Below are some photos of those made so far?

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The bricks have been moulded from the machine on the right and are now drying. Once dry they will be covered in wood and burnt for several days until they have been completely cooked

Another recent project that we have started is at Nyankunde where 3,000 primary children attend 12 schools because we provide £1,100 a month to pay 120 teachers a \$15 a month salary. The teachers are not getting any regular government support and the parents are unable to afford the fees necessary. We recently received these pictures of some of the children at their schools.



We have funds to keep the schools running until June next year but we would love them to stay open beyond that. It only costs £5 a year to keep a child going to school. If you would like to help, perhaps as a Christmas present to a friend or family member, please use the forms below. It would certainly make a child's Christmas !

Thank you so much for considering the people of north-east DRC.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Trustees,

Chris Almond

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November 2006 Appeal

I would like to make a donation to Friends of CME Trust to be used as follows:

To help build an operating theatre at Beni £_____

To pay for children' schooling at Nyankunde (£5 per year per child) £_____

To be used wherever needed £_____

I enclose a cheque for £_____ in respect of the above made payable to 'Friends of CME Trust'; OR

I will make a bank transfer of £_____ on _____; OR

I will pay regular amounts of £_____ a month starting in _____;

Please send a Christmas card to _____ at _____ in respect of this gift.

I cannot pay anything now but would like to pledge an amount of £_____ which I will pay on or around _____ (date)

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

I would like to add Gift Aid to my donation and have completed the attached Gift Aid Declaration (please tick if applicable) ____

Friends of CME Trust bank account details:

Account number: 34512004

Sort Code: 60-12-45

National Westminster Bank Kempston

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Gift Aid declaration

FRIENDS OF CME TRUST

Charity Number : 1104119

Inland Revenue reference : XR79313

Details of donor

TitleForename(s) Surname
Address
.....
..... Post Code

I want the charity to treat

- *the enclosed donation of £
- *the donation(s) of £which I made on/...../.....
- *all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise
- *all donations I have made since 6 April 2000, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise
- (* delete where not appropriate)

as Gift Aid donations.

Signed _____

Date _____

Notes

You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 28p for each £1 you give).

You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the charity.

If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration (see note 1).

If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self- Assessment tax return.

If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity. Or ask your local tax office for leaflet IR 65.

Please notify the charity if you change your name or address