

March 10, 2025 Update

Hearts for the Congo

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Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? . . . 3 Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart will not be afraid; 4 And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him. . . . 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock. 8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

Confusion reigns in eastern DRC as tensions increase in the south and north. The M23 rebels continue to advance in the south after the takeover of the major cities of Goma and Bukavu. More than 200 militia groups are active in the Congo, and some of the groups have now joined the M23 cause. Over 7,000 have been killed since the January invasion. Near Bunia, despite the Ugandan military support, CODECO's attack on rural villages is rampant.



15,000 people have come to Bunia seeking refuge in one of the three IDP camps. 1,000 have come to the Peace Center seeking food, supplies and shelter. Bisoke was grieved that he had nothing to give them and we are praying for provision for them.



Many displaced have fled to Lake Albert to make the crossing to Uganda.

Abandoned mattresses are piled up alongside boats as the displaced are only able to carry their most meagre possessions.

We are mounting an emergency fundraiser to assist in the efforts for aid for the ever increasing numbers of displaced. Would you consider a donation for the Peace Center? <https://givebutter.com/HuemJc>



Some of you will remember Maman Regina; Bisoke found her along the roadside, sick, afraid and desperate. She has experienced so much war and heartbreak in her life. Several years ago she was saved from attack only because she had taken two of her grandchildren to the outside bathroom. They returned to find her family massacred. Her only daughter, Joli Nema, was kidnapped by rebels, later to be returned, traumatized and with a baby. Maman Regina lives in the Rwampara Displaced camp with her grandchildren.



Bisoke has used remaining money to buy clothing for orphans at the Rwampara IDP.





Baraka, leader of the 150 disabled living at the Rwampara IDP, prays for aid for his handicapped community.



School children from the Rwampara IDP are able to attend school at the Peace Center.



Children gather at the new Babunia well to carry home heavy jugs of life sustaining clean water.

Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Prayer sustains our brothers and sisters in the DRC. Bisoke says that prayer is the reason they are still alive. To help with our emergency support drive for the many displaced click on our GiveButter link.

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Our website has more information on our organization and background stories. We thank you for your prayerful and monetary support. On the "Make a Donation" page you may specify programs you wish to support: Peace Center(PC); Bunia Children's Hope Center(BCHC) - Baraka Academy; Hearts for the Congo Agape Meal (Agape Meal) - \$25/mo, or the General Fund.

If you prefer to write a check you may do so:

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