

CI-UCBC, Community Based program

“Restoration Ministry – OEIL”

General Information:

Restoration ministry –OEIL (Organisation, Evangélisation, Intercession et Libération) is a reconciliation and peace building project, run for the healing and transformation of the Congolese nation after wars, operating for souls’ rehabilitation first, and expanding from the north east region of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

As branch of the Bilingual Christian University –“UCBC” of Congo Initiative from Beni, Restoration Ministry –OEIL is promoting Church Renewal and Global Mission move. The ministry is supported by Le Rucher Mercy Ministries International both financially and in Capacity development, by applying foundational Biblical truths.

Activities are run by formed teams of “OEIL” led by a core team through 7 centers in the region (fully operating in the provinces of Oriental and the Kivus). Teams’ members have good stand in the Biblical concepts, a good knowledge of the region, and are formed of committed Christians from different denominations of the region.

The work done is backed by intercession of the members of the ministry’s cells and other partners worldwide. God is truly restoring thousands of Congolese souls from brokenness and desperation.

The number of seminars we run in the 3-year’s plan for the healing, forgiveness and reconciliation towards holistic restoration is 199, with a total participation (including rallies) of 35,975 people. Those who testified at spot that they experienced healing and got free to forgive (amidst seminar sessions) are 12,580. Those who confessed to receive Jesus as their personal Savior are 2,647, and are under good care of local churches where activities take place.

The spill-over from direct impact in seminars and how it’s affecting the communities is far greater than just the number taken from workshops. Follow up by individual debriefing sessions mainly led by local intercessors and other servants of God is continuous after seminars and rallies. Week after weeks local churches receive members who testify to have experienced healing after such seminars or rallies which took place.

Several healing workshops run for couple of pastors to a great satisfaction. This was done for 14 ecclesiastic districts of the Emmanuel Church (CE#39), 3 districts of the Baptist Church (CBCA#3) and 4 for ecclesiastic district of the AIM Church in DRC (CECA#20).

SPECIAL EVENTS, END OF YEAR 2011 AND BEGINNING OF 2012

Rally run in Nyankunde: 26 to 30 December 2011, and in Mandro: 14 to 16 February 2012.

For those who know the region, they can remember the names of villages cited here. There took place a powerful rally run with ex-combatants in Nyankunde and its surrounding villages of Nongo, Kalingi and Marabo. The activities began in the night of 26 December and closed on 30 December at 6:30 pm. Three big trucks brought converted ex-combatants (2 trucks from Djugu territory –Rethy/Kpandroma, Nioka, Fataki, Bule, Blukpwa and Linga carrying in total 124 ex-combatants; and 1 truck from Gety carrying 51 ex-combatants). The activities were taking place from 4:00 to 7:00 am with intercession and exhortation from the Word of God, then an 1-hour break before going out for public addresses in different communities. The opening session took place with a gathering at the Chief's office ground where OEIL leadership and the Chief spoke to the villagers of Mbandi plus many who came from different areas. The whole population was mobilized by the local authorities of Nyankunde chefferie and of Irumu territory. Around 10,000 people were met in the three villages surrounding Nyankunde and Nyankunde itself. We began with the march of prayer run on 9 km by the corners rounding Nyankunde. The Chief plus his whole office members were at the head of the mass during the march, showing the itinerary. There were 5 public addresses in total, where those who were in higher position of militia movement confessed to the population all the evil practices they and their troops were doing during the wars. We also held 6 sessions of the teachings on discipleship specifically for them. The scenes were very moving. Surprisingly, the populations in all these areas were responding massively just as that was what they have been longing to see it happen in all the periods after the wars. Those who did public confession were even much more interviewed and they gave all possible details on the bad things they did. In Marabo, the commandant of the government army decided to arrest those who were confessing, but when it came to the call for people to respond, surprisingly multitude went in front to receive forgiveness and even repenting from long time bitterness. The commander himself surrendered his life to confess Jesus as his personal Savior. All his soldiers surrendered to the power of the Holy Spirit and could not think of doing bad things to the activists.

In all the places we made public addresses, 620 people in total responded to the call for receiving Jesus as their personal Savior in the five days. It was the first time that ex-combatants who themselves fought and destroyed Nyankunde came in and confessed publicly, giving detailed accounts of what they did in Nyankunde and in the surrounding villages. They were kneeling down at the front, repenting and asking for forgiveness.

In Nyankunde at the secondary school ground, one young man responded before all other people. It is said that he is the one who had sworn that he could never forgive Ngity tribe. He went through several workshops on healing and reconciliation, but not receiving healing from hatred. He was suffering trauma at highest level. That day, on the 27th of December 2011 the heavens were widely opened for him; and all people praised God for his restoration.

The last day, all the ex-combatants came in front of the multitude of the Nyankunde population. They knelt down and prayed for God's blessings on the whole region of Ituri. The Chiefs and the representative of Bira population stood in front of them receiving the blessings, and also in turn blessed them. The Chiefs declared at the end that Nyankunde and the surrounding villages are restored and that they are longing to encounter blessings from heavens.

This was the first time for the 51 ex-combatants from Gety to go out and widely experience Christian powers of reconciliation. They were highly impressed by the organization of their mates from Djugu/Kpandroma.

We used a local made radio transmitter (built by a Congolese technician out of a dead Motorola VHF handset) installed in the Nyankunde studio built by local activists of O.E.I.L., to air all the activities, even by live transmission. People were following public speeches up to 60km of distance. The technicians at the radio studio were receiving uninterrupted calls from everywhere, when people were listening direct through radio program the confession and testimonies. The event went on to be a true community healing and restoration during the whole week. People were so happy and so thankful for the way God allowed such a blessing to take place.

