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Journey through 40 days of transformation

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Lent is a moment every year not only to be mindful of suffering in our world, but to remember Christ's resurrection and the call to abundant living in our day. It's a "religious" season, to be sure, with as many important worship traditions and readings as Advent. Yet, like Advent, it's also a time to prepare and mobilize for that which is to be born anew in our world, including acts of compassion, mercy and justice. Fasting becomes an important element of listening to God's vision for our world.

I like how Shane Claiborne and his friends put it in "Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals."

Lent is the forty-day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a time of repentance, of considering Christ's sufferings and rethinking how we are called to take up our own crosses. Some of us give up things like chocolate or television during this season as a sort of fasting, and others try to integrate something new into their lives, like visiting folks in prison, sewing clothes, exercising, or praying. It is a good season to rethink how we live and to let some things go, or maybe even to develop some new holy habits.

- Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove and Enuma Okoro Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals (p. 139).

... journey of preparation and action

As we spend the Lenten season in reflection and preparation, it is a good thing to rethink how we live, and not simply let some things go, but take new, important things on.

Surely each of us have a story to share of hardship, trial and difficulty in our midst this season. So many still suffer in our continued, trying economic times. Yet, if we reflect on our situation amidst global realities, we realize that we have been given an abundance of riches and community.

For over 75 years in the Democratic Republic of Congo, God has richly blessed the people with a deep understanding and knowledge of God's faithfulness, grace and love. The Covenant Church in Congo (CEUM) is the largest "Covenant" church in the world, with over 1600 churches and over a million members. The Gospel is being preached throughout the land! New believers are being baptized and our sisters and brothers are living out the good news of Jesus not only in word, but also in deed.

Yet, daily living is very tough in Congo. Clean water is hard to come by, fields never seem to yield enough crops for the family, and education is a major hurdle with lack of simple resources for teachers and schools. A spirit of immense entrepreneurship abounds, yet there isn't the credit or banking available to launch new endeavors. And more gut-wrenching than all of these realities is the stark fact that so many young children do not make it to their 5th birthday because of malaria or death by some other totally preventable, treatable disease.

As you prepare your sermons for Lent, we pray that these lectionary reflections and notes provide not only a fresh way to preach these texts this year, but encourage and mobilize your congregations to "fast for compassion, mercy and justice" with our sisters and brothers in Congo. Whether you are participating in child sponsorship this season, in a "Hope Sunday," or you are simply continuing your congregation's journey to transformation with Congo, thank you for your ongoing ministry, advocacy and leadership!

Kokodo

8 year old Kokodo attends Bobakole primary school in rural Karawa in the Equateur province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). When it rains, which is often in this equatorial rain forest, the students have to run for shelter and the school closes. Classrooms are packed, but students have only thin wooden boards or bamboo poles to sit on.



Ash Wednesday - February 13

A true fast for justice, compassion

Texts: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 | Isaiah 58:1-12 | 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The prophet Joel calls for a special assembly and declares that a fast be held amidst incredibly trying times. Joel's context was Exile, where the people were scattered, with so many of their generation's leaders forced into captivity in strange, distant lands. Isaiah picks up on this theme of a fast, which will be called elsewhere "a true fast."

Isn't this the fast I choose: releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke? Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into your house, covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding from your own family? Then your light will break out like the dawn.. - Isaiah 58:6-8

We often introduce the concept of fast to our children by encouraging them to give up chocolate or other sorts of sweets. This is a helpful teaching moment to instill in our youngest believers the notion of "giving up" something for Lent. Yet, the prophets remind us that the fast God chooses is not necessarily about giving something up, but taking something on. The true fast, for Isaiah, is not a pious, personal exercise of subtraction, but a powerful, communal summons to feed the hungry and house those without adequate shelter.

Paul, in his second letter to the church in Corinth, powerfully introduces the concept of a ministry of reconciliation, that will not only serve to reconcile God to God's people, but to one another as well. Reconciliation despite the great divide between us and God; reconciliation despite our immense differences. A reconciliation that bridges our spiritual poverty and is lived out in our pursuit for those materially poor as well. Incredibly, we are called to co-work with God as we represent Christ as his ambassadors in this world.

