

GOD IN D.R. CONGO: "THE PEOPLE WHICH SAT IN DARKNESS SAW GREAT LIGHT.." (MATT. 4.16)

MISSIONARY STATS

CONGOLESE STATS

(PHASE 1) MISSIONARY WORK: ESTABLISH FOUNDATIONS & TRAIN CONGOLESE

1920

1923 - The WaBira tribal chief (in Nyankunde) granted land to Africa Inland Mission (A.I.M.) who started a mission

1925 - A.I.M. turned land over to the Woodhams and Searles of the Brethern Assemblies.

1930



DR. WOODHAM:
A medical doctor who cared about the physical/spiritual needs of Congolese. Moved north.



MR. SEARLE:
An evangelist and teacher who helped translate the NT into Swahili.

1940

1950

In light of evacuation, Deans wrote: "We confer the responsibility upon them; they have been instructed for many years in God's Word. They have conducted the affairs of the assemblies and stood in the vicissitudes and testings. We commit them to our all-faithful Lord who died for them. He will not fail them."

A.I.M. TO BRETHREN

DR. WOODHAM & SEARLE

DR. WOODHAM:
"There is no sacrifice. Gain and gain only is involved. Have you heard anyone return from an unevangelized land and regret having thus spent his life?"



"BWANA" BILL DEANS & FAMILY (1929)

ED & MARG. HARLOW
Oversee men's school, girls' school & Bible school ('35-'41)



4 WOMEN:



Gertrud Koppel
Arrived in 1949. Helped revise NT & complete OT



Pearl Winterburn
Arrived at Nyankunde in 1953. A trained nurse. Moves to Tchabi



Mary Watson
...set standards for education...



Maryen Baisley

GOSPEL & BIBLE (1920'S)

MEDICAL (1920'S)

EDUCATION & BIBLE SCHOOLS (1928)

LITERATURE & PUBLISHING (EDITIONS EVANGELIQUE, 1938)

"The assemblies are a result of rural visitation work of missionaries and itinerant African believers who proclaimed the gospel." - BILL DEANS

Our mandate has not changed:

1. Authority is from the Lord (directive - with full support)
2. "Go" make disciples. Evangelize? Yes, but more: Baptize, Teach them (learn/live)
3. All I commanded you
4. I am with you

This magazine by EE was widely circulated far beyond Nyankunde and was fruitful in both the lost getting saved and the saints being edified.



Nyankunde

Assemblies: 2
Believers: 80+

Lolwa

Akokora

Itendey

Assemblies=Grow
Believers: 1000's

Angel's story

1960

TIME OF TRANSITION

Some missionaries return after first evacuation. Then most leave after second, leaving Congolese to carry on.

2 EVACUATIONS

INDEPENDENCE &

(PHASE 2) CONGOLESE ASSISTED BY SOME MISSIONARIES

1970

PEARL W.
"The missionaries were certain of two things: their mandate was clear and their time was short."

1980

"1980 was the realization of the long-term plan for complete Africanization of the publishing work." - DEANS

1990

1960: 10,000 Bibles - "How the Congolese believers rejoiced!...The Bible, along with Bible study helps ... provided spiritual enrichment for the believers, a lasting legacy, even if their foreign teachers had to leave." - P. Winterburn
"Certainly the greatest blessing 1960 brought to the Congo was the arrival of the Congo Swahili Bible." - B. Deans

Centre Medical Evangelique in Nyankunde: A training school of Congolese medical professionals is established (1965). Soon, a medical site is built in Lowla (1982). Those trained at Nyankunde now start to train others in medical centres being built in other locations.

Development of Deaf Schools started by Mary Watson

People in Bible School were taught to preach the gospel and teach the Word of God in Bible studies to 'unevangelised' villages. During these years, three Bible Schools are established and are effective in training evangelists, elders, theologians. Teacher-training programs also established to train future school teachers.

Everyday Publications was founded in 1964 by Dr. and Gertrud Harlow. There were 8 Swahili titles published in the 60's, 10 titles in the 70's and 13 titles from 1980 to 2000.

BUTSO, NGWERA, WAMARA & SORORABO

Tchabi

Aveba

Assemblies: 64
Believers: 1000's

SHADRAC

Bunia

Assemblies: 180
Believers: MORE!

KAHIGWA

TWO WARS

2000

TRANSITION

The world's deadliest conflict since World War II: Approximately 5.4 million people died from disease and malnutrition. August 1998 and July 2003. Many who are not killed during conflict die from disease and malnutrition.

(PHASE 3) CONGOLESE MINISTRY

2010

Example: Bunia

2020

New Bible Update: EPI ships 60,000 Bibles with Scofield Notes
2008: 96,000 Bibles
2016: 75,000 Bibles and 200,000 Bible books

26 Medical Centres
4 Hospitals
(Though these facilities are in great need of resources)

135 Schools (Primary/Secondary)
600 to 1200 Students per school
1339 Teachers
Bible School: 35 Families
Shalom University

Commentaries (every book of Bible)
66,000 Hymn Books
66,000 Emmaus Courses
2016: 75,000 Bibles; 200,000 books
To Date: 575,350 Books and Bibles; over 100 titles; 12 Emmaus Titles; MacDonald Commentary; Hymnbooks



KATHO

Assemblies: 255
Study Groups: 150
Believers: 100,000+

"Notes" from Nyankunde
Lessons For Us?