

Sewing Machines for Girls' Schools in Kikwit and Kajiji

Two girls' schools in Kikwit and Kajiji with very limited training materials and sewing machines will soon benefit from funds contributed to Mama Makeka House of Hope by individuals and churches in California and Kansas. More than 20 sewing machines and fabrics will be purchased in January 2006 in Kinshasa for both schools. The acquisition of these machines will assist the schools not only in training the girls but also in generating income from the sale of the clothes made by the students.



Dr. Mininder Kaur and Daughter Visit Vic Falls Partner

In June 2005 one of MMH Hope supporters, Dr. Mininder Kaur of Kansas and her 15 year old daughter visited Tecla Mugambo, our partner in Victoria Falls. While in Vic Falls, she initiated the first housing project for women and children affected by HIV/AIDS. She also took a few medical supplies for home care for Tecla's clients.

Calendar and Projects

- Pakisa, Executive Director will travel to Congo and Zimbabwe accompanied by two representatives from Northpark Community Church of Fresno
- Peacebuilding for Healthy Communities Project in Eastern Congo, a grant proposal, has been submitted for possible funding in partnership with Interchurch Medical Assistance.
- Violence as a Community Health Agenda in South and Central Fresno, a collaborative project with McLane High School Medical Academy in Fresno, continues.

Word from MMH Hope Board Chair

A year ago in January of 2005 I had the privilege of visiting Congo with our MMH Hope Executive Director, Pakisa Tshimika. This was my second visit to Congo, and again I was struck with the resilience of the people in the face of overwhelming challenges. Hope is not dead in Congo, and certainly not now. With a high percentage of Congolese endorsing the new constitution of Congo this last month of December, 2005, and the first free election since the 1960s to be scheduled in 2006, hope is high. But I also know that hope in Congo has often teetered on the edge of disaster. With uncertainty we can exercise two options: We can sit back and wait and see, or we can risk involving ourselves and investing in making the future happen. As I see it, this is a moment of opportunity for Congo. This is not a moment to be quiet and do nothing. It is a moment to come alongside our Congolese brothers and sisters who have not only kept hope alive, but who are also actively working for a better future for their families, their churches and their society. That is what Mama Makeka House of Hope is about, and why I am excited to be part of this ministry. – Dalton Reimer

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