

WELCOMING MAMAN MONIQUE!

Our wonderful “founding mother” in Congo, Maman Monique Misenga Mukuna, is coming to the USA for a “book tour” & arriving in late August.

We invite you to celebrate her new book, *Cradling Abundance. One African Christian’s Story of Empowering Women & Fighting Systemic Poverty* (IVP, 2021). Be the first in your town or neighborhood or family to read it... then get it

autographed by Maman Monique herself!

Her tour schedule is Boston (Aug. 21-25), Chicago (Aug. 26-Sept.8), Princeton (Sept. 9-28), Charlotte (NC, Sept. 29-Oct. 2), Richmond (Oct. 3--), & other places reached from these centers in these states. She will also be making appearances online. Watch our website & email updates for specific events near you.

If you would like to invite Maman Monique to meet with you or your group, please write to Elsie McKee at elsie.mckee@ptsem.edu

PS Read what a South African women pastor-theologian says about *Cradling Abundance*. <https://africa.thegospelcoalition.org/reviews/cradling-abundance-tells-a-story-we-must-hear-and-heed/>

Happy 70th Birthday!!!



Above: Maman Monique's 9 children & 2 stepchildren created a surprise 70th birthday celebration for her. Only her two youngest daughters could not get to Kinshasa. R: Presenting the framed cover of her book, thanks to IVP.

NEW ADDRESS AND ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

Woman, Cradle of Abundance was originally named FEBA, Inc., using Woman, Cradle of Abundance as an alternate name. We have now applied to the IRS to be officially Woman, Cradle of Abundance, with the same EIN 90-0945617.

For convenience we shorten this to “CRADLE.” Women’s traditional work is cradling children. However, “Cradle” is also a metaphor for nurturing life in many ways & circumstances. We “cradle” & open doors to social justice for girls & women & children through education, income-generating activities, & support for victims of gender violence & destitution.

This USA nonprofit works with two small Congo nonprofits: FEBA in Kinshasa, CENEDI in Kivu (eastern Congo). For each Congo partner there is a CRADLE department. One of these, called Hands Across the Water (HAW), is the “youth division” which aims both to open more global perspectives for North American students & to educate destitute children in Congo.

CRADLE will be 10 years old in Feb. 2023! In preparation for this big event we are working to make a solid base for the future. One change is a NEW address.

115 MAINE AVE, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08002.

Our office has been in the home of a board member. For years that has been in Princeton, NJ, with our founder Dr. Elsie McKee or another board member. Our office now follows Elsie into retirement.



Celebrating Our Friends

We are so happy to have friends in many places, friends who sing & play & dress-up & encourage us! This spring we have enjoyed several special occasions with our young supporters: in Roanoke, VA, in Cherry Hill & Princeton, NJ.

Botetourt Music Academy



Meet the students of Anna Preston's Botetourt Music Academy, Botetourt, VA. They gave a wonderful concert on March 19 to kick off Maman Monique's book tour (with Elsie standing in for Maman Monique). Their repertoire in multiple languages included Maman Monique's own Tshiluba. THANK YOU, BMA!

Colonial Club, Princeton University

Our friends at the Colonial Club of Princeton University, led by Meron Hagos, welcomed us to speak at their talent show. They contributed a FEBA fashion show to the evening, & donated \$320. THANK YOU!!



Trinity Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill, NJ



Friends at Trinity welcomed us for a visit with their lively children (pre-K through 6th) on April 10. Susan Lidstone created neat Congo paper-dolls to dress in Congo fabric, & it was great fun also to plant moringa seeds in little paper cups. THANK YOU!!

CONTRIBUTE OR GET INVOLVED

Contribute: Donate securely via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1233641>, on our website www.WomanCradleofAbundance.org or on FEBA, Inc., on Facebook. Or join our monthly sustaining donations & make remembering our friends in Congo easy!

Please designate "Sewing School" or "Goma School" or "Micro-loan Program" or "Farm Needs," or "Sustaining Gift" to support ongoing work.

Checks payable to Woman, Cradle of Abundance can be mailed to the treasurer at:

Woman, Cradle of Abundance
attn: John McGlaughlin, Treasurer
115 Maine Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Does your company match donations? Consider nominating Woman, Cradle of Abundance. Shopping on Amazon? Name us: Amazon Smile.

Volunteer: Contact Cheryl Ciaranca, Community Outreach Coordinator, at cciaranca@gmail.com or 215.292.3290 to discuss ways to partner with Woman Cradle of Abundance.