Beside these direct results, there are some related spiritual realities producing events in accordance with the prayers done in the rally's activities:

- On 16 February, while another rally was taking place in Mandro –east of Bunia, the army commander (Colonel of the brigade) who wanted to arrest rally program of Nyankunde went on strike retiring in the bush with 1500 soldiers, after writing a memo to the central government. The memo was like a confession for the population: it gave details on how they are mistreating the population because they are not getting totally their pay; that high officers are corrupted. It continued to complain for what their family members are suffering, their children becoming street kids and robbers, etc. This went on until the higher commander of DRC army came from the province and the capital city of Kinshasa to negotiate with them. We thank God that they came out of the bush without any war.
- On 24 February 2012, the roughest militia troops (led by Cobra Matata from Gety) fighting the government's loyal army from the forest (in south-east of Ituri) came out of the bush to stay peaceful in a village –Bukuringi. They called for meeting with the regional government authorities, which meeting took place on Sunday 26 February 2012 in a local chapel. They declared freely that they are fed up with the war and trouble. They presented their desiderata for the government to consider accepting them in the national army and political party. The dialogue was totally free and peaceful, after they asked a pastor to pray and sung the national hymn. The regional government authorities promised them to pass on their presentation to the central government.

We want to say that this just happened after the converted militia have had confessed publicly in rallies, and that they received consent of forgiveness from the population. We firmly believe that God must have been pleased with this public repentance and the granted forgiveness, so then He allowed those who were rough in the bushes to humble themselves. It is also true that they could have been listening to rally events and reporting day after day through the Nyankunde radio.

We are asking therefore for **special prayers**, that:

- This movement of militia from the bush and their talk with the government may be used by God to enhance the fact that militias get definitely out of the bushes and

that the fighting ends up. These are the only militia factions which remained causing trouble in villages in the southern part of Ituri;

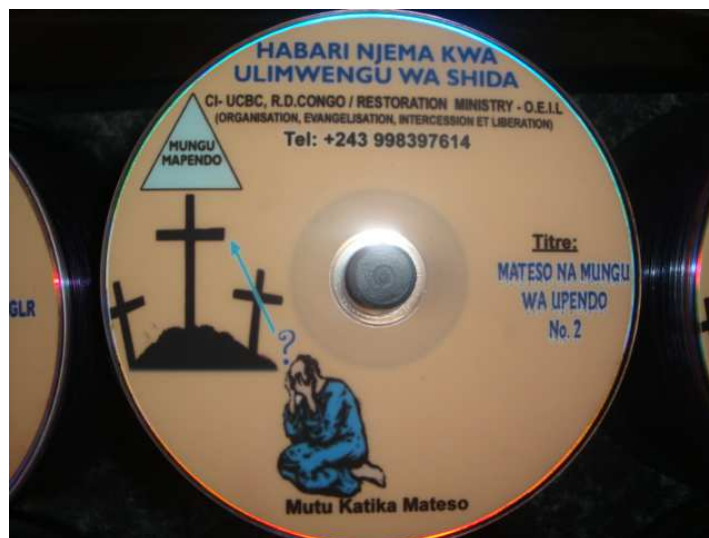
- That the new decision of the government to form national army regiments will be a way through which the authority will be well responsible to the army and have proper control of the movement of armed factions (even individual soldiers);
- That God will protect the population from the uncontrolled soldiers and militia from the bushes and who are not to surrender to the same orientation. This may increase considerably the number of bandits in villages and towns.

We would also call for your continuous support in prayers for the ministry, as partners in the warfare, for the new 3-year plan 2012 to 2014, and that God will use the teams and our practices for greater impact and new learning.

SOME PHOTOS OF THE EVENTS

1. DVD of teachings out of Healing the “Wounds of Ethnic Conflict” manual, produced in Swahili by OEIL media agent

These DVD’s are distributed to those having video in their homes. They are also used on the radio program, impacting a wider range of people and several villages.



2. Rally with ex-combatants in Nyankunde



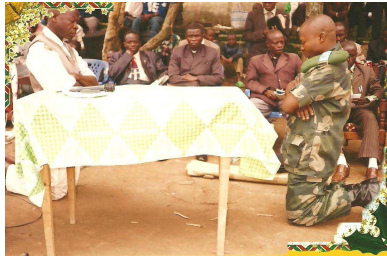
Arrival of ex-combatants; Public address; Beginning –chiefs leading the march (above)



Marching prayer (above); Public addresses (Words of God); The Bira center of Marabo



Those who destroyed Nyankunde. The girl who removed babies from womb to eat (above, Nongo/Sezabo)

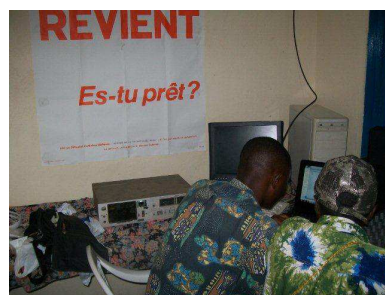


Chocking forgiveness, even with loyal soldiers. Ex-comb/Gety; The chiefs embarrassed (above



Chiefs and Nyankunde people granting forgiveness and blessings to ex-combants on knees (above)

3. Radio transmitter –local made casual machine



Installing the Arial; The machine; A baby speaking on radio (60km of coverage)

To our God, Him alone be all the glory.

Yours in Christ,
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