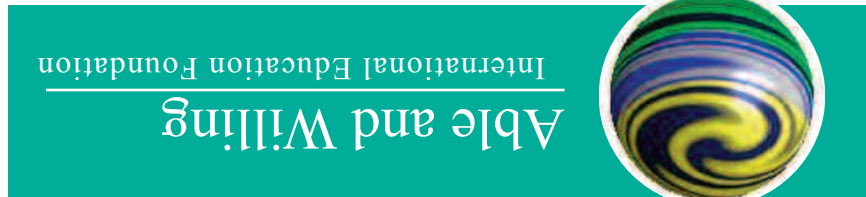




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### Special Editon

This short newsletter is a special edition to let our friends know about a special opportunity to help ship books and tools.

#### Late Update

Cholera outbreak in Lubumbashi.  
 MYRT School to teach nursing.  
 Medical equipment added to wanted list. See inside story.



School workshops need quality tools.  
 School libraries need good books



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## Wanted: Medical Equipment, Tools, & Books for Schools in Democratic Republic of Congo

### Special Opportunity

Our schools need more quality books and equipment that are extremely difficult to obtain in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Normally, it would cost nearly \$15,000 to ship a container from here to Lubumbashi. By partnering with another organization in DRC, we are able to split the costs. We would both save thousands of dollars by sharing a full sized container as opposed to both shipping half length containers. We

shared a shipping container in 2005 with the same organization and it worked out well.

### How You Can Help

Anyone can help by donating money to help us get good deals. You can also donate items. *However, we need to be careful to get exactly what is needed.*

### Instructions For Donating Items

1. Take a look at the list of items on next page.
2. Send us a description of the items you would like to donate. You can send email, a letter, or leave a voice message.
3. We'll get back to you and arrange a pickup or delivery.

**Please reply by March 15.**

**Email:** [Donate@AbleAndWilling.org](mailto:Donate@AbleAndWilling.org)  
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### Events Calendar

- Wednesday, February 27, 5 pm:** Congo Seminar to benefit Able & Willing.  
 Frederick Community College - JBK Theater  
 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702  
 Sponsored by Citizens for Humanity (see poster inside)
- Sunday, April 27, 4 - 7 pm:** Puma's Kitchen  
 Way Station, Inc.  
 230 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701
- July - September:** Able & Willing Team work in Congo on two new schools.

For other events, check our calendar page on our web site:

<http://AbleAndWilling.org>

## List of Items Needed

### Measuring Tools

- 1 Caliper rules
- 2 Protractors
- 3 Thermostats
- 4 Thickness gauges
- 5 Micrometers
- 6 Multimeter
- 7 Amp meters
- 8 Feeler gauges
- 10 Height gauges and scibers

### Machines

- 1 Sewing machines (commercial grade, hand or electric)
- 2 Serger and stitch machines
- 3 Precision lathes
- 4 Diesel Arc welders
- 5 Diesel electric generators (10kva and up)
- 6 Vertical band saws
- 7 Horizontal band saws
- 8 Metal & wood circular saws
- 9 Wood planers
- 10 Surface grinding machines
- 11 Cylindrical grinding ma-

- chines
- 12 Tool grinding machines
- 13 Bed type milling machines
- 14 Radial drill press
- 15 Precision drill press drill
- 16 Work shop press
- 17 Folding machines
- 18 Pipe thread cutters
- 19 Air compressors- elec/diesel
- 20 Chain hoist 200kg to 5 tons

### Computers

- 1 Desktops (Pent. IV or better)
- 2 Laptops (Pent. III or better)
- 3 LCD Monitors (any size)
- 4 CRT Monitors (max. 19 inch)
- 5 Color printers (jet or laser)
- 6 Digital cameras
- 7 Educ.softw, Eng. or Fr.

### Hand & Electric Tools for:

- 1 Wood working
- 2 Metal working
- 3 Carpentry
- 4 Mechanics & auto work
- 5 Electricians

- 6 Plumbers
- 7 Welders

### Books (timely, good condition, English or French)

- 1 Encyclopedia (complete & recent)
- 2 How things work
- 3 Math & Science
- 4 African History & Literature
- 5 Photography
- 6 How to write a story
- 7 Other: call or email.
- 8 Medical

### Medical

- 1 Stethoscopes
- 2 Blood pressure monitors
- 3 Otoscopes
- 4 Diabetic testers
- 5 Microscopes
- 6 Dissecting kits
- 7 Sanitizing equipment
- 8 Scalpels, tweezers, forceps, O.R Scissors, etc.

## MYRT Reacts to Cholera Outbreak

### Cholera Spreading

A cholera epidemic in Lubumbashi continues to increase, despite efforts to bring it under control by Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). The rate of admission to treatment remains very high - almost 60 new patients a day.

Cholera can cause severe dehydration leading to death. The current death rate is about 2% of those seeking medical attention. The main problem is the lack of access to clean water.

### MYRT School To Teach Nursing

To improve local ability to respond to this and similar crisis, MYRT School decided to teach nursing classes. The staff needs a variety of medical equipment, such as listed above. Please follow instructions on the previous page to donate items

The nursing classes build on a long involvement of MYRT in health areas. Because of the resulting improvements in sanitation (e.g., building wells & toilets, removing trash, teaching health seminars), the village has not had any cases of cholera.



## Puma's Kitchen

Dinner to Benefit Education in Africa

Sunday, April 27, 2008

4 pm - 7 pm

Way Station, Inc, .230 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701

Serving:  
Muhongo (Cassava), Epinards (Spinach), Pepe Soup (Beef Stew),  
Pilipili (Hot Sauce), and other  
delectables.

Suggested donation is \$35.

### Get Directions & Updates

For the latest information, updates, directions to our events, or find out how to contribute, please visit our web site:

<http://AbleAndWilling.org>

**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."**  
-Nelson Mandela

**CONGO SEMINAR**

Feb 27th 5pm  
Frederick Community College- JBK Theater  
Admission- \$5

Your \$5 dollar admission fee will allow an orphan to go to school for a month in the congo

Puma and Jim will be two of the featured speakers at this seminar to benefit Able & Willing.