

January 2020 Newsletter

THANK YOU!!!

We are so grateful for the wonderful successes of FEBA & CENEDI, our Congo non-profits in Kinshasa & Uvira-Goma! We are so grateful for each friend of Woman Cradle of Abundance who has contributed to make this such a good year. THANK YOU VERY MUCH! We want to share some

ACCOMPLISHMENTS!!

FEBA in Kinshasa

Seventeen young women gradiated at the top of the

national certification program & received their sewing machines.



Some Other Succeses

Education for Orphans/ Destitute Youth:

Supported 12 young people (7 girls, 5 boys) to complete second school with a state diploma (equivalent of A.A.). Mentoring Other Women & Girls:

Provided significant assistance to a small sewing school in the Kasai, which Maman Monique mentors.

THE FARM

- Cultivation of all 25 acres has nearly doubled production of corn, cassava, beans.
- Second small structure to house rabbits & occasional overnight visitors from Kinshasa
- Started small animal husbandry with chickens & rabbits
- Started market garden: tomatoes, eggplant, etc.
- Assistance to the local village: employment, water transport, & some education.



At the left is the wall of the new house; chickens in the center, drying cassava on racks & corn in field beyond.

The first baby rabbits are expected soon. The merchant who sold the original stock substituted too many males for the females ordered, but the balance is being restored.





Eggplants & tomatoes add color - & sell well.

CENEDI IN UVIRA

The Peace-Education Program:

"Starfish" & CENEDI leaders benefited from a Quakerinspired peace-education program. The 5 starfish (secondary graduates supported by HAW) are teaching the principles in primary schools, earning a bit of money & spreading the word.



Women in Uvira:

• The cooperative farm is giving new hope – & work! – to 100 women of Munene village.

• Medical assistance for victims of violence has been a vital response to village needs.

CENEDI in Goma: Community Charity School



• The school continues its work – despite Ebola & poverty! This includes building a second toilet, so girls have their own, & new benches & repairs.

• CCS graduated its first 6 sixth graders! (They would love to continue, but there is no way to support secondary education at present; keeping CCS open for nearly 400 primary students is a stretch.)

THANKS, USA FRIENDS!

Fundraiser Successes

* <u>5K Fundraiser</u>: THANK YOU SO MUCH! You gave us rabbits & chickens. Cluck-cluck-thank you!

• <u>Fall Fundraiser</u>: THANK YOU SO MUCH! We reached \$4000 – more than half the goal. The 2/3 intended for Kinshasa will enable FEBA to begin teaching cooking students at the Women's Center. (Renting-renovating a house for a restaurant must be postponed.) The 1/3 for Uvira women will enable them to pay several years' rent for the farm & buy seeds for the next season. THANK YOU!!!

Young Students HAW

We celebrate & congratulate: the new HAW at Grover Middle School; the great work of HAW at Community Middle School & High School North.

Maman Monique & Friends

One of the great delights of this year was welcoming Maman Monique to visit. We loved her presentations for schools, churches, & friends new & well-known. We are especially grateful for the gifts of a number of Presbyterian Churches (Los Gatos, Trinity, Pitman, Germantown, & more) which will make it possible to finish the residential part of the Women's Center & plan to house orphans & sewing students who live too far away to commute.

CONTRIBUTE OR GET INVOLVED

Contribute: Donate securely via Stripe at www.WomanCradleofAbundance.org/donate.

Please designate "Restaurant School" or "Women's Center Orphans" 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 attn: John McGlaughlin, Treasurer 25 Alexander St. Princeton, NJ 08525

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