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APPRECIATION

I really appreciate Mission World Aid Inc. Australia for sacrificing and sending to us a container full of equipment and material which we distributed to the vulnerable people of Uvira District in Democratic Republic of Congo.

Your assistance and support helped us to distribute clothing freely to 4, 195 vulnerable people including children, babies, women and men. It has also helped us to support four primary and nursery schools with school equipments. It has also provided to us with hospital equipment like hospital beds and mattresses which have been vital in our Luvungi hospital.

I thank all the Mission World Aid Inc. Australia staffs who donated the container to us. The container was a major blessing to the people of D.R. Congo especially Uvira district.

SPECIAL THANKS:

I thank Anthony Moore, the director of World Mission Aid Inc. Australia and Gael Harrison Deputy Director World Mission Aid Inc. Australia for being together with us and assisting us sending the container.

I thank also Dr. Julie Ivett Monis the Director of Birthing Kit Foundation Australia who linked us with Gael Harrison Deputy Director Mission World Aid Inc. until they came to a time that they send to us the container.

Finally I want to thank Dr. Elaine and John Dietsch M.H.C.D Australian representative, Susan Donaldson M.H.C.D U.K. representative, M.H.C.D D.R. Congo staffs, my family for supporting me in fundraising in aide of transportation costs of the container from Dar Es Salaam Tanzania to Luvungi/ Uvira Democratic Republic of Congo.

I thank you all for your love, care, prayer and support. God bless you abundantly for everything you have done for the vulnerable people of Uvira District in Democratic Republic of Congo.

INTRODUCTION

Democratic Republic of Congo is a country found in Central Africa and is the third largest country in Africa. D.R. Congo has been faced with wars for over ten years and the wars have consumed lives of over five million people. Different from different sources indicate that the number of people killed in D.R. Congo is over the number of people killed in the world Wars II. Majority of women and girls were raped. There are situation which comprised of one women being raped with over seven or more rebels. Also we had severe cases of children less than six years being raped during the wars. Most of the children became orphans, women became widows and men people lost their property due to looting and were left to languish in poverty. This contributed to so many Congolese being traumatized and living miserable and reckless lives.

The wars contributed to hunger, famine and diseases in D.R. Congo. Many people died from diseases due to lack of medical attention and hunger. Famine/ hunger, trauma and poverty contributed in bringing diseases like high blood pressure, ulcers, headache, migraine, allergies, diabetes, Kwashiorkor, malnutrition and many other disease to the Congolese and this contributed to the Congolese people being traumatized.

Uvira District is one of the districts of D.R. Congo which is found in South Kivu Province of D.R. Congo and is the only district that is bordering four countries: Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania and Zambia through Lake Tanganyika. This has yielded so many major problems making it a source of wars to D.R. Congo. All wars in D.R. Congo originated from Uvira District and this has made Uvira district to suffer under development and the residence being traumatized with the wars in D.R. Congo.

The trauma and suffering of the Congolese people particularly those from Uvira District made Dr. Luc Mulimbalimba Masururu to start an organization called Mission in Health Care and Development (M.H.C.D) whose main objective is to fight chronic diseases, reducing poverty and hunger and promote education among children and youths. Dr. Luc is a pastor, Missionary and Medical Doctor who was born in Uvira district. M.H.C.D advocates for peace and reconciliation and preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To forester (foster) development in Uvira district especially rural areas, M.H.C.D started a community and rural radio station called Impact Radio which is involved so much in sensitizing and mobilizing the community with issues related to societal development, peace and reconciliation, agriculture, human rights and how to fight poverty through self help projects.

Due to many people suffering from chronic and tropical diseases and they couldn't access medical services and facilities due to poverty, M.H.C.D started the construction of M.H.C.D naturopathic hospital in Luvungi village which will be vital in providing medical services to the vulnerable people of Uvira district. When we started the construction of this hospital, we didn't have any organization that could assist us with the hospital materials or money to purchase the equipment, but we thank God so much for Mission World Aid Inc. for supporting us through

donating to us a container which had some of the medical equipment like hospital beds and mattresses, chairs, bandages, containers and other materials and equipments. These materials have greatly helped us in occupying the Luvungi hospital.