Imagine all of these "Christian embassies" scattered throughout the world – stations of Christ's reconciliation and compassion, mercy and justice in the US, Canada and Congo? It's a powerful thing, indeed. And humbling, too! That's why we could never boast or be proud, but invest our time and energy in more beautiful treasure.

Congo is ranked 189 out of 189 ranked countries in the UN Human Development Index. The Equateur province, where the Covenant Kids Congo / World Vision Area Development Project (ADP) is located is part of the poorest region in this poorest of the poor regions.

Worship and action

Two CEUM pastors, Mama Kikwete and Mama Kanda Isabel at the 75th anniversary (L), while World Vision DRC National Director Robert Kisyula explains the Area Development Program (ADP) in Gemena.



Better together

President Jules Mboka of the CEUM and President Gary Walter of the ECC light a candle to symbolize our Covenant unity at the 75th anniversary service in Karawa, DRC (L). Reesheda Washington stands with school administrator in Kikimi (R).



1st Sunday in Lent - February 17

Two churches, One jubilee

Texts: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 | Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 | Romans 10:8b-13 | Luke 4:1-13

God promises a land of inheritance for God's people, just as God kept the promise to Abraham, who wandered throughout Egypt. This section in Deuteronomy, coupled with the following chapter, is all about God's concern with Israel's generosity or lack thereof. Undergirding all of these concerns is Deuteronomy's description of the Sabbath law, agricultural cycles and Jubilee.

Lectionary preachers and their congregants benefit on Sunday's like this, in remembering earlier assigned readings in the year. Preaching about Sabbath laws and Jubilee, for those with ears to hear, hearkens back to lessons proclaimed in the Third Sunday after Epiphany.

As Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, enters into 40 days of temptation in the wilderness, we remember that Jesus will come out of the wilderness, filled with the Holy Spirit, and begin his preaching ministry in Galilee. In his inaugural message in Luke 4:14-21 Jesus reads the Isaiah scroll and declares that the Scripture and its promise of good news for the poor, has been fulfilled in full through him.

As Paul declares, in his letter to the Roman church, that in Christ "there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him," we recall his exhortation in 1 Corinthians 12 that we are One Body, together in Christ. In that one body, bridging nationalities and borders, we remember that where we rejoice as one member in the body rejoices, as we

suffer whenever and wherever one member of the body suffers.

Thankfully, it is God who gathers and nurtures us together and that we all live in the shelter of the Most High, who is our refuge and our rescue. As we are Congolese or North American, it is powerful to remember that we are one body, all sharing the promise of God's faithfulness as well as sharing the call to extend Jubilee.

The LORD brought us up out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm... and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

- Deuteronomy 26:8,9

Covenant Kids Congo powered by World Vision is about communities near and far, coming together to identify challenges and opportunities for transformation. None of us, apart, can make a difference. But working and listening together, we can discern what God is doing in our time. This is what it means for us to seek the journey of transformation together. This is good news for each of us.

2nd Sunday in Lent - February 24

Citizens of one kingdom

Texts: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 | Psalm 27 | Philippians 3:17-4:1 | Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

It's an incredible thing to ponder how we are all interconnected. Despite our different nationalities, languages, cultures, this much is certain: to belong to the Body of Christ means to remember our true identity, as one.

So much of the Hebrew Scriptures are about remembering well. Abraham has been given a promise to father many offspring. This, in his rational mind, was impossible because of his old age and his wife Sarah's seeming barrenness. We know the end of the story, God blesses Sarah and Abraham with children. But in the midst of the journey, Abraham is wracked with worry and doubt.

God's faithfulness and re-assurance to Abraham is powerfully remembered even when we, today, look up at the night sky: *"Look toward heaven and count the stars... So shall your descendants be."* Abraham's children would be as numerous and as expansive as the stars in the sky.

