

### CONGO'S CHILDREN BY THE NUMBERS

**8 – students in University this year!**

**4 - students that still need sponsors for the remaining 4 years of their programs;**

**54 – children fed, housed and clothed for the year through monthly remittances!**

**\$900 - the gap between Georgette's regular monthly food costs and our regular monthly income;**

**\$150 USD – the monthly salary of a potential staff person at the orphanage.**

**Funds we can't currently commit to.**

**January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7:00 pm – Our next Crokinole Fundraiser!**

**This year, it will be at CMU's expansive Folio Café. More details to follow.**

#### Successes:

#### University – the last leg of our commitment to the children



Guilain is in his final year of medicine



Tshanda is in the 3rd year of a 5-year business program



Dido is starting a 5 year law program



Glody is starting a 5 year business program

It's been a remarkable year for the children at Georgette's home (FIDES). From the start, the commitment we made with Georgette is that her children would be supported until they could provide for their own families and contribute to their community – and this is being fulfilled in front of our eyes!

This year, thanks to generous donors, there are 8 students in University! Additionally, sponsors have committed to see 4 of these students through to graduation!

#### Daily Meals, Housing, Clothing, and HealthCare – the mundane necessities

Often lost in the excitement of meeting specific goals, is the daily success of meeting basic needs – food, housing, healthcare; and the emotional and physical safety provided by a home, surrounded by people who love and care for you.

Together, over the last 12 years, we have helped Georgette every day!

*Thank you.*

**Challenges:**

**University and Trade School – looking for \$500 or \$1000 sponsorships**

We are thrilled Georgette’s children transform from ‘orphan’s to University students. To complete our commitment to them and to Georgette, we are looking for families and small groups to commit to 4 years of sponsoring the 4 young women and men pictured here who are in the first year of their programs.



Dieu Merci is studying Political Science / Admin



Nkongolo is studying business



Petit-Jean is studying Architecture



Sara is studying business

**Monthly food costs – a monthly \$900 gap:**

We’ve committed to send Georgette \$2,250 every month for food – in US Dollars, so that her children will not suffer from exchange rate changes. Because of the exchange rate, our regular monthly income is \$900 USD short, a gap we cover with general donations – income that we’d love to use for her other needs.



**Leveling Up – staffing for the home, school capital needs:**

*Staffing:* The orphanage needs staff –We would love to be able to send an additional \$300 US a month to pay for two staff (one male, one female) to care for the children and property, so Georgette can fulfill her leadership roles.

*The school:* The school (LeChevronné) seeks full state accreditation to teach to Grade 12. As such, the school needs a computer classroom, a science lab and a perimeter fence. The student tuitions cannot cover this.

*Final notes:* If you have an interest in the joys and challenges of supporting Georgette with your insights and energy, please let us know. We’d love you to join us.

Georgette very much wants us to visit her in 2019. We’re considering that, and ask for your prayers for guidance in whether to go, when to go, and who would go. Let us know if *you would* be interested in visiting Georgette.

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