We thank God so much for the container which we received as it had different equipment and materials that have brought hope to many vulnerable people of Uvira district and has changed their lives. Thank you so much for getting time to read this report. I do hope that when you will have finished going through this report, you will be able see how M.H.C.D and Mission World Aid Inc. have done in bringing a new hope and a purpose and reason of a new life to different vulnerable people.

Thank for going through this report.

CLOTHES:

We found 36 compressed bales of clothing and many other clothing for babies in the container. These clothing were vital to us in fighting diseases related to cold like bronchitis, pneumonia as we distributed them to the people living in the hills and mountains where there is a lot of cold and a majority of those we gave the clothing didn't have any clothing. Many of the clothing we distributed to babies, children and women.

Many of the clothes we received we found out that they were for babies and there were some for the adults. We had two months of distributing these clothing because in most of the place we were distributing, we couldn't reach there with the mission vehicle as the areas had rugged terrains and some lacked roads at all. We were walking on foot and carrying the clothing on the head for over ten hours and for more than thirty kilometers. It was very difficult but we thank God as we were able to reach to the villages we had planned and distributed the clothing.

We visited and distributed clothing in the following villages:-

1. Luvungi
2. Buheba
3. Lemera
4. Ndolera
5. Rubanga
6. Katogota
7. Bwegera
8. Rugobagoba
9. Mirungu
10. Itara
11. Itenga
12. Kanenge
13. Bwesho
14. Uvira
15. Lubarika
16. Igaze
17. Munanira
18. Kiringe
19. Bukavu
20. Goma
21. Kahororo
22. Sange
23. Bungoma (Kenya)

We distributed the clothing to the following people:-

1. Luvungi 620 people.

2. Buheba	358 people.
3. Bukavu	307 people.
4. Rubanga	202 people.
5. Ndolera	324 people.
6. Kahororo	130 people.
7. Katogota	208 people.
8. Lemera	239 people.
9. Bwegera	120 people.
10. Itenga	132 people.
11. Kanenge	228 people.
12. Uvira	368 people.
13. Lubarika	114 people.
14. Igaze	207 people.
15. Munanira	248 people.
16. Goma	390 people.
17. For others not mentioned, we haven't received the number.	

TOTAL: 4, 195 People.

When we arrived at Buheba we found a woman who had delivered a premature baby. She delivered at home with the aid of a traditional midwife as she had no money to go to the health centre and the hospital was very far. To go to the hospital, it was to take more than ten hours on foot and for many of the expectant women wouldn't have the strength to reach there as it was very far. When she had delivered a premature baby, she went to the nearest health centre and unfortunately they didn't have an incubator. They told her that she should cover the baby with warm clothes for its proper development. Unfortunately she didn't have neither these clothing nor money to purchase these clothing. Fortunately after four days, M.H.C.D staffs arrived in Buheba villages while distributing babies' cloths and we help this mother with so many clothing to cover the baby and herself. We also gave her so many blankets to help her cover her baby during the cold. She was joyful and thanked M.H.C.D greatly.

We thank Mission World Aid Inc. for sending the container to rescue the life of the baby on time.

We also visited Lemera hospital maternity wing and we found expectant women who had already delivered. Among them there was one who was impregnated by a man and the man rejected her and the baby. When she delivered, she didn't have any money to buy the babies clothing or anybody to rely on. So she was really stressed and she was mourning everyday as she had nobody to stand in for her. Fortunately, M.H.C.D came to this hospital and was able to come to her rescue. We gave her babies' clothing together with her friends whom we found at the hospital. Due to so much joy, she danced until her clothes fell down. To her it was like a miracle

to receive clothes that she had least expected. We continue to be grateful to Mission World Aid Inc. for the container.

LUVUNGI NATUROPATHIC HOSPITAL

Luvungi village is found in Uvira district and it is the centre of Bafuliru hills and mountains. Luvungi village has more than thirty eight thousand people who were registered voters in 2006 general elections implying that if we add the number of children and the aged, the population will be higher than this. It is surrounded by more than thirty villages with each village having a population of more than half of Luvungi's total population. The surprising fact is that Luvungi and these villages didn't have any hospital.

