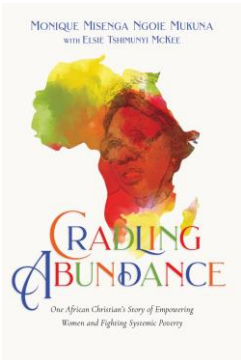


FREE ONLINE - HEAR MAMAN MONIQUE!

Madame Monique Misenga Mukuna, our dear "Maman Monique," will be featured in a special program on Thurs. Sept. 22, 2022, at 4 p.m., cosponsored by the Betsey Stockton Center for Black Church Studies and Continuing



Education at Princeton Theological Seminary. She will be talking about her book, *Cradling Abundance. One African Christian's Story of Empowering Women and Fighting Systemic Poverty* (IVP, 2021). Several young scholar & pastor respondents will share the conversation. Sign up here. Program free but registration required.

[Lecture by Maman Monique Misenga Mukuna](#)

Exam Time in Congo

Congo's educational system follows European models, with national exams at the end of 6th & 12th grades. Local schools do not have consistent standards, so the state exams are the means of certified success, & also necessary for entrance to the next level. At secondary or university level there are also written theses. Fees must be paid to register for exams or theses.



Kivu Students: Community Charity School in Goma is delighted to have the largest sixth-grade class ever: 22 girls & boys are taking their exams this month.

Kinshasa Students: FEBA is helping primary & 12 secondary students with theses & exams.

FEBA's WOMEN'S CENTER Gets a NEW ROOF



FEBA's beautiful Women's Center has been suffering from the extreme weather of climate change. Small repairs for leaks in the roof have not been enough, so our wonderful friends at Nassau Presbyterian Church have endowed us with a complete new roof!



THANK YOU, Friends at NASSAU!

Some Exam Challenges

Kinshasa Sewing School Students: 11 young women from FEBA's sewing program are taking state exams.

This year the sewing students have an extra hurdle. French, the national language of higher education, has been added to the vocational schools' curriculum. Most of the young women who come to FEBA's sewing school are illiterate or at best semi-literate. They learn to read & write Lingala, the local Bantu language. Now they have another challenge... But they are up to it.

New Fashions Coming

FEBA's sewing school is coming out with some new fashions, for children & adults.

Maman Monique will be bringing some new styles as well as old favorites when she comes to visit in Sept. Right: Two of Maman Monique's grandsons show-off their fancy suits.

Below: Sewing school student models the new zip jackets.



Conflict in Congo

Eastern Congo, where our partner CENEDI (Center for Mentoring Children in Difficulties) works with children & their families, has never been free of conflict since the mid-1990s, but fighting has intensified again in recent months. The M23 guerrilla group (mostly Tutsi people) had supposedly been dissolved some years ago, but it is now resurgent. Congo blames Uganda for harboring & supporting the M23. Hundreds of Congolese are being killed, often in refugee camps, many thousands more are displaced. Community Charity School is encouraging its students to come to school even though classes are over, because school is safer than the streets. The UNHCR is calling the world's attention to the terrible situation which affects the whole country as citizens rally to send care packages.

Micro-loans & Generosity

Survival in Congo has become more difficult with the international inflation. People are starving. Small micro-loans are no longer enough to enable women to relaunch their businesses or repay their loans, though they struggle with all diligence.

Maman Kabedi Mathilde, a faithful & hardworking loan recipient, fell ill. People only go to the hospital if they are very sick, but that became necessary. Maman Kabedi was so concerned to repay her monthly debt that she sent her husband to Maman Monique from her hospital bed. Maman Monique said not to worry about the loan until she was well. Sadly, Maman Kabedi did not recover. The grief of death is complicated by the trial of trying to find money to bury the dead respectfully, & FEBA joined family & friends to collect money for Maman Kabedi's funeral.

Meanwhile, a very kind friend in the USA, Loren Johnson-Rosa, was moved to make a gift for these women who are doing their best yet cannot manage to pay off their micro-loans. Now eight women are free of debt! Thank you so much, Loren Johnson-Rosa!

When they can afford to offer another set of micro-loans, FEBA is planning to make these larger, so the women have a better chance to succeed. Support for micro-loans will be welcome!!!!

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.