

The Nuru News

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Standby for School!

Upon return to Kasenga we began making plans to construct the second school building at the Galilee Church property. 10,000 bricks have been delivered. We're purchasing 300 bags of cement as well as lumber and roofing materials. In mid-March (near the end of the rainy season) we hope to begin construction.

Why is constructing a school important?

1. Currently 35-40% of all children in Kasenga do not attend school and may never learn how to read or write. A majority of these children are girls.
2. By being a church (private) school we are able to share the Gospel with the children who attend. Parents may also be drawn to the church through connection to the school.
3. The school provides jobs for teachers. Unemployment in Kasenga is over 80%.
4. Demand for more schools is high. Over 100 students are waiting to begin their studies at the Jane Wise School when we add the second building.
5. We are investing in the future. We know that the school will develop future leaders for the church and community.

Still not convinced? Just enjoy the smiling faces in the photos at right. They are having a wonderful time learning at school!



Seen Us on YouTube?

Late in January we completed our five-minute informational DVD about Nuru Ya Mapendo and posted it on YouTube. If you haven't viewed it yet, please visit www.youtube.com and search "nuru ya mapendo". "Like" us if you enjoy it! We'd love to receive your comments and feedback at nuruyamapendo@yahoo.com. Our thanks to Johnathan Taulbee who helped us complete this important project.

Social Media Secretary

Nuru Ya Mapendo is looking for a part-time social media secretary. This position can be done remotely from home and involves about 10 hours per month. The candidate must have computer and internet access. We're looking for someone who is supportive of our work and actively enjoys Twitter, Facebook and updating websites. The secretary would also be responsible for distributing the newsletter and taking minutes twice a year at our Board meetings. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Wise at (727)793-7970.

Not Receiving Our Newsletter?

Some have mentioned that they are not receiving our newsletter although they have placed their e-mail address on our list. If this has happened to you, please check your "spam" or "junk mail" box. Chances are the newsletter is going to that file. You must instruct your e-mail account to "accept" the newsletter sender address.

Has your e-mail address changed? Be sure to let us know by sending a message to nuruyamapendo@yahoo.com. We don't want to miss you!

Prayerfully consider a pledge of monthly ongoing support; Nuru Ya Mapendo is an approved 501(3)c non-profit organization. Visit www.nuruyamapendo.com or e-mail nuruyamapendo@yahoo.com. Our mailing address: 4918 Woodmere Rd, Land O Lakes, FL 34639. You may also give to General Board of Global Ministries Advance Giving, show check memo as: "Advance Number 982465-Jane Wise" Mail to: Advance GCFA, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068.

Agriculture



Developing Egg Businesses in Kasenga

Fresh eggs are a valuable source of protein for families in Kasenga, however the problem exists that eggs are not always fresh in our area. Vendors buy their eggs from neighboring Zambia and Lubumbashi, where eggs are already days old when purchased.

Nuru Ya Mapendo is going to start some egg businesses in Kasenga this year so that residents have more opportunity to benefit from fresh product. We have ordered the chicks and will offer business opportunities and training. Your giving to Nuru Ya Mapendo sponsors beneficial programs like this one for the people of the Kasenga District. Watch for additional information in future newsletters!

Moringa Flower Tea

If you have been reading our newsletters you will remember that moringa is one of the “super-plants” we use in Kasenga. Almost all parts of the moringa tree have healthy benefits. This is the time of year when our moringa trees are flowering. Moringa flowers need to be cooked before eating. When fried or battered they are said to have a taste similar to mushrooms. Moringa flowers also make a wonderful tea. Simply fill a cup with boiling water, add the flowers and steep for five minutes. You may add sugar or honey to taste, however the flowers give a light, refreshing flavor and it’s great “as is”. The tea makes a good cold remedy but can be enjoyed any time as a decaffeinated beverage.

Caution: Moringa flowers should not be used during pregnancy.



Answered Prayers/Prayer Requests

- Your prayers were answered! Jane and Sylvain arrived safely in Kasenga on February 4. We were road-weary and sleep-deprived but are ready to begin our work for the District.
- Pray for our staff as we transition to a full-time security staff and a full-time Operations Manager during the months of March and April. This change will mean much more work can be accomplished within the District.
- Praise! For all those who contributed to complete construction at the Jane Wise Primary/Secondary School. We are so excited to complete the work because so many children are waiting for a classroom. Your gifts are a blessing to the Lord as you participate in our ministry.
- We pray for additional partners in our ministry, both in the South Congo Conference and in the USA. Please share about our work with others as you pray for this need. Giving only \$10 per month can be stretched so far in Africa.
- Jane must renew her resident visa in 2018. Begin praying for this process which will take 6-8 months. Pray for trustworthy and responsible people to carry all the necessary documents from Lubumbashi to Kinshasa and back.

Blessings, Jane



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