

From the Treasurer's desk:

2009 Annual Report

Looking back over the past year, it is amazing to see what has been accomplished for our children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Kamina. The Feeding Program continues to date as we send funds to feed all the children on a daily basis. The Education Program grew in September, 2009, as our children are getting older and more are starting school. We now have 83 in attendance. As in the past, we provided for the necessary uniforms and copy papers and the monthly tuition to attend. They were all inoculated once again against diseases.

Many new and exciting Special Assistance Programs were put in place in 2009. We established a "Hygiene Program" for our girls who are maturing so that they can attend school on those certain days without embarrassment. We declared the month of April as Birthday Month as the children do not know their birthdates, nor celebrate them. We sent enough funds on Birthday Month for them to all receive special clothing and a party. The children started a choir, all on their own, and named it The City of Refuge Choir. We provided for them to have choir robes, per tradition of other choirs, and they are performing for the area churches. They are very proud of their choir.

We established a Toiletries Fund that provides for soap, toothbrushes and paste, and underwear. Early in 2009, Kamina suffered a very bad storm that did a great deal of damage to many of the roofs. To date, we have sent enough funds to repair five of those roofs.

Late in the year, we started a Scholarship Fund. This enables us to provide a high school education for 10 high schoolers who are not among our orphans. These are children who simply cannot afford to go to high school. They were chosen for their merit and need. This Fund is being supported 100% by recycling from the local area of Springfield-Eugene, Oregon. We have been able to inoculate these 10 and buy them new underwear as well.

The City of Refuge International now has an office in Kamina. This gives our Field Representative, Geiger, a place to keep his records and be available to answer questions to those who seek him out.

We started a Micro-Loan Program where we purchase a goat for a Guardian family for them to raise and then breed. They can use the goat for milk and sell the offspring. They are to return one of the kids back to The City of Refuge International and we will then give it to yet another family until all families have their own livestock for selling and eating.

In December, we were able to have our Third Annual Christmas Party where the children all received a set of new clothing and leather shoes. They were given a big dinner along with their Guardians and the 10 high school students. At this party they were all given a brand new French New Testament from the Bible Fund.

We are still working on the Motorcycle Fund to give our Field Representative a more efficient way to distribute the food. The Seeds Fund and Library Fund are also growing and will be distributed when completed.

Late in 2009 six of our orphan children left our organization. Three of them were found by an Uncle who had been looking for them for several years. There was rejoicing over this wonderful reunion. Another two moved to another town, along with their elderly grandparent who had been taking care of them, to live with younger relatives. The last one moved to another town with her Guardian. All six have been replaced by new orphans and are settled in with their Guardians.

Lastly, we added one more child to our organization which brings us up to 93 orphans being supported by The City of Refuge International.

Following is how our funds were disbursed in 2009:

Description	Percentage
Program costs	79.66%
Fundraising	13.12
Management	7.22
Total	100.00%

Donations can now be made either by mail to our P.O. Box, by Paypal on our Web site, or by our ACH (Automatic Clearing House) procedure. To inquire about the ACH, call 541-607-1203 and you will be provided with a form.

Again, thank you all for your faithful support and compassionate hearts. Please watch for the Spring 2010 newsletter which will include photos from the 2009 Christmas Celebration!

Sincerely,

Pat May

Treasurer