

Projects for the Mbandaka Post (2016)

The Post of Mbandaka now has 39 parishes, 13 inland and 26 river churches. There are 55 ministers, including 18 who are ordained, 5 not yet ordained, and 32 catechists (specially trained lay persons). There are 12,627 members: 1,804 men; 3,211 women; and 7,612 young people.

More than half of the members are young people who are students, attend the university, or are involved in other areas. This poses a problem because they do not have income to support the church. That is why we express our deep gratitude to all those who supported us in the completion of some projects that we have initiated. However, the needs are still being felt in almost all areas of human life.

Indeed, the Mbandaka Post encounters some social problems that raise difficulties for other projects, which are listed below:

1. **Continuity of construction of the office for the Mbandaka Post;** a budget and the total cost of the project were sent to you in June 2015;

The Mbandaka Post did not have its own infrastructure. In 2007, it was decided to build a home for the Principal Supervising Pastor, to provide him with a motorcycle for transportation, and then build an office. The office would house the communication technology to allow the Principal Supervising Pastor to do an adequate job in modern conditions; in addition, young people could come to the office to learn about computers, since most of them of them know nothing about computers in this era of globalization. In Mbandaka, most young people do not even know how to open the computer. The office will include: space for the following departments: Women, Youth, and Development. There will also be a conference room and the office of the Principal Supervising Pastor.

The Post office construction work requires substantial financial aid to finishing construction work and purchase equipment, furniture, and computers. The financial contribution from Mbandaka congregations is low because they are very poor and suffer from the deterioration of the lives of the members who are mostly unemployed. Natural disasters such as floods and extreme wind storms add to the suffering of the parishes and members in a political environment that does not give hope to the people. This situation does not allow them to do their duty to materially and financially contribute to the continuity of the work of the church in spite of their good will.

The remaining budget to finish construction and equip the office of the Mbandaka Post is:

- manufacture of 6 doors and 8 windows: \$ 1,000
- work of paving and plastering: \$ 1,490
- reinforcement work (windows and doors): \$ 2,000
- painting: \$ 4,000
- installation of the solar kit (electricity): \$ 2,000
- office furniture and equipment: \$ 3,000
- transportation of all materials and equipment: \$ 2,000

For a total budget of \$ 17,490

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PS: This budget does not include computers and other computer equipment for training young people whose projects had been submitted by young people themselves during the last visit of the Indiana Region to Mbandaka. The total cost for this is \$ 10,000.

2. **Lack of sufficient pharmaceutical products in the Mbandaka Community Pharmacy to fight against infant mortality.** We are soliciting support at the level of **\$3,000 annually** to maintain or increase the amount of pharmaceuticals needed to help the poor people of Mbandaka buy their medicine at a price they can afford.
3. The transportation (Yamaha AG100 motorcycle) purchased in 2010 has become quite old and is in a state of repair which does not allow the PSP to ride long distances. Also understand that the Post needs to have a vehicle to provide, in full independence, the transport of its partners from Indiana. For this, the acquisition of a minibus would solve this problem. However, the renewal of the Yamaha bike is essential. The cost of **Yamaha motorcycle** and helmet is \$ 5,500 in Kinshasa. Freight from Kinshasa Mbandaka motorcycle and the registration papers are \$ 530. **The total expenditure is \$ 6,030.**
4. **Child malnutrition due to poverty of parents.** This project still requires support from our partners. The number of malnourished children is increasing every year and the building requires rehabilitation and adequate equipment. **The annual financial need for this project is \$6,000 (or \$ 1,500 per quarter).**
5. **Musical instruments and sound system.** Music is very important in the evangelization work in the Post. The instruments previously purchased have been widely used, but they are now old and in a poor state of repair. **The total cost is \$ 6,000 USD.**
6. **"Industrial saw."** Industrial saw timidly works due to lack of a play called "guide" and also other spare parts for maintenance. **The cost is \$2,500.**
7. **Support for the microcredit program.** Here, women are organizing to put their financial resources together to create a capital that they share to revive or strengthen small businesses which support: first, their respective families with a portion of profits (food, payment of school fees for children, medical support, etc.); secondly, sharing the profits to support other activities of the Church. Note that the Nutritional Center Losanganya organizes the same project for the benefit of mothers of malnourished children so they can support children once they leave the Centre. This project is needed in the absence of a bank that may extend credit. **The amount requested for support to the project Micro credit Mbandaka Computer Moms is \$ 3,000 annually.**

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Conclusion

We are pleased to have had this opportunity to share with you the social problems that affect the functioning of our parishes and our post. We are also pleased to inform you that despite the enormous economic difficulties facing almost all of our people, they have the wish to contribute to the advancement of the Lord's work, even if they can only give a small amount.

Thus, the moral and financial support of our partners in the region of Indiana in Mbandaka Post of local effort will help meet the objectives assigned, recalling this passage Paul says: "... God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9.7)

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