

MAMAN MONIQUE AT PTS

On March 16 Maman Monique was one of the keynote speakers at Princeton Theological Seminary's 4th African Women Extraordinaire (AWE) symposium on Women &



Violence in Africa. Her presentation, "The Many Faces of Violence & How Women Confront & Resist Violence in Congo-Kinshasa," was very moving, as she told stories of women she knows, & her own story. Women help each other in face of their daily struggles with domestic, cultural, political violence. The audience listened carefully to the pain & marveled at the humor: Eve as the highpoint of creation... God was practicing on Adam!





To hear both keynote lectures from AWE, visit the PTS website: Discover, click Multimedia, posted March 23. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7e0N3zk5r4&list= PLjSFe-2r4QfvFFL7XVoeeoiWKjQFi44kN)

Maman Monique at HAW

Maman Monique visited two middle schools, Community Middle School where Hands Across the Water (HAW) was born, & a new home at Grover Middle School. At CMS Ms. Tina Avarello's group were fascinated by stories of their counterparts in Uvira & especially at Community Charity School in Goma. At Grover, Ms. Diane Chiocco's French classes learned about education in Congo & practiced hearing new French speakers at the same time.



A lovely young student at Grover also interviewed Maman Monique to share the news of her visit.

All the members of Elsie's class on Women in African Christianity participated in leading the AWE symposium. Some also interviewed Maman Monique for their special projects, & others happily bought & dressed in the beautiful creations from FEBA. Sharing hugs was important, too!



HAW Fundraiser at Community Middle School

The active HAW club at CMS held a very successful auction on March 10 – despite the snowstorm that week!



Thanks to HAW at CMS & other friends (including new friends at Grover!) Community Charity School in Goma is continuing to serve some of the poorest orphans in Congo. You make it possible for them to finish the year!

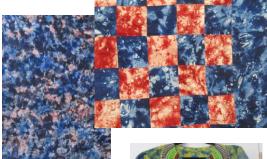


Come to Communiversity!

Princeton's annual town-and-gown (university) festival will be April 29. Come join us, see the Ciaranca family's marvelous parrots (back by popular request!), & enjoy yourself while helping others! We will be located at the corner of Nassau & Vandeventer.

Tie-dyed Extravaganza

Despite the on-going social, political, & economic trials in Congo, which mean that more & more are dying of hunger as well as violence – despite that, the women of the sewing school are still working to create beauty as well as teach young girls how to read, write, & sew. The newest things are tiedyed: shirts, dresses, skirts, handbags, clutches, change purses, & more! Just look at this quilt: full double-bed size.



And reversible!

Shop on Etsy! Invite us to bring a fair trade market to your place! Contact Elsie or Cheryl. (see website).



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