

Songbook in Lonkundo

(photo: 3 men at Secretariat chapel)

A new edition of a collection of hymns in Lonkundo has just been published. This is the fifth edition of this valuable document for evangelization.

This new edition was made possible by an endowment from Mrs. Cardwell who wanted to immortalize her husband, Dr. Walter Cardwell, who has left his mark on the community of Disciples in the Congo.

During our visits to the interior, the Christians ask us for this valuable document, the hymnbook in Lonkundo. Often they sing these songs by heart and some verses are omitted because they have forgotten them. This new edition will not only be beneficial for evangelism in our Posts, but a monument to the memory of Dr. Walter Cardwell, affectionately known by the Congolese as Is'Ondange.

Note that the memory of Is'Ondange, Cardwell, is permanent in the Church of Disciples in Congo with his commentaries on the books of the New Testament and some prophetic writings of the Old Testament.

(Photo of those attending the chapel service)

An allotment of 500 song books was dedicated in the chapel of the General Secretariat of the CDCC.

Interruption

Photo of satellite dish)

For nearly two weeks we were out of touch because our antenna was not working. All Internet communications had become a major problem. We had to either go to a cybercafé or connect by telephone modem.

(Photo of Secretariat courtyard)

At the same time, the wind brought down our voice radio antenna, cutting off our communication with the rest of the Community.

Now things are back to normal, the antenna was put back in place and the Internet connection is working normally now. We thank God who helped us get back in touch with our friends and partners.

A Violent Wind Storm at Mbandaka

(Photo of storm damage)

On Thursday, March 15, 2012 in the afternoon, a violent wind accompanied by heavy rain moved through the city of Mbandaka. Many public buildings were damaged as well as numerous private homes. Concern was expressed, further by loss of life. We hear about 7 people including four children who lost their lives here that afternoon.

The Community of Disciples of Christ in Congo experienced damage to its buildings.

(Photo of Mbandaka III building)

The facade of the Church of Mbandaka III was broken. Part of the roof of the church of Air Congo, completely upside down. The roof of the Church of the New City was seriously damaged. The roof of the missionary house was a third carried away. The roof of the storeroom of the Lyceum Nsang'ea Ndotsi is on the ground. The list is long, but note also damage to the homes of several members of our church. Within the General Secretariat, the staff has been affected by this wind. The houses of the Reverend Bafalanga, Mr Bokosola, Mr Jean Ngoy, the cook of the missionary house, experienced considerable damage.

(Photo of roof damage)

Our editorial team has more photos that we can send our readers who desire them. Contact us at nweteto@yahoo.fr

A management committee for the restaurant Mama Entombodji

(Photo: people earound a large table)

As part of the program of self-reliance, the Department of Women and Family of the CDCC has initiated a restaurant project in order to create income to enable it to meet the multiple needs of women. The objective of this project is to generate revenue to fund, thereafter, the department's activities, including the training of women in microcredit, coaching young mothers, supervision of street children, etc..

To achieve its goal, the department has found that for good management that allows increase of revenue, it was necessary to establish a management committee which monitors the project and considers strategies for progress.

The management committee consists of Mr. Natana Weteto, Mrs. Helen Mpumbu, Rev. Alex Yafe Botsikala and Reverend Christiane Ikete, with, of course, as a resource person, Miss Nancy Boseka, the manager of the restaurant. We hope that with this spirit, the project will have a long survival and may really contribute to the local effort.

