

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

TRANSFORMING LIVES, REBUILDING CONGO

Dear Partners and Supporters,

I'm very pleased to share with you our 2015 Annual Report. With your help, Congo Initiative (CI) is transforming lives and rebuilding Congo on a foundation of Christian ethical principles. One framework we have recently developed to describe the scope of what CI is and does is what I call our "Five E's." After reading this report, be sure to visit our brand new website to learn more.

EDUCATE the next generation – Education is at the core of what we do, because it is vital for long-term transformation. UCBC is a truly unique Congolese university, and our two primary schools are providing young boys and girls with a transformational education.

EMPOWER young women – In a context where women have been exploited and oppressed for decades, CI empowers them with the confidence and skills to pursue their dreams and recapture their dignity.

EQUIP Christian communities – We believe that Congolese Christians have a significant role to play in the healing and

restoration of Congo. As such, CI equips pastors and other leaders with theological and practical knowledge that will bless their local communities.

ELEVATE peace and justice – Despite Congo's endemic corruption, grassroots justice and peacemaking efforts are alive and well. CI seeks to elevate such efforts by encouraging Congolese legal professionals, promoting environmental justice, and facilitating reconciliation initiatives.

ENGAGE current issues – We are committed to being relevant in our approach to contemporary challenges that face Congo today. Through UCBC's Integrated Research Institute, service learning program, and the development of local resources, CI is serious about understanding and serving our local context.

The highlights described in these pages were only possible because of the faithful and generous support that you and many others give. Thank you for participating with us!



Cullen Rodgers-Gates
President and Executive Director
Congo Initiative USA





EDUCATE THE NEXT GENERATION

UCBC

UNIVERSITÉ CHRÉTIENNE BILINGUE DU CONGO

489 total students (34% female, 66% male)

170 new students

99 students graduated in 2015

353 total alumni

7 service learning projects completed

- New office for Faculty Development and Bilingual Affairs



Académie Bilingue du Congo

LOVEDISCOVERYEXCELLENCE

34 students enrolled through 2nd grade

7 staff members hired (mostly UCBC alumni!)

- Music and English programs established
- After school programs enhance student/family experience
- Formation of parents committee



La Charité Primary School

SERVING vulnerable children through primary education

308 students enrolled (157 girls, 151 boys)

280 students completed the school year

All **26** 6th graders graduated

- Hired 3 new teachers, bringing total staff to 9
- Built and furnished Kindergarten classroom



"When I reached UCBC, I got more than what I expected to get. Not only did I get the academic program, I also got community life...UCBC taught me to serve, not to be served."

Adelphine Angemito
UCBC Alum and Staff Member

24/7/365 POWER!

We are pleased to announce the completion of our solar panel project. UCBC now has reliable, renewable, and clean power that will save us thousands of dollars in the long-term with a sustainable solution to campus electricity needs.



Women's Voices

is a student-led group that exists to support female students at UCBC. The group hosted a peacebuilding workshop "Encountering our Neighbors" for students across East Africa.

409

students attended



ELEVATE PEACE & JUSTICE



Justice Initiatives

Congolese Christian lawyer associations formed in 2010 are growing and making significant inroads. In Bunia, the association has freed 150 prisoners unjustly imprisoned. In April 2015, the 4th International Justice Conference was held on UCBC campus. As a result, a new organization was formed, International Association of Christian Jurists, and a new magazine, "Christian Jurist," was published.

OEIL is a peace and reconciliation ministry that serves northeastern Congo as the primary project of the Center for Church Renewal and Global Mission. This year, OEIL held 75 healing and reconciliation seminars.

15,000

people reached

6,000

experienced psychological and emotional healing



24

women participating in vocational training (sewing, baking, and literacy classes)

42

pastor wives served by agricultural project

EQUIP CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES



In addition to peace and reconciliation seminars, a day of prayer and capacity building workshops for pastors were held in Goma and Masisi - areas significantly impacted by conflict.

