

Summer Newsletter 2016

### MAMAN MONIQUE & ANTOINETTE!



They will soon be here! Our visionary President of FEBA in Congo Maman Monique Misenga Mukuna & her colleague, nurse & life skills teacher Maman Antoinette Muleka Tshisauka will visit the US in September-October. See them in Virginia or Chicago in Sept., in Boston in October! Meet them in New Jersey & Pennsylvania in October.

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Free & open to the public: Oct. 2, 10:00 a.m. Witherspoon St. Presby.

Church, Princeton Oct. 5, 7:00 p.m. Haddonfield Friends Meeting, Haddonfield, NJ

Oct. 7, 12:00 noon, Center for Theology, Women, & Gender; Mackay Campus Center, Princeton Theological Seminary

Oct. 9, 8:00 a.m. breakfast program, Princeton United Methodist Church

Oct. 16, 12:15 p.m. Nassau Presby. Church, Princeton.

Oct. 23, 10:00 a.m., Chestnut Hill Presby. Church, Germantown, PA Details on our website.



Our visitors will also be hosted by youth supporters of HAW & FEBA at high schools & universities in New Jersey. Some programs may be open to the public; contact us for more details.

## Rape Victims in Eastern Congo

We ask your thoughtful remembrance of our sisters in eastern Congo, where rape continues to be a weapon of war. Since the beginning of the year at least 21 girls & women in our sister communities around Uvira have suffered this violence; all needed medical care, 16 had to be hospitalized for a significant period of time. We send aid through CENEDI; any gifts for these women will be greatly appreciated. **Concert** POUR FEMME II Sat., Oct. 1, 2016 at 2 p.m. Miller Chapel Princeton Theological Seminary



Featuring works in French, by the French and about the French, this all French concert will be performed by local singers and pianists to benefit Woman Cradle of Abundance. Special opportunity to hear and meet our Congo visitors!!! Garden reception with artists and Congo visitors to follow.

<u>Tickets</u> : Adults-- \$35, Students--\$15. online at our website, or call 609-683-5157 for reservations, or at the door.

## Children in Eastern Congo Celebrate and thank you!



Education is a gift! The children of CENEDI (Center for Support for Children in Difficulties) in Uvira celebrate International Children's Day as they give thanks for their American friends at HAW (Hands Across the Water, affiliate of FEBA).

## **Fundraising Fun!**

Our friends find many ways to get involved: concerts, talent shows, auctions, community fairs, 5K, & \_\_\_\_ [add your project here & we will put it in our next newsletter.]



**Community Middle School auction** for Hands Across the Water to support schools in Uvira & Goma, eastern Congo.

#### **Communiversity Fascination with Feathers**

The Ciaranca birds were a great hit at Princeton's annual town festival: step right up for a photo with them. Missed it? Too bad. Be sure to come next



year. Thanks for the table, PUMC! For the photo, Barbara Figge Fox, for great help, youth from HAW at HS North!

#### #RunAgainstRape Off-site 5k Fun! Shari



Orisite SK Turn Shan Oosting launched our very creative & successful 5K run! The idea was to run where you are, & participants from 10 states ran, walked, rowed, rode horseback, & even rocked their way to 5K.

Great representation of all ages: from grannies to eager students at HS North in W. Windsor & many more in between. Some made it a family affair, others cheered us on. Thanks to you, we raised \$1650 & combined with other gifts we met our goal to complete the \$10,000 challenge grant! Way to go!!!

# The Capital Campaign & the Women's Center

The Capital Campaign has reached \$140,000! Thank you very much, everyone! Despite extreme weather, despite political tensions which close down Kinshasa at intervals, despite everything, work on the Women's Center continues. The dry season (since late May) has allowed construction to go forward & work has begun on the second floor. Thanks to high inflation & constant price increases, the final cost will go well beyond the projected \$150,000. We are seeking grants & looking for alternate ways to finance the rest, but we also ask you, our dear friends & supporters who have been so generous & encouraging, each to consider making another gift.

We have the possibility of an end-of-year grant of \$5000 if we receive \$10,000 in additional gifts by Dec. 31st. Please join us to bring a new home for hope!!!

# **Helping with Special Needs**

No education in Congo is free. Woman, Cradle of Abundance/FEBA has the policy of assisting the neediest children & youth. The sewing school charges only a token monthly fee, which is rolled into the daily meal provided to the students. Two sisters in the sewing school come from a very poor family of seven. One of the girls has mastered the literacy skills & will soon finish her training in sewing. However, the elder sister had meningitis as a child & now has special needs. Although she is very slow, the teachers of FEBA are very patient, helping this young girl learn enough skills to contribute to her own support by working with her sister, even if she may not be fully independent.

## CONTRIBUTE OR GET INVOLVED

Contribute: Donate securely via PayPal at

www.WomanCradleofAbundance.org/get-involved.

Please designate "Capital Campaign" in the purpose line to contribute to the Women's Center 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: Cheryl Ciaranca, 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.