



# CONGO CONNECTION

Summer 2019 Newsletter



A message from Rev. Kizombo Kalumbula, Sr. - Field Director in the Democratic Republic of Congo

## Thank you from the Field Director:

Dear friends of International Berean Ministries, Greetings in the name of our glorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer.

On Sunday May 12, Wababili and I completed a year in Grand Rapids visiting with our children grandchildren and many friends. Thank you for your involvement with us while we were among you. We enjoyed daily fellowship with God's people at Tabernacle Community Church and other friends around the country.

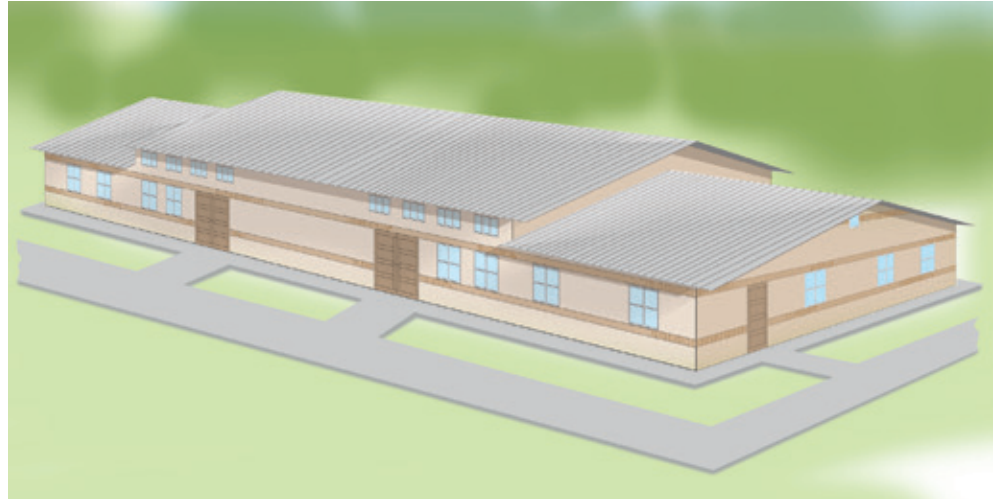
Beloved, we are grateful to God for you and for your continued support for our ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). You are an amazing gift to us, and we continually thank God for you as we remember you in our prayers. Although you are just receiving this note, the purpose of it is to let you know that we arrived home to the DRC on June 1. We would ask you to continue giving prayerful consideration and making a sacrificial financial gift to this ministry as you always do.

## 10 Steps of Faith

We want to highlight the steps of faith we are taking as we are back on the field in the DRC.



- 1 To Intensify training leaders within our organization and in the community we serve
- 2 To Establish a Center For Human Flourishing from where leaders will be trained
- 3 To Equip that center with teaching and training materials



## Proposed multi-purpose community center will be new home of the Center for Human Flourishing in Kitindi

- 4 To Train more people in conservative agriculture and animal husbandry
- 5 To Develop cooperatives with the graduates of our Bible Based Agricultural Training
- 6 To Revive our Sports Ministry and Community Bible studies in all our churches
- 7 To Acquire good drinking water by well drilling
- 8 To Expand the program of feeding all the school kids from primary to secondary school
- 9 To Train women in their responsibilities as mothers, wives, and as strategic citizens
- 10 To Strengthen and Mentor the IBM team in DRC

As we resume, we want to reassure you that your prayer and continued support has enabled Wababili and me to continue the work of transforming lives of many people in DRC. We trust God's sustaining grace as we continue to minister to the Congolese people.

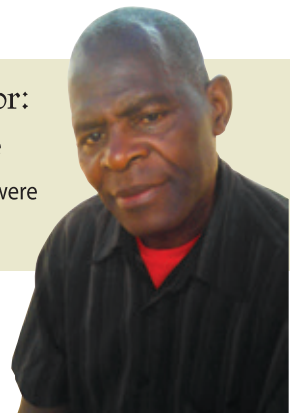
- Pray for Mukumbi and his wife who were sick in Kitindi; they came to Bukavu for medical treatment. Their health is improving.
- Pray also for our safe travel back to Bukavu for the conference in July.
- Pray finally for the IBM work in DRC as a whole as we labor for the expansion of God's kingdom in his people's hearts.

### A personal note of thanks from the field director:

Wababili and I returned to the DRC and our mission in early June. We are grateful to each person that worked tirelessly for the ministry while we were away. We look forward to being at the Teachers Conference in July.

May God continue to bless our friendships and our partnerships. You are valued and loved by God!

*Rev. Kizombo and Wababili Kalumbula*



# Executive director's note

Dr. Kizombo Kalumbula, Jr.



*From the Executive Director:*

Congo is Calling You and Me

Dear Friends,

Earlier this year, I heard the Lord calling me to go minister to the Congolese people this summer. I invited many of you to pray with me as I sought clarification for the call. I am grateful for your faithful prayer. I have heard the Lord say, "Go strengthen the ministry I entrusted to you to the Congolese people." He revealed the following areas of emphasis: Outreach to the families, strengthening the church, and improving our Christ centered education.

On July 3, I will be traveling to Africa (Kigali, Rwanda, and Bukavu, DRC) with my brother Dr. Mulonge Kalumbula. We will spend two days visiting with potential ministry partners in Kigali, Rwanda. The remainder of the time we will hold a conference and training with principals, teachers, and school administrators in Bukavu on the theme of "Re-imagining Christ-centered education" within our schools in Bukavu and Kitindi. We believe Christ-centered education is key to rebuilding war torn communities and to increasing the impact of our ministry in the Congo. Please pray that the Lord will be magnified through our words and actions.

God has used your prayer and financial investment in this ministry in the past. Will you join us in our effort to share God's love with the people of Congo? Our conference budget to train and equip these ministers this summer is \$20,000. Your generous gift will enable us to equip these ministers and to prepare them to deliver Christ-centered education that will impact their communities for many years for the glory of God.

Your fellow traveler,



Dr. Kizombo Kalumbula, Jr.

## Praises and prayer requests

We thank God for the safe trip we made from Kitindi to Grand Rapids.

We thank God for giving us a good place to stay and relax while in Grand Rapids.

We thank God also for good friends and prayer partners who care for God's work and our welfare.

We thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon us.

Please pray for us as we are undergoing many doctors' visits.

Pray for the DRC as it is in a horrible situation of human right abuse and political chaos.

Pray for our ministry leadership team in DRC as they carry on the work for the expansion of God's kingdom.

Pray for our different ministries in DRC, the schools, the churches, and our community transformation efforts.



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