

Board of Directors

AWIEF is run by an all-volunteer staff.

Mbuyu "Puma" Wa Mbuyu, President & Co-founder, is a master electrician in Washington, D.C. Every year since 1995 Puma has organized the AWIEF projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo in the summer while pursuing his job in the United States during the rest of the year.

Rebecca Macina, Vice President, has 10 years experience in international development and now works in the Bureau of International Labor Affairs for the US Department of Labor. Rebecca was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali for three years after receiving her Masters in Education from Harvard.

James Carpenter, Treasurer & Director of Information Technology, has degrees in math and statistics and a background in IT. Jim has been active in his community for 30 years in energy and environment issues. He has traveled to the Congo many times with Puma to build computer labs and teach.

Shannon Murphy, Secretary, is an outpatient physical therapist. She has a personal interest in global development and grassroots advocacy. She is also an amateur photographer and a volunteer for the ONE campaign.

Charles Schultz is a master electrician in Washington, D.C. He has a degree in English and like Puma, he has an Eagle Scout background.

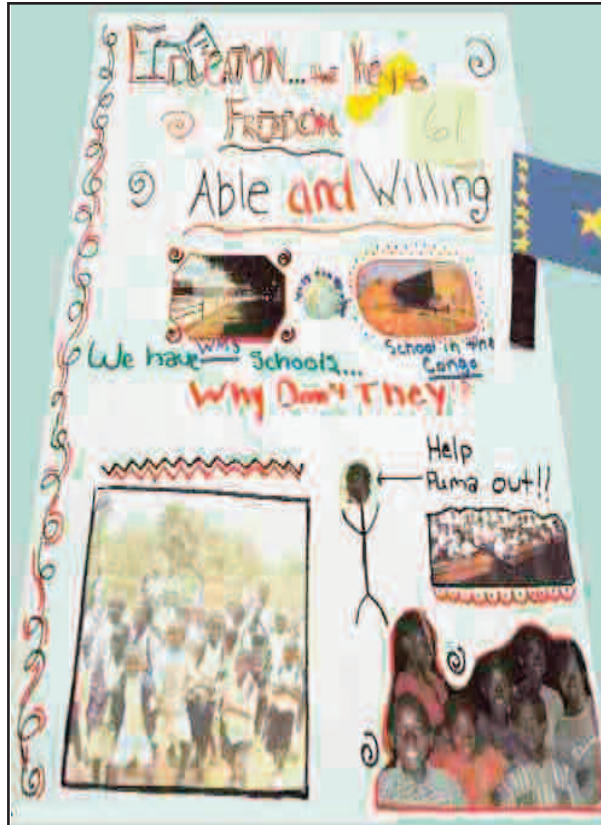
Our current goal is to duplicate our success in other villages.

I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution of:

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Send to: AWIEF, P.O. Box 4303,
Frederick, MD 21705-4303

AWIEF, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our current financial statement is available upon request.



One of hundreds of posters created by 6th graders at Walkersville Middle School. The students used the posters to raise \$1,300 since 2006.



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AWIEF Mission

Able & Willing International Education Foundation, Inc. is a private non-profit organization dedicated to promoting education and development by:

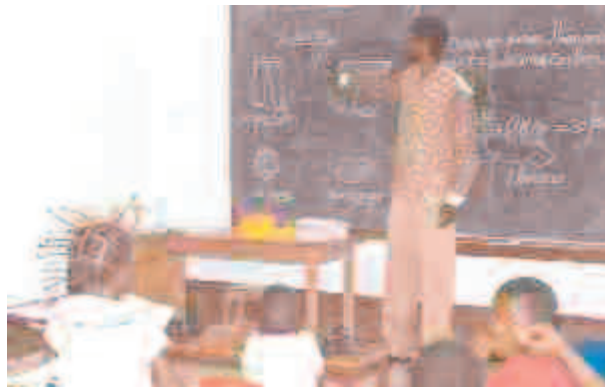
- Building Schools in areas where access to basic education is limited.
- Establishing income-generating projects that teach students life skills and allow the schools to be self-supporting.
- Fostering regenerative natural resources activities within the communities where the schools are located.
- Educating the U.S. public about other countries and cultures, and raising awareness of the inter-dependent nature of the world.

"If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time... But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

- aboriginal woman

AWIEF Goals

- Join together with local community to build schools in developing countries by utilizing local resources and skills.
- Incorporate education about conservation and renewal of natural resources in the school curriculum.
- Foster local tradition by emphasizing traditional cultures and values such as studying traditional folkways and stories in the school and community.
- Include literacy classes for women in our school programs.
- Provide educational presentations and other forums inform the U.S. public about our mission.



Typical classroom setting in our school.

Accomplishments

- We have built one of the best schools in the Katanga region of the Democratic Republic of Congo, with campuses now in two villages.
- The school provides elementary through technical education in a village that had no electricity, toilets, or sanitary water supply previous to our arrival.
- With tuition at \$7.00 per month, a basic education is within reach for a typical local family. We provide free tuition for orphans and a Work-for-Education program for parents who cannot afford their children's tuition. We even have a computer lab powered partially by a windmill!
- How did we do it? It took fourteen years of dedication, trial and error, technical innovation, the hard work of parents and students, and the generous contributions from our many friends.



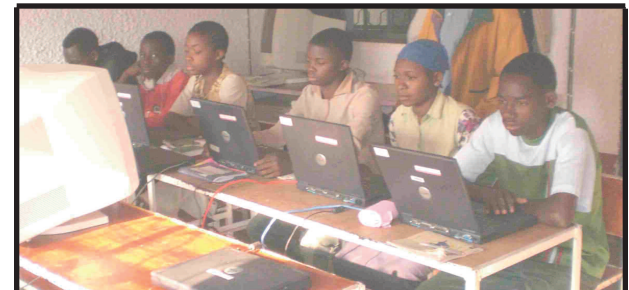
Mothers work in exchange for children's tuition.

Vision

AWIEF's vision is to create a world of educated, empowered and enlightened people.

Plans

- Continue to build elementary schools in areas of great need.
- Produce goods in our school shops that will generate income for our schools, teach job skills, and improve infrastructure of other area schools.
- Connect schools in the Congo with U.S. schools via our new Internet facilities.
- Implement a program for empowering girls.
- Partner with other organizations to provide continuing education for area teachers and health education for villagers.



In our computer labs and shops, students not only master their tools but learn how to start productive enterprises.

