

# Update: DRC Trauma Healing



## Progress

### In the most recent quarter:

- 4,880 people participated in trauma support groups
- 192 traumatized people received counselling
- 846 people were trained in level one, level two, and/or level three workshops.
- 10 teacher facilitators have been selected to be trained as master facilitators



## Current Goals

### In the next few months:

The churches in three provinces (Bas-Uélé, Haut-Uélé and Maniema) will have:

- 100 facilitators who have completed level 1 and who are expecting a level 2 workshop
- 50 facilitators who have completed level 2 and are expecting a level 3 workshop
- 100 facilitators who completed level 3
- 5,600 accompanying persons who have completed the training
- 10 master facilitators

### The project will produce:

- 280 trauma healing manuals
- 300 Kande Story books (about a young girl affected by HIV-AIDS)



## Stories of impact

### Radical forgiveness

In Madjongo village in December 2017, Yves\* murdered his wife, Conny.\* In anger and grief, Conny's family destroyed Yves' property and looted his goods. They also threatened, insulted and beat some of the murderer's relatives. The prisons in this region expect family members to provide food for their kin who are locked away, but this man was completely abandoned.

The murderer and the victim's families were among those who participated in Pastor David Banzingi's trauma healing seminar. After working through the teaching on mourning, the workshop participants noted the lingering anger, and how this was negatively affecting both Conny's and Yves' families.

After the workshop, Pastor David Banzingi urged them to seek to live fully once again, despite Conny's murder. The families resolved to forgive the murderer, visit him in prison and bring him food!

**When the victim's family visited Yves with gifts, he was humiliated and broke down in tears. He was told about Jesus' forgiveness. Yves repented and asked for forgiveness.** He is still in prison, but every time the trauma facilitators visit, he tells them that he wants to change his ways and hopes to live as a Christian.

\*pseudonym



## Quick facts

### Potential population impacted:

More than two million

### Number of languages served:

The workbook is available in five languages

**Focus ministry:** Trauma healing courses for pastors and laymen; translation and distribution of trauma healing books.

**Geographic area:** Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

**Timeline:** 2012-2021

### Total ministry year need

(to August 20, 2019): \$42,860



## Pray with us

- Dear Lord, thank you for protecting those involved in the Bible-based trauma healing ministry and thank you for the motorcycle that was recently provided for the work. Thank you for the repair of the roads, which is taking place slowly. Please continue to provide protection and the infrastructure needed to carry on this ministry.
- Dear Jesus, let the upcoming election in December 2018 be peaceful and transparent.
- Please be with Pastor Calliste, who leads the trauma healing ministry, in his studies in Capacity Building at university. Grant him success so he can minister to those who still need to hear the healing message of the gospel.



*You are helping traumatized people find healing in Christ. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.*

