

# D.R. Congo Mission

## Arrival

After travelling for 36-hours via air and road, and facing no problems at customs on this sixth trip to Congo, I arrived safely in Bukavu, on Saturday October 11, 2014. In Bukavu, I was greeted and prayed over by Pastor Ghamma. His wife (middle picture)

and children adopted me as a child since the first mission trip to Congo in 2006. They provided transportation

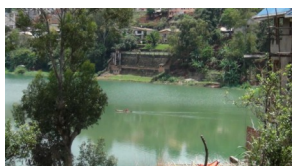


to/from Burundi, and healthy dinners in Congo. IHWN provided \$200US to this family. Please pray for the health of these generous friends.



## Hospitality

The Lord provided me an apartment where the funds go to scholarships for orphans in Minembwe, Congo. The apartment owners built these apartments at the lakeside. I am



grateful for the security there. This orphans' ministry received \$50US from IHWN.

Pastor Serge's family was one of my two neighbors. Daily, I was invited for lunch and/or dinner to their home. I was grateful as I did not have a stove or fridge at my place. Their family offered a listening ear, tender care, and even hand-washed my

The ministry of IHWN donated \$70US to this hospitable family.



## Kamisimbi, Congo

The DR Congo continues to see the effects of war. Thus, IHWN has taken up the challenge to financially support the village of Kamisimbi. Here, many children were left orphaned after their mothers were raped (at times in front of them), and/or parents killed by the soldiers. These villagers speak Mashi, and live in mud huts with no electricity or running water.



The first 10 days of the mission were spent teaching the Kamisimbi local church, prayer and womens' groups.



The church has developed much since I first visited Kamisimbi in 2006. After restarting the building twice because of rain storms, today the church is standing strong (top middle). With the \$500US IHWN provided during this mission, church has already bought cement to put in a



nice floor to replace the dirt ground. Moreover, IHWN donated a laptop and digital camera for the church.



They plan to take pictures of the construction and send them to IHWN. However, they still need windows, plastic chairs to replace their wooden benches, and a prayer room (below).



Further, the Kamisimbi Pentecostal church (CEPAC) helps send children

to school. The schools were built for the orphans of the village. The



church continues to fund the ongoing construction, and implementing of the elementary/secondary schools (i.e., lack of stairs). Because of your generosity, IHWN gave out pens (below) and \$200US for this education project.



Lastly, IHWN blessed the Kamisimbi pastors with your financial aid. Rev Grace received \$200US (see right: beige suit holding church donation). He walks up daily for 3 hours to oversee the church without a salary. The other elders received \$50US each. Each also received a bag full of pens, ties, soap,

toothbrushes, warm hats and scarves for the cold village morning and night, gifts for their wives, and other useful items. A suitcase of clothes, first aid, and hygienic items was left for the church. Kamisimbi says, "Thank you" for sending IHWN and prayed for you.



### Points of Interest

- The Congolese and Burundi people send their greetings and thanks for sending IHWN to Africa
- We provided resources for church leaders to eat and live.
- About 30 persons came to faith in Christ
- One pastor received healing in his arm after praying for the pain.
- People testified about the profound teaching brought by this ministry
- Kamisimbi had their two church plants in Mugogo and Chai Village come to each seminar
- The villagers walked 1.5 to 2.5 hours to hear the Word of Hope
- A quick 2-day visit took place with a CEPAC church in Bujumbura, Burundi
- IHWN attended a sick woman and covered her hospital costs in Burundi
- One radio station interviewed Yajaira about the work of IHWN in Congo

### Financial Summary (Oct 9 -29) Congo Mission

Expense	Received	Spent
Airfare	\$1,600	\$1,600
Burundi Visa	\$130	\$130
Rwanda Transit Visa	\$40	\$80
Congo Visa	\$150	\$150
Transportation to/from Burundi	\$200	\$0
Accommodations Congo	\$100	\$0
Medical for Missionary	\$65	\$65
Missionary Supplies	\$96	\$96
Filter for water	\$30	\$0
Food	\$100	\$76
Church Leaders	\$1,000	\$1,160
Kamisimbi Construction	\$500	\$500
Church Collection Plates	\$0	\$98
Gifts for Congolese	\$100	\$122
Transportation	\$0	\$80
Phone & Internet	\$5	\$15
Kamisimbi Transportation	\$120	\$64
Kamisimbi Nutrition Program	\$100	\$0
Sponsored Education	\$100	\$200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,436</b>	<b>\$4,436</b>

## Conclusion: Your prayers provided strength and wisdom to teach throughout this intense itinerary

**Thurs Oct 9, 2014: Toronto 5:35pm Departure to Amsterdam**

Fri Oct 10: Amsterdam to Nairobi, Nairobi to Bujumbura

**Sat Oct 11: Drive from Bujumbura to Bukavu, Congo**

Sat Oct 11: Arrive Bukavu, Congo 12:00pm

Sat Oct 11: Visit Bishop of CEPAC, pray for sick wife

**Sun Oct 12: Kamisimbi Village, 9am – 12pm, “Faith in the Bible”**

Sun Oct 12: Kamisimbi village, 1pm-4pm Open Air Service

**Wed Oct 15: Mugogo Village, 8-11am Women, “Women Leadership”**

Wed Oct 15: Business Couples’ home service “Forgiving each other”

**Thurs Oct 16: Kamisimbi Village, 8-11am Prayer, “Intercession”**

Fri Oct 17: Muhumba, Shalom Church “Spiritual Freedom”

