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REPORT

Congo Benefit Service: A call for Humanitarian aid April 26, 2025, Bangor ME

2025 theme: Walking with God. Leviticus 26:12: I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.



1. Background

- On April 26, 2025 the Church of Nazarene in Bangor ME, Africa Nazarene Ministries in partnership with AHED organized a special prayer service for congolese in east of DRC in difficulties related to recurrent conflits
- The purpose of the event was to stand in solidarity with Tutsi and Banyamulenge and entire civilian communities victimes of Genocide against Tutsi - Banyamulenge and Hema in the eastern of DRC¹.

2. Achievements

- The event was attended by over a hundred people from different churches especially members of Nazarene Church in Bangor ME
- Prior to this event the leadership of Nazarene church and AHEAD conducted an awareness session through different social medias including Fox news TV and youtube channels ²
- A booklet describing challenges that Banyamulenge are facing was developed and copies printed and distributed in Bangor ME
- A video documentary was produced to serve as basis for future advocacy events,
- Important contacts were established to serve the purpose

3. Fundraising

- The organizers took this opportunity to present about the challenges faced by the Banyamulenge, Tutsi and Hema population
- The donation for this purpose is supposed to help most vulnerable population through to help rehabilitation of schools, churches, provision of catalytic support for the education of 200 hundred orphans located in the region,
- The team had a plan to support about 400 families located in Mikenke and Minembwe to start with.

¹ <u>https://www.youtube.com/live/euwlklzu0FM?si=WxC9OSMa7zapii0k</u>

² Bangor church raises funds for DRC | News | foxbangor.com

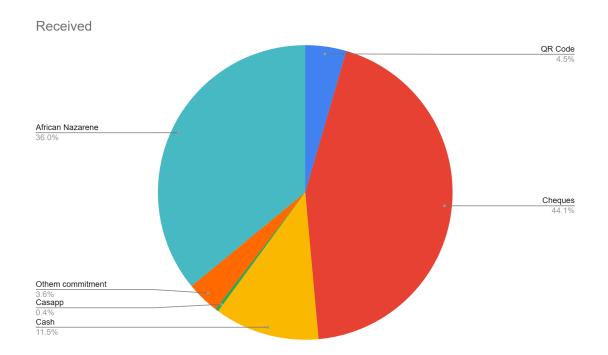
4. Available funds and gap

The table below shows funds received as of end of April 2025

Source	Received	Charges	Total
QR Code	\$250	\$5	\$245
Cheques	\$2,450	\$0	\$2,450
Cash	\$640	\$0	\$640
Casapp	\$20	\$0	\$20
Othem commitment Methodist	\$200	\$0	\$200
African Nazarene Ministries	\$2,000.0	\$0	\$2,000
Total			<u>\$5,555</u>
Estimated target			\$25,000
Estimated gap			\$19,445

5. Distribution per mode of donation

The graph below shows that the majority (44%) of donors prefer signing cheques to the Charity organization (AHEAD). Others donated by giving cash and a few people (4%) use the QR codes.



6. Conclusion

- The leadership of AHEAD and African Nazarene Ministries takes this opportunity to thank everyone who donated for this cause.
- As mentioned, the target that we had for realistic support to a good number of people was \$25K. So far, there is a gap of \$19K.
- The organizing team suggested continuing advocacy and reaching out to a few other potential donors to increase the amount.
- Develop an action plan to support beneficiaries with available funds and establish long term vision for rehabilitation of schools and churches
- Plan an In -country mission in DRC Minembwe by September 2025.
- Identify championships to serve as technical advisors of AHEAD in this journey of advocacy
- Organize a breakfast with various leaders by June 2025
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