Many expectant women from villages like Ndolero, Buheba, Kanenge, Igaze, Lubarika and Munanira were walking for more than ten hours in search of the hospital so as to deliver. The shocking news is that there being no clear roads, they were to walk or be carried on the head in order for them to arrive at the hospital. Majority were dying on the roads due to the long distance and lack of a medical doctor to help them. This is why M.H.C.D decided to construct a hospital.

When we were going on with the construction, we didn't have any hospital materials and equipments but we thank Mission World Aid Inc. Australia who came to our help by donating to us a container that had medical equipments and materials.

We found the following materials:-

1. 24 hospital beds and mattresses
2. 2 domestic mattresses and 4 domestic beds.
3. 122 chairs
4. Bandages, containers, assorted tables
5. Wardrobe
6. 2 cupboards
7. 2 bicycles: they are vital and helping M.H.C.D in sensitization, distribution of birthing kits and follow up of development activities.

We thank so much Mission World Aid Inc. for the donation of the container to us as this has ensured that when we shall be opening the hospitals, we will have equipments in the hospital. Thank you so much for your care and love for the people of Uvira. I hope that when we open the hospital, we will send to you another report and photos of the hospital. We are hoping to open it in two months time God willing.

THE SEWING MACHINE

In the container we found three sewing machines. There were some materials for making clothes like the sewing thread, materials, e.t.c. These sewing machine we distributed to three women groups who have a project of making clothes. We distributed them in Bukavu as there was electricity and the machines were using electricity.

The other materials for making cloths that we found in the container, we distributed them to different villages which will help the girls who didn't have a chance to access education to learn how to make cloths. This program will help to cub hunger and poverty in rural areas.

THE CONTAINER

The container that had all this materials and equipments will be used as an office. We have already constructed the foundation made by stone and cement. We shall enact the container on the foundation and then we will have it roofed and split it in to three rooms and they will be offices.

We are very grateful for the Mission World Aid Inc. for sending the container and letting it be at the mission. We are really grateful as it has cut down on costs that we could have incurred in office construction.

THE SCHOOL MATERIAL

We were blessed to get the school materials in the container. We had school that didn't have any materials and the pupils for learning they were encountering problems. We distributed the materials to school and they aided the pupils to learn in a good and conducive environment.

We distributed the materials to the following schools:

1. Kahororo primary school
2. Luvungi primary school
3. Sange Nursery School
4. Joanne Naswa Academy
5. Other s we distributed to pupils who learning in different schools in Bukavu, Uvira, Luvungi, e.t.c.

Sange is one of the villages in Uvira districts and in July 2010 it had a tragedy as the oil tanker had an accident and as the villagers came to collect the spilling petrol, the tanker blew and consumed the lives of more than 300 people. Many families were left orphans and they lacked money to educate them. M.H.C.D started a school in Sange to provide free education to the orphans who were left by their parents. Some of the material also was vital in the opening of the school in Sange. This school as of now has 220 pupils who have enrolled and they are learning free of charge. Thank you so much for sending us the school equipment which were very vital in helping the children learn and opening a school in Sange.

THE COMPUTERS

We also got computers in the container. M.H.C.D has a college that helps to provide education to those students who can't afford to pay university fee. We have two campuses at Bukavu and Luvungi both of which we have rented the buildings from CEPAC secondary schools as we don't have buildings where the students can learn from.

In these universities, we have courses on computer sciences and as they had learned, they didn't have computers to carryout practices. We thank God to have found the computers in the container as this has made us to start a computer laboratory in Bukavu where the students are learning. We chose Bukavu due to availability of electricity unlike Luvungi.

One computer was distributed to District health commissioner of Lemera. We paid him a courtesy visit and discovered that he had a problem in writing health reports as he lacked the computers for writing medical reports so the computer is very important to him as it is helping him in writing reports.

We gave another computer to Luvungi chief's office as it didn't have a computer to write reports.

We received twenty computers and twelve typewriters which have helped a lot in educating Congolese youths.

CHAIRS

As I had stated, we received 122 chairs which will help us in Luvungi Naturopathic Hospital for patients to sit on in wards or reception. Also M.H.C.D has recreation and education centre so other M.H.C.D will provide the seats to those members of the community who will come to learn. It was great to receive these chairs and we are really grateful to Mission World Aid Inc for remembering us and donating these chairs to us.

