

# The Nuru News

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## Progress at School

Good progress is being made at the Jane Wise Primary/Secondary School in Kasenga! This month we are installing the roof and doors. Although the seasons are opposite in Kasenga, school is in session during the same months as the USA: August to May. We are very pleased that all classrooms will be ready to begin the 2018-2019 school year.

We are now asking for contributions toward school desks which must be constructed during the months of June, July, August. Our wood desks are constructed by local carpenters and cost 46,000 fc (\$29) each. Sixty desks are needed for the four new classrooms. If you feel led to give to this need, please mark "school desks" in your check memo so that funds will be properly allocated. Enjoy the photos of the recent work on the school and thank you so much for your gifts that are making a difference!



## Learning to Sew

The United Methodist Church in Kasenga is offering both literacy and sewing classes for women. The sewing class has about 30 members and I visited them this week to see their projects. While NYM is not providing these programs, we greatly support their efforts. The women have learned embroidery and have designed and made a girl's dress by hand as their first sewing project. The class is now in need of some hand-operated sewing machines to learn further skills. If you would like to donate a machine costing \$75, please send a check marked "sewing" in the memo and we'll make sure that the ladies receive the machine(s). The women are so proud of their accomplishments and they wanted me to share a photo of their projects.



## New Transportation for NYM

NYM has purchased a small motorcycle. Since motorcycles and bicycles are the primary means of transportation in Kasenga, the cost is low, and parts are readily available. The staff and I are confident it will be a cost-efficient and time-saving investment.



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# Agriculture



## Just Waiting for Eggs!

One hundred layer chicks are vaccinated and growing quickly at Nuru Ya Mapendo! We're waiting for mid-May when the layers will begin producing eggs. Eggs are not always fresh in our area because local vendors buy their eggs from neighboring Zambia and Lubumbashi, where eggs are already days old when purchased.

Nuru Ya Mapendo is starting our own fresh egg business in Kasenga and will encourage others to do the same by selling layers and providing training so that residents have more opportunity to benefit from fresh product.

## Moringa Project Begins

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. We have started our moringa tree distribution by planting trees at each of our churches in the district. This month we planted five moringa trees at the Galilee/JW School site. In Science class, students will learn about the benefits and uses of the tree and practice the techniques to harvest leaves for powder and cooking, flowers for tea and cooking, and seed pods for animal food and cooking. We know the children will be anxious to share this information with their families! The teaching module will conclude with each student receiving a seedling (which they grow from a seed) to plant at their home.



# Answered Prayers/Prayer Requests

- Praise! For all those who contributed to 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.
- Please pray for D.S. Sylvain as he recovers from elbow surgery during April. The first surgery earlier this month was not successful and unfortunately had to be repeated this week.

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# Easter Week



During the week before Easter, pastors are assigned to a church other than their “home” church and conduct revival services each weekday afternoon. Since there is a shortage of pastors in our district, D.S. Sylvain and I covered Siloe (SEE-lo-ay) Church, a very poor and struggling church. We took turns preaching and worked to re-connect members of the church who had drifted away. We praise God that several neighbors also decided to attend, and some gave their life to Jesus that week.

Siloe had been renting a small building for their church and they watched it collapse three times in as many years during the rainy season because the building was poorly constructed. During that time the church has worked to raise money so that they can buy their own parcel of land and begin building their own church. The church is now meeting under a tarped enclosure on their property.

Please pray for Siloe Church and all the churches in our district which struggle just to survive.

# District Charge Conferences



District Charge Conferences are scheduled during March and April this year in four locations throughout the district. It has been quite a challenge because the rainy season has not followed its normal pattern. Rains continued into mid-April and many roads became unnavigable for long periods of time. This meant that two of the four meetings were cancelled, and reports had to be collected independently! Africa requires a lot of “creative thinking”, but we’re confident we’ll be able to complete our work and be ready for Annual Conference at the end of June 2018. The photos above are from the Charge Conference in Kawama.



# Loving Care

*“I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul.” -Psalm 31:7*

There is hardly a day that goes by where I fail to see God’s love and care surrounding me. This month was no exception. I had a leg infection which required medical attention and many follow-up visits. Twice I was stranded on muddy roads with truck-size potholes and nowhere to go, saying to myself that I would be spending the night sleeping in the Tundra in the “bush”. Months without internet shut down our business transactions between Kasenga and the US, and yet miraculously I was able to check my messages with my phone to see if anything urgent needed to be addressed. This is the constant, loving care of our Lord. He is compassionate toward our every hurt, our every need, our every fear- no matter how small. He is faithful in keeping His promise that He is always with us; we are never alone. I am so grateful to be in such a wonderful relationship with a Loving Father, a Guiding Spirit, and Jesus, my Sacrificial Friend. I hope you are, too!

*Blessings, Jane*

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