

**Special Education
and Rehabilitation Program
for Persons with Disabilities in
the rural communities of The
Democratic Republic of Cogo
(SERPPD)**



**Come join the Muyima's in this
Holistic Mission Opportunity.**



What is SERPPD?

SERPPD is a special education and rehabilitation program committed to empowering Disabled People of all ages in the rural communities through a holistic education, therapy, logistical assistance with the gift of PET carts (personal energy transportation) for mobility and accessibility, work skills training, gift of sawing machines, counseling and sports.

SERPPED will operate in different centers: Gungu, Mukedi, Kahemba ,Feshi and more.

The Struggle of Persons with Disabilities.

In the rural areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo children and adults with disabilities are left behind. Most of the time persons with disabilities are labeled as unproductive and a burden for their families and society. Often they are even labeled as demons or considered to be the results of witchcraft. The majority of the villages across the country do not have any special educational infrastructure or care programs appropriated in schools, churches and hospitals for these people. During our 2016 Congo holistic mission trip in Mukedi, Gungu and Kahemba we met and counseled more than 50 persons with disabilities and their relatives struggling with the challenges of disabilities. Their stories were heart breaking and overwhelming. Bishop Dr. Jonas Muyima felt called by God through prayer to be their voice and start a special ministry assignment to the Democratic Republic of Congo. His ministry will provide holistic care to persons with disabilities in underprivileged villages across the country starting from the territories of Gungu, Kahemba and Idiofa. In October 2017 our agent mobilizator has registered 30 people in Mukedi, 50 in Gungu and 150 in Kahemba. We will have more as we continue registartion village by village

Our ministry (SERPPD) is committed to identifying the challenges, the needs, and the potential of people with

disabilities and providing them with holistic care (spiritual, social, educational, medical and material) that will empower and improve their lives for God's glory. In this endeavor we are dedicated to educating persons with disabilities, families, churches and the communities on Biblical values that give hope. We plan to heal psychological wounds, lift up the sanctity of life, and encourage acceptance and respect of each individual regardless all physicals and mental issues they may face. We will provide persons with disabilities holistic assistance to empower them. Helping them to enjoy life and be productive in the society and in God's kingdom as well. Our Lord Jesus and his ministry to people with special needs in the New Testament constitute an inspirational example for our holistic ministry for persons with disabilities. We believe that we are serving our Lord Jesus- Christ when we care about persons of all ages with disabilities (Matthew 25:40).

Persons with disabilities we will be serving through the love of Christ include children and adults who face life challenges such as:

- Intellectual & developmental disabilities
- Physical disabilities
- Visual and hearing impairments
- Disability caused by Konzo Disease



The Gift of PET

The gift of PET cart (a hand-cranked Personal Energy Transportation) to individuals with physical disabilities (victims of Polio, Konzo disease and other causes) will make a big difference in their life. This gift will empower a disabled person with mobility and accessibility to the community (church, school, market and more). We would like to specially thank **FAME** and his partners who donated 11 PET carts in 2017 to Mission Mobilization Fellowship for Congo Holistic Mission work in the Democratic Republic of Congo. These PET carts have already been shipped to DRC. Because of the increasing number of physically disabled people registered in different villages in October 2017 we need 200 more.



Donate to help us ship a gift of PET cart to a person with disabilities in underprivileged villages of DRC!



The Challenge of Konzo Disease, a disability that is devastating to a poor rural Territory of Kahemba

Kahemba is one of the territories located in the district of Kwango close to the frontier limit with Angola. Kahemba has four subdivisions: Bangu, Kulundji, Mwamushigo and Muloshi.

In most of the villages of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, individuals with physical disabilities are victims of polio or other diseases. In the territory of Kahemba there is an increasing number of individuals with physical disability (more than 500 people), most of them are victims of Konzo disease.

What is Konzo Disease? Konzo disease is a type of paralysis that affects the lower members of a child or an adult and renders them unable to walk. It is a disability caused by insufficiently processed food.

Dr. Bradbury affirms the existence of Konzo disease in Africa in these terms: *Frequent consumption of insufficiently processed bitter roots and flour causes paralysis of legs, this disease is called konzo and affects mainly rural children and women of childbearing in Africa* (www.aciar.gov.au/files/notes/13748/cassava-cyanide-and-konzo-disease-75809.pdf.)

During our Congo Holistic Mission trip in April 2016 to some villages of Kahemba Territory the stories of the over 30 disabled victims of Konzo disease were alarming. Konzo disease remains a neglected and devastating disease in our perspective as eye witness to its victims.

We believe that is time to join the Muyima's and SERPPD and to give an aggressive and sustainable assistance program to the children, adults, families, communities of Kahemba territory victims of Konzo disease.

SERPPD'S role in helping communities of kahemba vitims of Konzo Disease

Prevention and sustainable assistance

SERPPD is committed to:

- Preventing Konzo disease through nutritional and food processing education to women and men within the communities village by village.
- Assisting the victims of Konzo disease; children, adults and families through therapy, counseling, mobility transportation (gift of PET cart to empower a disabled of Konzo disease to have access to the community life) and more.

Come join Jonas & Eleonore Muyima in this holistic mission opportunity and help us reduce the disability of Konzo disease through nutritional and food processing education and logistical assistance to the poorest villages of Kahemba.

Together we can make a big difference in people's lives and transforming communities as well.



Bishop, Dr. Jonas Muyima and his wife Rev. Eleonore Muyima, Missionaries with **New Mission Systems International** www.nmsi.org. They are committed to sharing the Gospel and meeting the needs of the whole person in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Your partnership with the Muyimas will help proclaim the Gospel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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