

Congo's Children (a project of Accountable Development Works) Summer 2016

Dear Friends;

Thank you for your continued interest, prayers, and gifts for the Congo home for orphans and street children. With your gifts, we continue to support the children with \$1250 US per month for food and \$2000 US every trimester to help with school fees. Georgette, her co-workers, and the children express their appreciation often!

Together with us you have been involved with the orphanage now for 10 years! We see many good results.

- The children are older; some are in trade school or University, and others have “graduated” from the orphanage and are supporting their own families. They remain part of the orphanage family and give back to the orphanage.
- A US-based organization provided a well with a water pump powered by solar power.
- A German organization built a new school for 300 students from grades K to Grade 10.

Georgette insists with thanks that without your steady support they could not have developed to this stage.

Good things also happened this last year with your support of Georgette and her children.

- A trivia fundraiser in Nov. 2015 raised \$6000 for textbooks;
- A crokinole tournament fundraiser raised \$3000 more for the spring school fees;
- The students of Menno Simons College donated \$500 to the Congo orphanage;
- Our Family Adoptions, a US organization, donated US \$12,000 for toilets for the school;
- Two new people, Kim and Zakk Fast, joined the Congo Orphanage board.



Georgette - founder and 'mother'



A kindergarten class at FIDES



children doing exercises before school

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Upcoming events include the following:

- David Pankratz, Nel Derksen and Zakk Fast plan to visit the orphanage in September. This visit will strengthen relationships and will comply with the Canadian government's oversight regulations.
- We are planning a larger group visit to Congo and the orphanage in 2017. If you are interested, please contact us!
- To raise funds for the fall payment of school fees, we are joining the RIDE FOR REFUGE bike-athon (<https://canada.rideforrefuge.org/charity/congoschildren>) this fall. You may walk, jog, or ride 5 km, 10, or 25 km. Please join us!! Let us know if you'd like to sponsor one of us in this ride.



Georgette

We invite you to make a monthly commitment or an annual donation. Take advantage of automatic deposit arrangements by emailing us with your interest in doing this. We issue income tax receipts for all donations. Cheques may be made out to **Accountable Development Works**, with a note 'Congo's Children' and sent to 181 Canora St., Winnipeg, MB, R3G 1T1.

Thank you!

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