

Congo Voyage 2010!



Our trip to the DRC was a huge success. Six of our board members embarked on this life-changing journey to Kamina. Not only did we have the opportunity to meet all of the children and foster families involved in our programs, but we also returned home with more passion and energy to continue expanding our humanitarian work.

Look inside for more stories and photos!



Richard & Three of our Children



Geiger on New Motorcycle

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Program Updates & Events

Christmas is Coming

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Gift fund, please remember to send in your donations, by November 31st. This will ensure all gifts are purchased in advance. All funds are greatly appreciated, and all children will receive equal gifts. We hope to fund other projects as well.

Christmas Gifts (shoes and clothing)

Christmas Banquet

Storage Shelves

Mosquito Nets

Sewing Machines

TOTAL NEED: \$7575

Rummage Sale

Our Rummage Sale was a huge success! Thanks to all who donated & shopped.

Motorcycle

With your help, we bought a motorcycle for our Field Representative, Geiger, in Kamina. The motorcycle will help him more efficiently visit children, and purchase and distribute supplies.

Heart to Heart Sale

As in years past, we will be selling breads, candies, and other baked goods at this year's Heart to Heart Sale. Remember to pick up some yummy treats and support COR!

Nov. 11th, 5-8pm

Nov. 12th, 10-8pm

Nov. 13th, 10-3pm

Springfield Faith Center

600 Hayden Bridge Way

Springfield, Ore. 97477

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A Trip to Remember....

As we spent months preparing for our trip to Kamina to meet the children and families of The City of Refuge International, I felt both excited, and at times, overwhelmed. At the same time, I wondered how the children would respond to our U.S. team. To my big surprise, there was an instantaneous connection between us and the children in our program. Some of them would barely leave our sides. I couldn't help but be moved by their love, joy, and hospitality toward *us*. We laughed, played, hugged, and laughed some more. I was even more convinced that *love and relationship* must be at the core of what we do, because it wasn't the clothing and other gifts the children were most excited about - it was the hugs, love, and attention we showed them. Knowing they are cared for, that they matter to all of us, is making a lifetime of difference in these children's lives. They have reminded me to share love and joy whenever possible.

- Richard Kitumba, President

Reaching across oceans...
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“One thing I will never forget were the smiles on the children's faces and the sweet sound of their voices as they sang to us. This memory is forever imprinted on my heart.”
- Heidi Gaines
Board Member

*...taking one hand at a time.
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Sponsor a Child Just in Time for Christmas!

In our Spring/Summer 2010 newsletter, we featured eleven of our children who were still unsponsored. Thanks to you all, only six still need sponsors. Would you consider sponsoring another child, or finding a friend or family member who may be interested in sponsorship? Please contact us today to begin sponsorship.



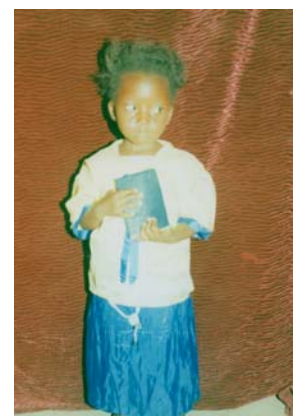
#38 Kasongo Monga



#39 Mutombo Kipaya



#95 Milene Ngoy wa Ngoy



#93 Zizina Monga



#96 Mukumbi Mande



#99 Sylvie Musumba wa Ndala

**Yes! I would like to help the
people of the Congo.**

I am making a one-time donation of \$ _____

I would like to sponsor a child monthly:

Partial \$35 ____ Full \$70 ____

I am supporting the Christmas Fund \$ ____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

Please send checks to:

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