

Update: Priority Projects



Progress:

Your financial gifts are supporting recently traumatized refugees in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



Goals:

- Meet urgent needs.
- Respond to unexpected opportunities.
- Guarantee the completion of a language project
- Cover a serious funding shortfall.



Stories of impact:

Responding to violence in DRC through Scripture-based trauma healing

Wycliffe Canada has joined with other ministries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to provide trauma healing for thousands of displaced Congolese pouring into the city of Bunia, on the eastern edge of this Central African country.

Over the past few weeks, violence in the region has displaced well over 100,000 people. As a result, tens of thousands of traumatized men, women and children have made their way to Bunia, the capital of Ituri province, or fled by boat to neighbouring Uganda.

“A camp has been set up on a piece of land near the general hospital and another one is being prepared,” says Wycliffe Canada’s Marian VanderMeer, who, with her husband John, serves in Bible translation efforts for language groups in DRC. “At this point, there has not been enough food or tarps or anything else for the tens of thousands that have fled here with nothing. . . . The attacks are coming closer to Bunia and there is much fear among the people here. On International Women’s Day (observed this year on March 8), many women gathered to pray and to plead with God to stop this war.”

In response to the crisis, a major church denomination in DRC has asked CITBA, Wycliffe’s key partner for trauma healing in DRC, to join with local churches and Christian agencies, including Samaritan’s Purse, to provide trauma healing workshops and practical aid. The workshops aim to first help pastors living in the camps, so they can find healing for their own trauma and then use their training to help others.

Pastor Calliste Duabo (featured in the Jan-Apr 2018 issue of Word Alive magazine) will lead the delegation of experienced trauma healing master facilitators. The team will also provide refugees with the trauma healing handbook in Ndruna, Swahili and French.



Pray with us:

- Lord, please end this conflict in DRC Bunia. We ask that you keep those who have sought refuge in the camps the refugees safe and provide for them, practically, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Please bring comfort to those who are mourning and healing to the traumatized.
- Dear God, please also provide for Silk Road Ascent, an initiative in a sensitive region of Asia, as they are still critically short of funds. We pray for the multilingual education schools and the Bible translation ministry.
- Lord, we ask that you bless the Bali-Mba language project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Please provide the momentum needed for their mobilization phase. Bring the right people together, and ignite their passion for your Word.



Quick facts:

Remaining Ministry Year need (to August 2018): \$22,319



Thank you for meeting urgent needs in Bible translation and related ministries. You are helping to heal lives and introduce people to Christ.

