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Dear friends,

We are glad to bring you an update on our support of CME from North-Eastern DRC in the heart of Central Africa . It is usually fortunate when the DRC is out of our news because it means things are reasonably calm which is, thank God, the case. Of course, the Ebola virus which had its origins in DRC is sadly prominent in our news stories.

Women's micro-credit

We were able to send £4,500 to CEMADEF, the micro-credit project for women at Nyankunde: <http://cemadef.org/index1.php?m=0&l=1>. This should enable a large expansion of this project in which 700 women are already involved. As the womens' businesses develop, they save for school fees and medical funds as a priority.

Exam fees for orphans

308 orphan children at Nyankunde were able to sit their final school exams as a result of £1,500 we sent to pay their exam fees. We received a letter of thanks from the chief at Nyankunde and the directors of the twenty schools. They reported on seeing improvements in learning at the schools. Some of children wrote to us expressing their thanks for our support – without it they could not have graduated. Their hope is to go to university but they cannot afford the £300-a-year fees. If any of you would like to support an orphan through their 5-year university course, please let us know. The schools at Nyankunde continue to grow and children seem happy to be back at Nyankunde as the two photos [right] show.



Other children's work

For many years we have been able to support another 36 orphans in Beni who have been cared for by Claudine and Daniel Masumbuko. We heard from Daniel that one of their former students, who went on to train with CME, is now studying in Belgium and has sent gifts to help support another 7 orphans in Beni starting this month!

OEIL reconciliation work



Daniel Masumbuko continues to lead the healing, peace and reconciliation work of OEIL, now in its 10th year. The work has now spread to other east-african countries. In DRC, over 20,000 people attended seminars and rallies last year, with over 9,000 saying they found psychological healing and the capacity to forgive. Over 4,000 committed their lives to Christ for forgiveness. The team leaders themselves needed restoration after an intense 10 years, but have also expanded their work to leadership development,

family relationships and marriage enrichment. They also worked with local pygmy tribes and some longstanding tribal disputes were resolved. The photo [left] shows the Lesse tribe chief offering land to the Pygmies as a form of reconciliation. [Photo right: one of the OEIL seminars.]



Sosé construction



Since our last newsletter we've received enough funds from Den Tailor's latest 'Welsh 3s' fundraiser to complete the 4th hospital building at Sosé. Here is the latest photo of it almost complete. It will enable separate wards for men and women. Below are some words from recent patients at Sosé.

I am Rachel, 29 years old, and I have had a tumour in my colon removed. I am very thankful for the good relations here between staff and patients and that while I cannot afford the treatment, I have still received care.



My name is Paluku. I am 62. I have had a prostate operation. I encourage CME to have separate wards based on age and to resolve the lack of electricity at night.



I am Alphonsine. I really appreciate your Christian witness – the daily spiritual strengthening. The hospital is clean as are the toilets. I came without hope, but through your care I will be leaving in 3 days.



Thank you, as always, for your interest in supporting the people who are usually forgotten.

Chris Almond
For the Trustees