

## A Tractor for FEBA!!!

**You did it! We did it! A dream come true!**  
**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!!!!**

An anonymous donor bought the tractor.

Some wonderful friends have paid for the plow & other accessories & transportation & customs. Thank you, Anne & Fletcher, Beth, Beverley, Caryl & Evanston 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, John, Susan & Dave, & Anna's kids. YOU HAVE GIVEN BREAD to the HUNGRY!



COVID's destruction of life & the economy has made finding sufficient food critical. Maman Monique expanded FEBA's farm in the rural land around Kinshasa & dreamed of making it more productive. But plowing 25 acres by hand-hoe (traditional women's work) is impossible. Renting a tractor has not worked: too few tractors, too much competition, & even when FEBA has a reservation for plowing at a specific time, it has been bumped down the line & forced to lose a significant part of a growing season.

So owning a tractor became imperative. This allows FEBA to plant at the right time, & renting out the tractor will bring income & serve the rural neighbors.



Originally it was intended to get a used tractor for \$15000 but it was possible to buy a brand new one for \$19000, so FEBA will have many years of use ahead. Accessories & transport were more expensive than anticipated - \$12000, but you have all lived out Matt. 25: feeding the hungry. We can't thank you enough!

## A Place for Community Charity School (CCS)!!!

**Out of ashes has come new hope for CCS! THANK YOU, Ciaranca's!**

The horrendous volcano which tore up Goma in May wreaked havoc on CCS, our school for destitute children. The rented building was badly damaged, the owner made unreasonable demands, & the angels of CCS decided it was time to bring to pass the dream of a new place.

Cheryl Ciaranca & Hands Across the Water have been the guardian angels of CCS since its founding in 2015. Now Joe & Cheryl have given \$6000 for a new piece of land. Some aid through the local government will provide the first building materials, & your stimulus checks will help – thank you, Raymond!

**Please** contribute to this building project! Your dollars will make all the difference in helping to furnish this new school building – a dream which now finally is coming true!

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## 5K Presto(n)-Style!

Gathering for the run – with doggie included. Thank you, Preston family & Friends!



## MAMAN MONIQUE & HER BOOK!



It's HERE!!!!

Be the first on your block to get a copy, & you will stand up & stand out for justice & hope, ... as well as enjoy a fascinating read.

Invite your friends to buy & read along with you, or propose that your book club or church group learn about this real-life heroine.

How often do you get a 240 pg book with maps & photos & index & study guide for just \$26?

It is now on sale for \$23 at IVP <https://www.ivpress.com/cradling-abundance>

For more pictures & stories, check out "Our Founder's Story" ([www.WomanCradleofAbundance.org](http://www.WomanCradleofAbundance.org)).

Hear a podcast about the story, Elsie interviewed by Alexis Busetti of ThatMakesTotalSense!

[Episode 102 - Elsie Tshimunyi McKee . \(thatmakestotalsense.com\)](http://www.thatmakestotalsense.com)



Transatlantic interviews are tough, with the intermittent electricity of Kinshasa, so – until we can organize Maman Monique's book tour next year! - Elsie is standing in, & she will be happy to talk with your group or tell more stories which did not make it into the book.

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## Update on Congo

As new variants of COVID spread in the USA, nations in the global south are struggling to get any vaccines at all. In Congo, which last year registered only a tiny fraction of deaths from the virus, the numbers are now growing, with no vaccines in sight for 99% of the population.

But more seriously, the economic toll of the pandemic is continuing to rise, & more & more people are dying of easily preventable causes. That is, easily preventable if they had adequate food & access to & money to buy the most ordinary medicines. Deaths among our partner communities: family & friends & members, are weighing down their spirits & breaking their hearts, not to mention emptying their last reserves.

Burying the dead with honor is a sacred duty. That means paying final hospital bills, buying a casket & grave clothes, paying for a plot of land & transport for the body, & providing some kind of hospitality for the mourners. We have tried to help with this for burial of Maman Jeannette's sister, Maman Monique's sister, husbands of other FEBA members, but there are still more. Survivors of rape in the village near Uvira still suffer, even as the community gives thanks for the women's farm which means they no longer must risk violence to be able to eat.

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## CONTRIBUTE OR GET INVOLVED

Contribute: Donate securely via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1233641>, on FEBA, Inc., on Facebook.

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 following address:

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