

20 Years active in the DR Congo

Dear friends,

Here are some **Highlights** of what ADH members and friends were able to accomplish between 2004 and 2024:

- Humanitarian aid items for a 40ft container were personally collected, sorted, shipped and distributed to the most needy in the Kinshasa area.
- Hundreds of orphans were fed, clothed and young people trained in life skills and values.
- Two schools (details below) with emphasis on agriculture were built and are operating in the countryside.



Some of the 2023 graduates with director Philemon (top left) and teachers of the Agro-Veterinary Institute „ITAV-ADH MABALA“

From the year 2010 onwards, our focus switched from humanitarian aid in Kinshasa towards the **development of the rural areas** where the need is the greatest and the infrastructure the weakest. This led to the construction and running of two schools:



Joseph's family with 2 friends in Nsioni

- **Primary school in MUSHAPO with 500 pupils**, 1000 km southeast of the capital Kinshasa, near the Angolan border
- **Agro-Veterinary Institute in MABALA with 300 students**, 500 km northeast of Kinshasa



Friend Vincent in Kinshasa transported Joseph's materials to Nsioni



Many kinds of vegetables are growing very well on the farm. First students and Joseph's children helping

News from Mabala

Gilbert reports: *The Mai-Ndombe province is very happy with the quality of education provided in our school. After the 2023 final exams, 44 students received their diploma. In spite of 80% unemployment, 17 of them could ensure a paying job! Our students have the priority for the recruitment due to the high level of training. Some of them want to continue at the University.*

NSIONI PROJECT

New project on a 15,000 hectare farm in the village Nsioni – 500 km west of Kinshasa.

Goal

Our plan is to organize a vocational training program for young people of this region who have no job possibilities otherwise. The long-term goal is to build classrooms and eventually even dormitories to be able to make training available to young people from that region. After about a year of scholastic and practical training, the students will go back to their villages with seeds and a baby animal to develop the countryside and earn a living.



Peanut plants & special African eggplants

Already accomplished

- Electric wires and poles were bought and installed. **Electricity** was brought to the main building on the farm.
- **Manager Joseph Nlandu moved his family from Kinshasa to the farm**, ensuring better oversight.
- **Planting and cultivating** of fruits and vegetables, **fish and chicken breeding**.
- The **first five students** are trained in agriculture and fish farming.



On the way to Nsioni the axle broke



1500 bricks were burned and transported to the farm for the construction of the well

Building a well

To get anything done in this country, especially in the countryside, is nothing short of a miracle. Here is a report from Joseph how a well was built, starting with transporting material from Kinshasa to Nsioni:

Despite many obstacles, we arrived at the farm on Monday morning at 4 o'clock. We spent three days on the road (500 km!) because of traffic jams between Kinshasa and Matadi. Unfortunately, between Boma and Nsioni, precisely in the village of Muenge, we had an accident with our small trailer where the axel broke because of the bad roads. However, we quickly found a solution, with God's help.

It is truly admirable how resilient people in these areas, including Joseph, can be.



Digging 7 meters deep for the well

Next, as recommended by the well builder, 1500 bricks were made, burned and transported to the farm from a place 6 km outside of Nsioni.

Fine sand from a river 5 km away, which filters the water in the well, was brought to the farm.

The workers dug 7 meters deep. The well is 2 x 2 m wide.

School curriculum

Joseph had several meetings with Professor Alex Mulongo Mbuya of the UPN University in Kinshasa, who is working on a curriculum for our school which will include training in agriculture, fish farming and animal husbandry.



Joseph and Professor Mbuya at UPN University preparing school curriculum for our school



Casing of the well and the lid



Construction for fish breeding



For the first time we were able to cultivate hundreds of babies of a big river fish in our ponds



Joseph's kids with baby fish, kept in a special section of the pond



Joseph manufacturing juice from star fruits and other special fruits he had planted

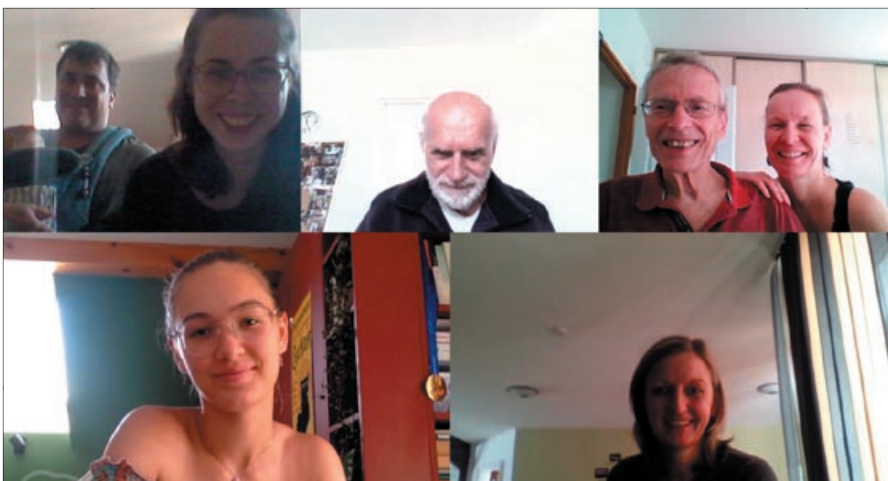
Other

Besides fundraising for the project in the Congo, work on his new book and a myriad of other things, Wolfgang had another interview, this time with "Radio Berliner Morgenröte" in Berlin. Lenka is communicating with Joseph and Madlen in the Congo, continues her weekly online meetings with her Bible students, and together with Zdenek keeps improving her new Czech website.

ADH members held their yearly meeting, as usual online, as we live separate in four different countries.

Let's keep changing the world with love,

Wolfgang, Lenka and team



*ADH yearly meeting, online
L-R: Jens (with baby) and Melanie, Jos, Wolfgang and Lenka, Tereza and Hana*



First 5 students are receiving practical training in agriculture and fish farming

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