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Dear friends,

I wanted to write to you to give you an update on our two appeals that we started last November for the children's schooling at Nyankunde and the Operating Theatre in Beni.

Nyankunde schools

You may recall that we need only £5 to enable a child to go to school for a year. We started with approximately 3,000 children attending 12 schools in the Nyankunde area. The local community leaders agreed with the 150 or so teachers a salary of \$15 a month on the basis that they accept all the children who want to attend free of charge. So we are sending £1,100 a month to CME who then distribute the money. We now support 3,521 children.

Thank you to all of you who responded to this. In conjunction with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Uganda, we now have enough funds to keep these children in the schools until the end of 2008 ! Wonderful news! We have already received requests from two other schools to join the project and we hope too that many more children will be able to return to their homes after being refugees for 5 years.



These photos were taken recently in Nyankunde and Kalingi.

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Beni Operating theatre

We want to help build an operating theatre in Beni on land that CME own. The building has been designed by CME and will replace the town house that they currently rent as a makeshift theatre. The design is for two main operating rooms and one for minor ops. There is a laundry, office, waiting room, two preparation rooms and a stock room. The total cost of the theatre will be £25,000. I am sure you will agree that this is a relatively small sum considering the immense value that the building will bring to the community.

Since we launched the appeal, CME has obtained planning permission to build and we have received over £15,000 from a number of donors. Thank you so much to all of you who have helped raise this .The political situation has remained stable in north east DRC and so we have already sent the £15,000 to CME. However, we really don't want them to start but not be able to complete the theatre. Would you be able to help or help more if you already have?

Thank you so much for considering this again. Please remember too that if you can give under Gift Aid this will increase your gift by 28%.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Almond