OTHER MATERIALS

There were other materials that we received in the container that we won't include in this report. We received dolls which we gave to many children but we won't include in our report. Stuffs like shoes and bags which we received and distributed to many women and vulnerable children. We are grateful for everything that was send to us all that have been included in the report and those that haven't. Everything that we found in the container and that was distributed changed lives of many people inUvira district and brought hope to them.

We thank so much Mission World Aid Inc. for sacrificing and donating to us the materials we found in the container. You are so special to us and we love you so much. I hope that one day you will come and visit us in D.R. Congo and see how the container brought hope to the people of Congo.

Kindly please we still need another container as we haven't distributed to all villages we targeted.

Thank you so much for the container you send to us and may God bless you.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

We are grateful for everything that the container did to us but we encountered some difficulties during receiving it and distribution as follows:

1. Our contribution for the container was to pay for the container from Dar Es Salaam Tanzania to Luvungi/ Uvira Democratic Republic of Congo and SODETRA which was involved in the transportation of the container charged us extra costs which we were not supposed to incur. From Bujumbura Burundi to Luvungi which is approximately 85 km, SODETRA demanded US\$ 2, 800 from us but they paid the lorry carrying the container US\$1, 500. The lorry was old and some lacked documents even brakes making us to pay so much to the D.R. Congo government so that it could bring the container to D.R. Congo.

We tried to explain to the people of SODETRA Bujumbura Burundi but they were harsh to us.

2. Distribution of the materials wasn't easy as most of the time we were walking on foot for more than ten hours and having luggage on our heads so as to reach to the people in the villages. Where there were roads, we did use our mission car and raising the money for the fuel was also a problem in as much as we did our best. We thank all those who have prayed for us and joined hands with us during that difficult moment.
3. It was the first container M.H.C.D was receiving, so we didn't have any experience on how to clear taxes and receive the container. Due to lack of information, we incurred extra costs which we were not supposed to for D.R. Congo Revenue Authority but we thank God as we have now the experience in case we receive another container in the future.
4. We were not able to distribute to all the villages we had targeted as there were so many vulnerable people than what we had to distribute. When those villages which hadn't received heard of the news of our distribution, they followed us to inquire about their fate which is a problem on our side. We pray that God can open the door for us to get another container and see if we can help the villages we left.

These were the problems we faced when we were receiving the container and the distribution but we thank God so much as the container was a really blessing to the Uvira community and has brought hope to many families, villages and vulnerable people. We thank so much Mission World Aid Inc. for the donation of the container to us.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. As we had stated earlier, we are kindly please requesting the Mission World Aid Inc. to send to us another container so that we will be able to reach out to those villages we were not able to give or distribute anything.
2. Luvungi hospital which we are constructing will require 100 hospital beds and mattresses and we received twenty four. We kindly request Mission World Aid Inc. to support us with other beds if they can get them for us to provide efficient and quality services to many patients.

We thank you so much for the hospital beds and mattresses you send to us as they are unique in the whole of Uvira District. When the district health officer came to visit us, he told us that it is only us with this quality of hospital beds and mattresses.

3. Luvungi hospital will have maternity wing and baby clinic and as we have said earlier we will be a rural and community hospital as we will be receiving vulnerable and poor people. We have distributed children clothing and we are kindly please requesting if we can get more which we will be distributing to those that will be coming to the hospital.
4. The computers we received we very vital as getting a computer in D.R. Congo is very difficult. There are so many universities and secondary schools requesting us to assist them with computers. We are kindly please requesting Mission World Aid Inc. to see to it if they can access more computers to send to D.R. Congo.

CONCLUSION

I hope that you have read and understood what the container has done to the people of D.R. Congo. We are very grateful to the Mission World Aid Inc. Australia together Australian people who worked hard and ensured that we did receive the container which has been a major blessing to us. I want to thank all those who supported us financially, spiritually and morally till we successful received and distributed the materials in the container peacefully.

We thank the Congolese government for providing security to us during the distribution. Thank you so much and may the Almighty God bless you abundantly.

I have promised you that I will be updating you with good news about the container and the distribution. Every day I receive positive reports and testimonies about the drastic changes the container has brought to the community.

Thank you so much and may God richly bless you.

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