# June 16, 2025 Update

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***Luke 9:1-6  And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics" . . . . And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.***

Bisoke and his team have been sent out to proclaim the Gospel, offering counseling, support and peace to the many vulnerable and displaced. They take nothing for their journey except their hope and prayers and confidence that God is good and he will provide. Our part is to pray with them and offer monetary support where we can. And we have seen that God is faithful far beyond what we can hope or imagine.

**Medical and Bereavement Support**



Naum, the Peace Center secretary, has recovered from malaria and typhoid and is back at work.
Maman Asnate is out of the hospital and is stronger every day.




Maman Regina, above, is also improved. You can see a little foot from around her back; women care for any children they see to help the orphans or widows in need.
While this is a good report, a young mother died this week; her husband has been in prison for 5 years for a crime he did not commit,
and she leaves 5 children. Other small children have recently died as well.
Please continue your prayers for the sick and bereaved.



In addition to the street boy Jonathan, who is a double amputee, the woman above is also without legs.
Both desperately need wheelchairs at a cost of $350 each.

**Water Needs Met**



The well at the Rwampara Displaced Camp serves 7,000 from that community. Earlier in the month the pump failed.

HFTC, Inc., was able to fund a new pump with your donations.



Baraka, seen here, is the head of the disabled group residing at Rwampara Displaced Camp.

The well and housing at the camp can be seen in the background.

**Basic Clothing Needs, Food, and Housing Insecurity**



When available, clothes are distributed for the displaced.
Food is more and more expensive as the main supply route from Uganda remains closed due to rebel militia activity.
Transport over Lake Albert is slow and unrest at the port further complicates delivery.
We were able to send an extra $500 in addition to our usual monthly $500 for the agape meal.



Recent rains have damaged the structures they call home in the Rwampara Camp.



Life is not easy.

**The Bunia Children Hope Center**

An unexpected gift of $5000 was recently received toward the final repairs and needs of the Baraka Academy.
The remaining $2000 needed to complete the upgrades can now be achieved. Any surplus will be used for school supplies
and the many other needs. We are so thankful for God’s provision for the 1,731 students.



Baraka Academy is currently in the midst of final testing for the year, with graduation in early July.



Bisoke's son, Fred, will graduate and is thinking of attending college like his older brother and sister.
Now taller than his parents, this old photo shows Fred with his mother Furaha.

**Construction**



The 24 Hour House of Prayer is awaiting its metal roof. The main entrance to the worship/meeting hall is shown here with offices located to the rear. This project has

been slow due to the civil unrest as well as supply chain issues. The building's completion will bring new life to the Peace Center compound.



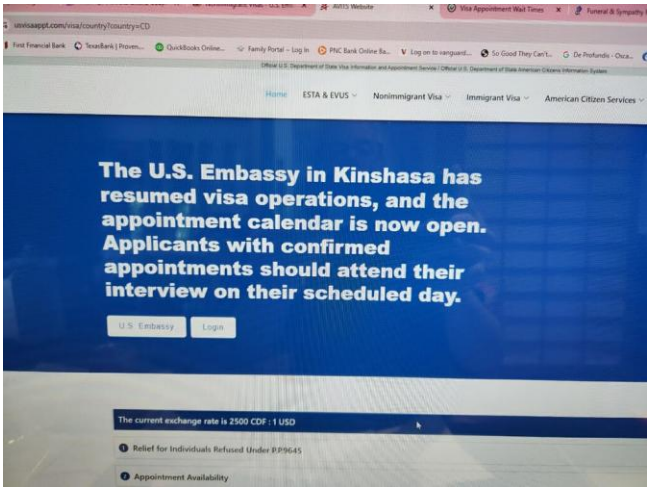
In September 2024 a K-2 school for displaced children was begun at the PC. It has been a big success for its 150 students. In the Fall, expansion to accommodate 350 students up to grade 6 is planned. Government inspectors are requiring another building before they approve the project.

The cost will be $10,000 to $15,000 for local stick built construction of seven classrooms and an office. Plenty of land is available at the PC;
teachers are available from the displaced camp or PC. It has been suggested that if all rooms cannot be funded in time,
classes could be separated for morning and afternoon instruction.

**Travel**



Hearts for the Congo, Inc., is sponsoring three guests from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to attend the New Wineskins Global Missions Conference at Ridgecrest, N.C. in September. Archbishop Titre Ande Georges(above), Primate of the Anglican Church in the DRC, his Bishop, Cyrille Kambale, and Rev. Bisoke(above) will be coming.




After having been closed for many months, we were delighted to see that the US Embassy in Kinshasa has reopened, and, that the DRC is NOT among the countries that have been banned from entry to the US. (The Republic of the Congo - Brazzaville to the north of the DRC is among those prohibited but it is a different country from the DRC.) Much prayer is needed for provision, protection, logistics and God's grace to cover all travel needs.

***2 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.***

***~ God is in control. God is working when we cannot see. God will find a way. ~ Bisoke***

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We thank you for your prayers and monetary support.
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