

Staging the Site!

Nuru Ya Mapendo has been planning for the past four months to erect the walls at Galilee Church in Kasenga. The project is a huge undertaking and the most ambitious on our list to date! The church foundation is octagonal and measures approximately 38 feet on each side.

Site preparation took 4-5 days with the help of volunteers. Large holes were filled and the area around the foundation was cleared of tall grass so that workers can move safely (below, left). Areas were cleared where the cement will be mixed.

While 35,000 bricks have been collected and have been waiting for a year, it was necessary to purchase the remaining materials needed for construction. In March we completed purchase of 470 sacks of cement from Zambia (below), 70 planks of lumber, two large trucks-full of sand and gravel, 350 rods of rebar- and of course the money for the labor.

Women volunteers from the church will come each day during the eight weeks of construction and will prepare a meal for the work team consisting of 6-7 men. As many as ten volunteers will also work at the church each day assisting the work crew. NYM stockpiled many sacks of corn flour, charcoal, buckets of oil and other food supplies necessary to accomplish this task!

Work will begin on April 11 and we look forward to sharing progress with you! As part of our “cleaning up”, we also painted our new church sign which is near the main road (below).



Behind the Scenes

During the course of construction, my team at NYM will be working around the clock to support the Galilee project. Since the church property has no water source, water cisterns will be filled each night and carried each morning in the Tundra to the work site. Drinking water for workers, food for the meals, tools and materials (cement, lumber, re-bar) must also be hauled each day.

On any given day volunteers will come to move bricks, mix or haul cement, carry water, and many other chores. It takes a multitude of workers to accomplish the work! We are grateful for each and every one who gives of themselves to accomplish this huge project.

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Prayer Requests/ Answered Prayers

- Please continue to pray for me as I work to learn Swahili. I'm making progress, but it seems very slow indeed!
- We give praise that four new bishops have been elected in the DR Congo! Change is needed, and we continue to pray for forward-thinking vision that will successfully lead the church into the future. Pray for the Bishop as he makes important decisions regarding staff and leadership positions. The DS and I will be attending the Bishop's installation on April 9 in Lubumbashi.
- Pray for the safety of all workers during the construction at Galilee Church.
- Pray for Kevin who is producing our DVD about NYM. Pray for his efforts to be successful so that it can be distributed soon!
- Pray for this busy season in the church: for the leadership, the D.S. and the missionary. Charge conferences begin this month, followed by District Conference and Annual Conference. Annual Conference will be held with our new Bishop; pray also for him as he acclimates to his new position.

Agriculture

Thanks to the precious gift of water, we are growing food nearly year-round at Nuru Ya Mapendo. We just had to share with you a photo of our first watermelon of the season, a 22 pound (10 kilo) whopper! We put it in the refrigerator overnight and it was greatly enjoyed by four families the next day. What a special treat!



Blessings, Jane

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