



THE PANZOS IN MISSION

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Flooding in the city of Boma

On the night of December 26, 2016; a strong rain falls all over the country where most of water ran into Congo River causing a big flood in all the city and took many lives and houses. The cry was everywhere, the death toll was around 700 people and around two thousand houses were lost including the Lutheran elementary school. Many of the victim doesn't have no place to go or to stay and continue spending their days and nights outside. No humanitarian action is visible and people are facing depression. Through CCDN and the Confessional Lutheran Church, we are helping some families in counseling sessions in spite of not having where to place them temporary. Your Prayers are needed.



Lutheran School



Political Chaos in the DRC

From December 19 to 20, 2016 political unrest surged in the entire RDC where the opposition and the majority exchanged words, fighting was so intense in the city of Boma where many lives were lost. Houses were broken and young folks engaged in robbing houses and vandalizing cars of deputies and those in government positions. All this happened because of the president of republic who overstayed in the power. The situation is calm for now but required prayers for an effective peace.

Feeding orphans

We thank God for the opportunity we had in feeding 10 young orphans on December 31, 2016. These boys always come to our doors to ask food, money and many more. We do give them if we have what to share with them. The December 31 was a touching day as we can hear the story of each child differently. One of them say “I am not an orphan because God is my father in spite my mother pass away and my biological father abandoned me but God is always there.” It is very touching as the others didn’t want to share their situations

but contrary shared who they want to be in the future and the talent that they possess. We spent a good evening with them and gave as a gift a small simple soccer ball for each child. To God be the glory. Continue to pray for them as God may provide for their needs. We shared Jesus to them and we will continue to gather for a regular prayer once a week.



Death within the Lutheran Church

Two veteran pastors of the Confessional Lutheran Church here in Boma passed away. Each one was diagnose with a terminal diseases and stayed longer at the hospital until the day that God called them Home. The Rev. Muaka died on Monday January 16 and he will be buried on Friday January 27, 2017. While at the hospital, their house fallen apart during the flooding and lost everything they had. The church must help the widow to find a place to stay.

Rev. Tsumbu passed away on January 22, 2017 and the burial is planned on Wednesday February 1, 2017. Pray for the two widow who are left behind with a poor life living and pray also for the confessional church as they grieve for the



loss of their two faithful servants.



Prayers request

- Pray that God may provide provision as we consider to have a shelter this year. We are thinking to buy or to rent the facility that can be use as shelter and orphanage.
- Pray for those who lost their homes and love one during the flooding.
- Pray for the DRC government to enter in agreement for the future election as way to seek peace in the country.
- Pray for God provision for our Ministry fund as we are considering to engage in some crucial programs. Also the provision to replace our generator that was stolen.
- Pray for peace and safety.
- Pray also for the leadership of the Confessional Lutheran Church for church growth and stability.

To God be the glory.