**Sat Oct 18: 2pm-5:30pm, Shalom Church “Maintaining Spiritual Freedom”**



Open-Air Preaching, praying for the sick, handing out eyeglasses, and sharing Hope

Sun Oct 19: Mugogo Village, 9am-12pm Worship Service “Control of ourselves”

**Mon Oct 20: Nywera, 5:30-6:30am CELPA Filadelfia Church, “God sought us first”**

Tues Oct 21: Nywera, 5:30-7am Filadelfie Church, “Prayer = No more distance to God”

**Wed Oct 22: Nywera, 5:30-6:30am Filadelfia Church, “Morning Boost”**

Wed Oct 22: Bethania, 8am Women’s Meeting, “Empowering Women in the Church”

Wed Oct 22: Bukavu, 6:30pm Business Couples’ home service, “United We Stand”

**Thurs Oct 23: Makimbilio Church, 5:30am-7am, “Spiritual Awakening”**

Fri Oct 24: Makimbilio Church, 5:30-7am, “Spiritual Awakening”

Fri Oct 24: Makimbilio Church, 8am-10am Women’s Meeting, “Women in the Bible”

Fri Oct 24: Filadelfia Prayer Group, 10am-12pm, “Revival in the Church and Nation”

Fri Oct 24: Filadelfia Vigil, 9pm-12am, “Shekinah in the Bible”

**Sat Oct 25: Makimbilio Church, 5:30-7am, “Spiritual Awakening”**

Sat Oct 25: Makimbilio Church, 8:00am-11am Youth Meeting, “Facing Modernism”

**Sun Oct 26: Makimbilio, 9am-12pm Worship Service, “The Work of the Holy Spirit”**

Mon Oct 27: Bukavu to Bujumbura, Burundi

Mon Oct 27: Bujumbura, Ntahangwa Church, “The Presence of God”

**Tues Oct 28: Flight Bujumbura to Nairobi 7pm; Nairobi to Amsterdam**

Wed Oct 29: Amsterdam to Toronto, Arrive 4:35pm

## Projects

### OrangeWalk, Belize: Nov 14-24, 2014

Iglesia Cristo Misionera Churches are in their final three classes of the Bible Institute diploma program. We

are sending Bishop J. Merino, from ICM Canada to teach the Pastoral Course. The students are looking forward to learning from this fountain of knowledge and experience. If you would like to donate to

this mission trip that is approaching, please see end of Projects’ section for more information.



**Graduation: The first for the Bible Institute of Iglesia Cristo Misionera de Belice awaits!** IHWN planted this program in the villages of Belize in 2012, and now we are sending Missionary Yajaira to speak at the graduation in Spring 2015. If you would like to help with the expenses of this trip, graduation costs (diplomas, frames, plaques, gifts, gowns, banquet food, etc.), help village churches in construction, and/or help families in need, please see end of Projects section.

### Kamisimbi, D.R. Congo

**Christmas:** Every Christmas, a pastoral family in Congo donates 150 outfits to the church members (\$10 US / outfit), provides a lunch, and gives toys to the children. IHWN wants to help this project. If you would like to

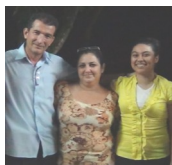
donate to this cause, please see end of section.

**Orphans:** Kamisimbi asks for help in sponsoring 150 orphaned students, church and school construction, and seats/desks for the buildings. This breaks down the costs of a sponsored orphan:

Uniform (shirt + short/skirt)	\$10
Shoes	\$7
School bag	\$5
Copybooks, pens, school ruler	\$8
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$30US</b>
Tuition for 10 months	\$3 x 10
<b>Total per Academic Student</b>	<b>\$60US</b>

### Santa Clara, Cuba

**Winter 2015:** The Assemblies of God has invited IHWN to speak at an open-air revival (village pastors on right). To help send us to Cuba, or donate to the living needs of the AG pastors and church construction in Cuba, please see end of section.



**Mentoring Journal:** Rev. Hector Pereira, a retired AG national board member, writes, prints and distributes a

resource for pastors and leaders in Cuba. Since printing this special literature is difficult, IHWN has partnered with him to provide sponsorship. If you would like to contribute to this leadership development, please see end of section.



### Monthly Sponsors: Illuminators

To become a monthly or one-time donor, please contact Iris at 905-327-3278 or irisihwn@gmail.com. You can also donate by

- **Paypal** (ihwnministry@gmail.com) or Credit Card,
- **Mail** Cheques or Money Orders (Payable to Illuminating His Word to the Nations) to 38 Graham Ave S., Hamilton ON, Canada L8K 3M1
- **Bank deposits**

*Words cannot express the gratitude we have for our prayerful and financial senders. May you experience a season of growth and strength to carry on. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.*

## About IHWN

As a Canadian registered charity, Illuminating His Word to the Nations shares the message of Hope and Love, while providing financial aid to those less fortunate. Our mission stems from the Bible: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19).

President Yajaira C. Gomez helps us fulfill the charity’s mission. With her supportive husband and her willingness to voluntarily serve, Yajaira dedicates her time to prayer, bible study, and speaking in churches. Further, Yajaira is an ordained minister with Independent Assemblies of God International (Canada), and is writing her doctoral thesis for the Doctor of Ministry Program at Tyndale Seminary University College & Seminary.

On behalf of the charity, we thank every volunteer, IHWN representative in the Canadian and American churches, intercessor and donor for sending us to Congo this 2014 year. Your moral, prayerful and financial support allow this charity to operate. Without you we cannot go and fulfill the Commission. May God bless you!