

Free Grace Evangelistic Association

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Fizi orphans saying "Thank You"

Brief update on the work at Fizi Orphan Centre – Dem Rep Congo, Sud Kivu Province

We continue to provide a monthly grant for the 33 orphans and other poor children at Fizi. This has covered funds for the following:

- Orphanage running costs for food and staff costs.
- New shoes and clothing for the orphans.
- Sewing machine and material for the children to make some of their clothes themselves.
- A treat at Christmas for the orphans – a special meal.
- New cooking utensils and equipment for the kitchen.
- A stock of medicines
- Replacement mattresses for the beds



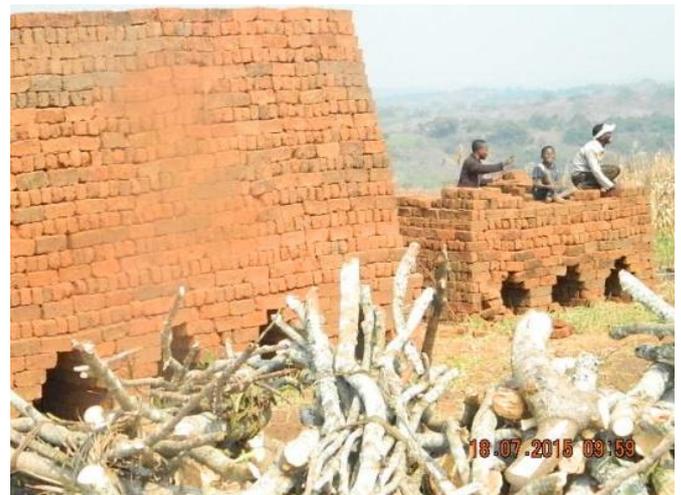
FGEA Chairman with some of the orphans in September 2016

As well as the orphans, there are many local children who were not being educated due to extreme poverty. Failure to educate the children is a very real long-term threat, since in the recent civil war many children were enlisted to fight. We do not want to this repeated in the next generation. Therefore, a basic school was started at the orphanage site in September 2014 – this has continued.



Funds have been sent each month to pay for basic school materials (writing books and pens) and the staff for a school at the Orphanage site, where about 400 local children and orphans are being taught. The parents of these children cannot afford the \$5 per month (£3-80 per month) to pay for their children to be schooled. The parents of the older children are contributing about \$1 per month to help pay for the teachers' wages. The photos above show the many children outside the locally built shelter for the classes.

At the initiative of the local people, a large quantity of bricks were made, and with assistance from FGEA they fired the bricks in home-made ovens. In mid-2016 the foundations of a permanent school building were then laid with FGEA funding.



Then by God's grace (following the Chairman's visit in September 2016) the way was made to complete the school building in February 2017 through a number of very generous donations. A further donation made it possible to concrete the internal floors and veranda of the school in May 2017.





Fred Wakula (FGEA Co-ordinator) visited Fizi just before the final brickwork was completed, and he sent these photos.



Given a temporary strength in sterling vs US Dollar at the time, there was a surplus from the donations for the concreting of the floors which allowed purchase of a new stock of medicines for the orphans and some maintenance to windows and the solar power supply system at the orphanage.

With sincere thanks for your support,

Ian Sadler

FGEA Chairman



Pastor Fred Wakula (FGEA Co-ordinator) with some of the orphans