

What are Congolese Presbyterians doing to Educate and Nurture Children and Adolescents?

Run 554 schools in East and West Kasai serving 136,000 students (52,000 girls)

Run 130 schools in Kinshasa./Bandundu/BasCongo serving 30,000 students

Total -- 684 schools with 6400 teachers serving 166,000 students

What are Congolese Presbyterians doing to improve education in their schools?

I. Developed the Education Excellence Project in 2007 and 2008 to address---

Four Goals – durable school buildings, teacher textbooks, teacher training, transportation

- 1) Of 554 Kasai schools, only 120 (21.66%) are durable - 434 thatch
- 2) Textbooks for the 6,400 teachers in the 5 regions are rare
- 3) Teacher training urgent because need to know current methods/inform.
- 4) Motorcycles and a four-wheel drive truck (for Kinshasa) are much needed to transport supplies and supervisors to remote schools

II. Accomplishments since Education Excellence Project started in 2008

A. EAST KASAI AND WEST KASAI

1. One school renovation was started, awaiting funds to finish
2. One new school was started, awaiting funds to finish
3. Two teacher training institutes for 200 teachers were held
4. 2 motorcycles were provided
5. 2 laptops were provided for the education offices in EK and WK
6. A Computer Center for the West Kasai was created

B. KINSHASA, BAS CONGO, BANDUNDU

1. Tin roofs replaced deteriorating roofs on 10 schools
2. A teacher-training institute for 200 teachers was held

III. Current Objectives of the Education Excellence Project in East and West Kasai

1. Buy a motorbike for the Mweka region (**\$4,300**)
2. Buy science text books for 3rd, 4th and 6th grades in East Kasai (**\$3,510**) and for 3rd grade in West Kasai (**\$1,337**).
3. Finish work begun on E.P. Mulunguyi School (**\$12,245**) and Institut Presbyterien of Katoka (**\$31,354.04**).
4. Hold a training seminar for secondary teachers in W. Kasai (**\$5,000**) and for primary teachers in East Kasai (**\$5,000**)

IV. New Objective - SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN in the Kasai regions for school fees for the whole school year (about 10,000 francs), 2 uniforms (5.000 FC x 2 = 10.000 FC), shoes (5.000 FC x 2 = 10.000 FC) and to provide school supplies:

Item	Quantity	Unit price	Total
Blue pen	10	50fc	500fc
Red pen	5	50fc	250fc
Notebook	12	100fc	1.200fc
Book bag	1	3.000fc	3.000fc
Slate	2	200fc	400fc
Laths (??)	2	100fc	200fc
Pencils	3	50fc	150fc
Total			5.700fc

The total annual cost per child is 35,700FC , or **\$38.40** per child

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