2,800

people joined in prayer and fasting

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING *Between September 2014 and May 2015, an estimated 450+ people were killed in attacks on villages and communities in the region around Beni.*

"I was so wounded after my family was killed. I lost my daughter who left 6 orphans with me. But then I experienced healing of my severe pain and I am confessing forgiveness to the perpetrators."

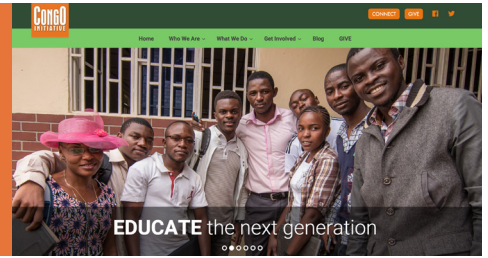
Creation Care

- 2 conference days
- Workshop on composting
- Creation Care promotion week
- 9 representatives attended "Creation Care and the Gospel" conference in Nairobi, Kenya





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NEW WEBSITE!
congoinitiative.org



THANK YOU
for your unwavering commitment to transforming lives
and rebuilding Congo.

IRI INTEGRATED RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The IRI exists to further the strategic vision of UCBC by promoting a rigorous, contextually relevant research culture at UCBC. The mission is to encourage and empower faculty, students, and affiliated researchers to use the resources of academic inquiry to engage problems relevant to the community.

Sharing the Land Project Funded by USAID through Texas A&M's Center for Conflict and Development, UCBC students used drone technology to create the first digital map of Beni, mapped and recorded all land ownership claims in section of the town, and helped resolve land disputes. The project was featured at a signature USAID event in New York City that coincided with UN General Assembly gathering.

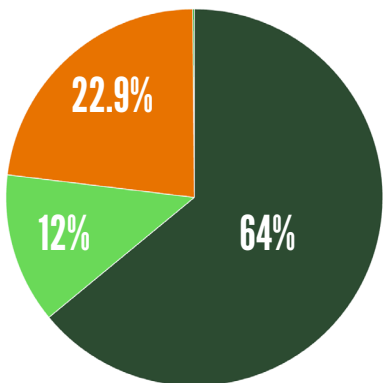
- 25 UCBC alumni hired to conduct 1200 public opinion surveys for the McCain Institute
- Purchased and installed eGranary digital library
- Developed strategic plan for Agribusiness program



HELP US BRIDGE THE GAP

In 2016, we are launching a campaign to bridge the gap between UCBC tuition costs and a re-imagined Congo. Small, monthly donations from a growing network of supporters will make it possible for students at UCBC to gain a unique education for the purpose of transforming lives and rebuilding Congo. As a Bridge Builder, you are not just providing an education; you are bridging the gap between the troubled Congo of today and the restored Congo of the future, embodied in our UCBC alumni. Whatever monthly pledge you are able to make, this is the time to help us bridge the gap. Visit our new website (congoinitiative.org) to learn more and make your Bridge Builder commitment today!

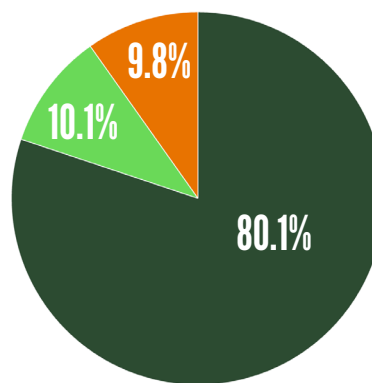
FINANCIALS (Congo Initiative USA)



Revenue

- Individuals (\$681,171)
- Church Partners (\$137,163)
- Foundations & Trusts (\$244,019)
- Other (\$1,504)

Total 2015 Revenue: \$1,063,856



Expenses

- Program (\$731,350)
- Administration (\$91,822)
- Fundraising (\$89,441)

Total 2015 Expenses: \$915,723