

August 12, 2025 Update

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Psalm 140: 1-2 Rescue me, Lord, from evildoers; protect me from the violent, who devise evil plans in their hearts and stir up war every day.

There are over 120 different militant groups operating in eastern Democratic of the Congo.

After mid July, Thomas Lubanga rebels attacked near Bunia.



At the end of July, EDF Nallu attacked Komanda 40 miles to the west of Bunia.



Cars and buildings were destroyed and at least 40 young people were killed and children were kidnapped. Many old and very young died fleeing the chaos due to lack of nourishment.

August 2, 500 MAPI rebels attacked Chabusiku just 4 miles south of the Peace Center.

Bisoke says this group is impossible to track because they have no uniforms and disperse back into the villages or towns from whence they came. Some villagers of Chabusiku fled to Bunia but most came to the PC or to the nearby Rwampara displaced camp.



Those willing to venture out sought comfort the next day with Sunday services at the PC. Those attending were mostly terrified and crying youth with whom Bisoke prayed and counseled.



Father Bisoke with Pastor Manase and the evangelist in Chabusiku

Visiting the next Saturday, August 9, they found the small church had been stripped of chairs and sound system, mattresses had been taken from dwellings and newly purchased sewing materials had disappeared.



The Chabusiku evangelist's house was ransacked.

There was no loss of life but many people had been beaten, not by MAPI but by government soldiers who were meant to protect them.



Sunday morning the few remaining villagers and those who journeyed back gathered for prayer,
church services and communion.

And August 11, EDF Nallu attacked Boga, 60 miles to the south.

Early reports indicate people were burned in their cars.

Roads to the north, south and west are blocked with the only open supply line to the east to Kasenyi on Lake Albert.

***Psalm 46:1-2 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into
the heart of the sea.***

Lord have mercy. Hear the cry of your people for peace.

Yet our God reigns and there are blessings.

Peace Center

Food is very expensive and cassava, their staple vegetable, is scarce. Money sent allowed the purchase of rice which was distributed in 11lb bags.



Reading and sewing classes continue at the PC.



Construction on the new school building has begun.

Bunia Children Hope Center Baraka Academy



Despite the unrest and school closure during exams, students have completed their school year.

Furaha presides over graduation ceremonies.



And with the summer vacation repairs on the Baraka Campus can be completed.







We look forward to welcoming Bisoke to the US in September for five weeks. He will attend the New Wineskins Global Missions conference and visit supporting churches in five states. Archbishop Titre Ande Georges is not able to come at this time due to Visa issues but we look forward to welcoming him another time.

***Galatians 6:9 ESV And let us not grow weary of doing good,
for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.***

***~ God is in control. God is working when we cannot see. God will find a way. ~
Bisoke***

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