



Holiday Bulletin

Pictures of Joy from Congo



REVE Kandale Project

Women admire seeds from USA. They live in Kandale, Bandundu Province, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).



Myrt Schools Project

Children wearing crowns enjoy holiday meal in preschool classroom, Myrt School, Tshamalale, Katanga Province, DRC



Welcome back to our project leaders

from DRC, Mali & Cameroon

Mamadou Dia will return on December 16 from overseeing his projects in Mali.

Colette Ram returned on November 19 from overseeing projects in Kandale, DRC and is back at her job at Save the Children.

Richard Emeni is back from an eight month project planning trip to Cameroon.

Puma WaMbuyu is recovering well from his terrible accident in DRC last February and making preparations for his return next year.

We'll have updates in our next newsletter.

See our Fall newsletter (<http://AbleAndWilling.org>) for an overview of our projects.

An Invitation & Opportunity ...

Are you looking for a life changing adventure? Planning a vacation where you can make a difference in peoples lives? Going on a business trip to Africa and willing to share your knowledge and skills with eager students? If so, consider staying at one of our guest homes in DRC. You will have your choice of advanced or primitive accommodations. We hope that the offer of free lodging will attract teachers, professors, engineers, and Doctors Without Borders, and former Peace Corps volunteers,

and similar people willing to donate their time – to teach a class in the field of expertise, to share their life experience with our students, to improve the quality of teaching or school administration. Details will be developed in time.

Puma is pleased to announce that Myrt School and Wa Mbuyu-Tech are building a guest house that will be available at little or no cost to all people of good will who are traveling in the Congo and looking for opportunities to help. The facility, with two bedrooms, kitchen, full bath, living room, electricity, and internet, will be ready by November of 2014. He invites you to start thinking now about how this arrangement might work for you.

Also in DRC but over 600 miles away from Myrt Schools, Greg and Colette Ram are making their guest house in Kandale available to visitors who can teach. The village is very “off the grid” but you will be warmly welcomed and assisted by teachers, staff, students and villagers and get to experience life in rural Africa.

A Note of Regret...

A TASTE OF AFRICA, our African Dinner and Exhibition, scheduled for December 8, was cancelled due to a winter storm. The dinner is a major source of revenue for our projects in Africa. Please remember us in your end-of-year donations. Thanks for your support. Our projects would not be possible without the support of our friends like you. We'll reschedule the event but not until next year. Hopefully, in better weather!



(Left) In December 2012, **A TASTE OF AFRICA** Dinner and Exhibition was a huge success. Favorite African dishes were prepared by hosts from six African countries. A dozen exhibits of African projects by local nonprofits were on display.

New nicknames for Puma

“Tin Man” for the sounds made by the metal wires and bolts that were used to repair injuries to his shoulder suffered in an accident last February.

“Iron Man” for his strength and stamina after soon returning to rigorous work at construction sites around Washington, DC, taking night classes in welding so he can teach advance welding classes in Congo, remotely overseeing projects in DRC and making plans for next year.

Electronics Recycling & Document Shredding

...earns money and 30 laptops

On Saturday, November 2, from 9 am until noon, Able & Willing organized a fundraising event that provided electronic recycling and document shredding services to the communities around Jefferson, Maryland. Proceeds of \$2,140 were split between Able & Willing and the Jefferson Ruritan scholarship fund. Over one ton of electronic items were recycled in a secure and environmentally responsible way by our partner, E-end, Inc., a local electronics recycler that provides government certified data destruction services. Documents were securely shredded on site by ALL-SHRED, a local business that shreds paper documents according to government standards.

E-end donated 30 previously collected laptops for the computer lab at Myrt School in DRC. The laptops are all of a single model to make them easy to configure and maintain. A full report is on our website, <http://AbleAndWilling.org>



How You Can Help

Please continue your partnership with Able & Willing and invest in a better future in Africa.

\$100 pays for 5 ft. of security/expansion wall around Myrt 1 campus

\$250 pays for tuition, books, shoes and uniform for one student for a year.

\$1500 pays for material to make desks for an entire classroom

I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____

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Use for Kenya Projects

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