

## **Who Will Help the DR Congo?**

(Photo: basket of vegetables)

A country with large natural resources and with a population of around 70 million (estimated in the absence of a census for over 30 years), the DRC was ranked last on the Human Development Index (DH/2011) by the United Nations Programme for Development.

It's a scandal! and Belgians should ask themselves what is going on in the heads of the Congolese as they left the Belgian Congo in the top spot on all levels. And the children of the immediate post-independence period still remember that in the lessons of economic geography, the country was mentioned, either at the top of the world, or squarely among the first.

Cocoa, rubber, coffee, palm oil, etc., were among the agricultural wealth. Copper, Cobalt, Gold, Diamonds, etc. were cited as mineral wealth. All this does exist in the DRC and coltan must be added! Yet the country is 183rd of 183.

The CDCC, with its operational plan, thinks it would take less than 4 years if this plan were applied rigorously, so that the country stands up and goes to the front. Four years! less than the term of a President of the Republic! But there is no hope, for the election for which candidates are campaigning is a photocopy of previous times. People who could save the country are not running because they are without means to make themselves known and carry on a campaign. It is like the country is bewitched, people who see clearly have no means to express themselves.

Their plans are not heard. Organizations that can help do not penetrate the programs presented to them. All this will contribute to the worsening situation of the Congolese.

Who will help the DR Congo? That is the question, but the CDCC, at least, has constructive ideas that can salvage things, but it lacks the resources and voice.

Since this article is a personal reflection, any reader who would like to have more information can contact us at the email address [disciplesbulletin@yahoo.fr](mailto:disciplesbulletin@yahoo.fr)

## **When Women Decide**

(Photo of women taking an offering)

Thursday, November 3, 2011 is the day that the women of Mbandaka set to raise money they intended for use in finishing the residence of their Principal Supervising Pastor.

Enthusiastic and dressed in yellow and blue cloth with Disciples symbols (their uniforms), women were able to rally despite the rain and gathered

2,168,000 Congo Francs (\$ 2,305 USD).

The entire program was run by women with the preaching by the Reverend Madeleine Bomboko who was inspired by the text of the Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 16, to explain the role of women in the Lord's work.

With this activity of the women, we hope that the residence of the Principal Supervising Pastors of Mbandaka will be significantly advanced to allow the servant of God to occupy it. If there is still work, it can be completed while the pastor is in residence.

### **The Community President Returned Yesterday Morning**

(Photo of the President in a crowd)

The Community President and Legal Representative of the Church of Christ in Congo, 10 Community of Disciples of Christ in Congo, Reverend Eliko Bonanga returned yesterday morning around 10 a.m. from a conference of church leaders members of the United Evangelical Mission of the regions of African and Asia, which took place in Indonesia.

For 14 days, church leaders exchanged experiences of working in their respective churches. It was an opportunity for churches in Indonesia to present their achievements to their guests in terms of evangelization, projects self financing, service projects including schools, training centers for the unemployed, homes for old people, etc.

Note that Indonesia has historical ties with the DRC that some wanted to revive. Indeed, there were some people who had been part of Indonesian troops (peacekeepers) who came to the DRC during the troubled period that followed the country's independence.

Back home, the Community President had to spend some time in Kinshasa in order to finalize some legal and administrative records, including the publication of new legal texts of the CDCC in the Official Gazette of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

It was with a friendly family atmosphere that the Rev. Eliko Bonanga and his wife were welcomed by the staff of the General Secretariat of the ECC / 10-CDCC.