

# The Nuru News

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## We're Half-Way There..

As I write the newsletter, we are at the half-way mark for erecting the walls of the Galilee Church in Kasenga. First story walls are completed with the lentils (2<sup>nd</sup> story supports) in the course of construction. Contracted employees and many volunteers each day are working together as an efficient team. My staff spends the night hours filling water cisterns and loading supplies and food into the truck for 6 a.m. delivery. The work does not go unnoticed; traffic frequently grinds to a halt as passers-by stop to observe construction and appreciate our efforts. Excitement seems to be flowing through the entire community during this project and we are grateful.

Our new Bishop has asked us to send photos so he can monitor the progress. During the last weekend of April, we had Conference visitors from Lubumbashi and their choir who came to assist with fund-raising. Over \$800 was raised with promise for additional future support.

As the walls go up, we continue to work with our staff and volunteers to clear and level the property. Tall grass was cut and followed by raking and mowing. Brick rubble was cleared by all of the school children. With two teams of 4-6 men we held an early-morning contest to move five huge boulders to the property lines. The largest one was estimated at over 400 kilos (880 lbs.!) Jane served as cheerleader to keep them motivated and provided special treats for all the participants. African ingenuity always wins when performing jobs where no special tools or machinery are available!



## Prayer Requests/ Answered Prayers

- 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 efforts to be successful in distribution.
- Pray for this busy season in the church: for the leadership, the D.S. and the missionary. Charge conferences continue, followed by District Conference and Annual Conference. Annual Conference will be held with our new Bishop; pray also for Bishop Kasap as he acclimates to his new position.

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# 2017 Charge Conferences

Because of the huge distances required to travel between churches in our district, we got creative this year and tried something new by consolidating several churches into one Charge Conference visit. We organized our 15 churches into 3 areas, scheduling one conference in April and two conferences in May. It has been beneficial for each church to hear what other churches are doing in their area as the various reports are given. Bringing the churches together creates an overall feeling of “belonging” within the District. We plan to evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of the new system at the end of the church year while always trying to be good stewards of our fuel, our time and our work. The photo below shows our Charge Conference visit to Kasomeno on April 22.



## Uh-Oh...!

Just before release of the newsletter, my camera stopped working. When the malfunction happened a few months ago, it miraculously healed itself and started working again. We are hoping for a similar situation this time. But a few prayers from our friends and supporters will certainly be appreciated! Photos can communicate a thousand words; we hope that we won't have to be without photos in the remainder of our 2017 newsletters. Repairs or replacement will have to wait until I'm home on furlough late in 2017. Thank you for your prayers.

## Communication

Communication is so important! We do our very best to be accountable to you and keep you informed regarding our stewardship of your gifts. Communication must work in two directions to be effective. Here are some ways effectively communication can take place:

1. Has your e-mail address changed? If so, please notify us by sending us a message at [nuruyamapendo@yahoo.com](mailto:nuruyamapendo@yahoo.com)
2. Do you have our correct mailing address? Inquiries and gifts of support can be mailed to our USA office: 4918 Woodmere Rd, Land O Lakes, FL 34639.
3. Do you have a class, organization or group that would like to hear more about the work Nuru Ya Mapendo is doing? Do you want to know more about missions or bringing a mission team to the DRC? If so, please contact me at [nuruyamapendo@yahoo.com](mailto:nuruyamapendo@yahoo.com) and I will set an appointment with you during furlough November 2017-January 2018. Many groups plan their calendars well in advance and I am already scheduling appointments.

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# Hallelujah!

I had the most delightful experience the other day. I was stacking 10 lb. bricks into a pile and clearing up rubble around the church foundation. After working at the church mowing all morning, I was beginning to feel my age in the hot afternoon sun!

I continued the repetitious work of picking up handfuls of broken bricks and carrying them to the area where they will be crushed and used for fill. As I bent down for the umpteenth time, I noticed many little hands and feet on each side. Unaware, I had an audience as I was busy performing my work. They decided that if the missionary was carrying small pieces that they could join in this work, too!

At least a dozen children under the age of 6 surrounded me and asked me (in Bemba) to allow them to help. "Give to me!" The older ones wanted to show me how strong they were, asking for the larger pieces and wanting one for each hand. The smallest ones looked longingly into my eyes and trusted me to select pieces that they were able to carry. One of the boys couldn't have been much older than two. I winced when he dropped one of his pieces on his bare toes, but he picked it up without a word and kept marching to the pile. Without a common language, we made a game of making grunting and "heavy" sounds for the big pieces. It was great fun for all of us and they were all so proud because they were able to help.

Amidst all the activity one of the smallest boys picked up his two pieces and exclaimed "Hallelujah!" I stopped for a moment, startled that such a little one knew the word. Then I smiled the biggest smile at him and replied "Hallelujah!"

This is the truest work for Jesus. When we can perform the most menial work for the Lord and proclaim "Hallelujah" as we do so, we are glorifying Him. No matter whether missionary or mouths of babes, may His name be ever praised!



*Blessings, Jane*

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