

### **U.S. \$ 12,000 for Wives of Pastors**

The microcredit program has reached its cruising speed in the city of Mbandaka, where members of different groups of community-chests never cease to amaze the audience with the amounts they share after only 6 months of savings and credit.

The latest to close its cycle, the third, are the wives of pastors who totaled 11,090,220 Congo Francs, equivalent to U.S. \$ 12,322. With that kind of money, the wives of pastors can buy some goods for their homes even though their husbands only receive meager wages.

This good strategy lack the needed support to be popularized throughout the Church of the Disciples in the Congo. The organization of community-chests across the CDCC can solve many problems of members, lead them out of poverty and make a strong church of the CDCC materially.

A serious accident





Radio Okapi in the broadcast of Tuesday, June 28, 2011, reported a serious accident on the road Mbandaka - Bikoro. A transport truck overturned on a bridge at 114 km from Mbandaka on its way to Bikoro with more than 100 people on board. The source said that 20 people died, but the official statement reported six dead and twenty wounded.

The problem always arises for roads in our country and especially in the south of our province. Only this road (Mbandaka - Bikoro - Iboko) and that of Ingende (Mbandaka - Ingende) are passable. Accidents are very common.

These archival photos show accidents on the same road by a logging truck and a van transporting people.

### **Cholera in Mbandaka**



According to information from the provincial medical authority, more than 300 cholera cases were detected in the Equateur Province in the Districts of Mongala, Ecuador and in the city of Mbandaka, where there were 80 cases . We deplore already more than 20 people who died in the epidemic.

In Mbandaka, the registered cases are concentrated in the population living along the bank of the Congo River, particularly in the area Bongondjo and fishermen in the camps around the city.

As we know, cholera is a disease that attacks a person from the water that he uses. Thus, as in the city of Mbandaka, the water supply is virtually nonexistent, the population living near the river its water, which promotes the spread of the epidemic which broke out upriver. By the grace of God, the epidemic is in the dry season, it would have been worse in scope in the rainy season with the runoff.

The Disciples of Congo are ahead of this disaster by launching the capture and management of water sources, thus guarding the population from such disease. Unfortunately, the resources of the church can not reach many people

Pray much for the epidemic to be contained.

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