Anyone who has had the ability to travel and gaze at the night sky soon realizes that loved ones back home, no matter how far away, are able to gaze as well. This was true for me when I caught a shooting star in the back of a truck driving to our accommodations near Gemena. The shooting star may have been momentous, but anyone looking at the sky that night, with clear visibility, could have seen the glory of the heavens, illuminated in all its splendor. Anyone in Minnesota or Belgium or in the Chinese countryside has access to this beautiful night spectacle; borders do not bound God's display.

Paul's teaching in Philippians picks up this theme of a numerous and expansive people. He reminds this young church in Philippi that they are bound to all the emerging growing churches throughout the Mediterranean and beyond. They weren't just Philippians or Romans or Palestinians – they were citizens of Christ, they were citizens of heaven. This sort of citizenship was a powerful rebuke to the citizenships of this world, and Paul was masterful at leveraging his Roman, earthly, citizenship, to travel throughout the Empire and preach and build ministries of transformation.

*Look toward heaven and count the stars...
so shall your descendants be. - Genesis 15:5*

This is what it means to live out the Gospel in real transforming ways: we may be Congolese, Canadian or American but we are first Christian, woven together mysteriously and beautifully in the body of Christ. We may root for our nation's sports teams and sing the better songs of our respective national identities – but first and foremost we are part of a kingdom of Christ that knows no national boundaries and transforms cultural divides. So we must live more faithfully into this, and, as Paul writes elsewhere "celebrate" when one member rejoices and "mourn" when one member suffers (1 Cor 12).

One body

A World Vision volunteer spends time with a child ambassador, one of the thousands of kids in Gemena, DRC to sponsored by members of the Evangelical Covenant Church. World Vision staff and volunteers place a high priority on building relationships to ensure the flourishing of children that are part of the Area Development Project (ADP).



3rd Sunday in Lent - March 3

Thirsting and Feasting

Texts: Isaiah 55:1-9 | Psalm 63:1-8 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 | Luke 13:1-9

I'll never forget meeting Nahomie. We had just spent three days of worship and celebration in Karawa for the Covenant's 75th anniversary in Congo and were spending the next few days getting to know our Congolese sisters and brothers in Gemena, a two hour drive over bumpy, broken roads. We walked together with our Congolese counterparts at World Vision, being introduced to families and their children, participating as ambassadors, in the child sponsorship program.

Little Nahomie was waiting with her mother, Issa. At five years old, in a pink tattered dress, she just stood there with her deep, pressing eyes. She didn't say anything at all. But her mom, Issa, had much to share. You could tell mom was proud of her little girl, with her beaming smile that could light up the darkness. Issa told us all about her family and introduced us to her other children as well as her husband, Andre. Dad was a local leader in his church and a farmer trying to get by on a small plot of land not too far away. But there was never enough food for the family's table, and certainly not enough food to sell at market to make a living. Andre's story was tough to hear.

But even more difficult for me to process was the story Issa told about her daily journey to find clean water. Her smile diminished as she shared that every morning, she walked over 5 miles back and forth just to find enough clean water to drink and for the day's chores. As I stood there listening to Issa's daily struggle to find clean water, I felt shame at how unforgettable and easy my daily journey to get clean water was in comparison. I hardly ever think about it. I just simply go to the faucet or grab a bottle of cold, clean, refreshing water. It's a journey of seconds.

Issa's story is the story of so many of our sisters and brothers in Congo. No water faucet in their house,

and unlikely able to find a water source in their neighborhood, our Congolese friends spend an immense amount of time and travel a great distance just to find clean water.

Isaiah's declaration that "all... who are thirsty" and those who are hungry are invited to "enjoy the richest of feasts," buttresses up against so much of what so many of our global church, especially in Congo experience. If we are to really see transformation on an unprecedented scale, it must be the plans of God, higher than any vision we may have.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come buy and eat! - Isaiah 55:1

Paul's letter to the church in Corinth is a strong word for us, in the well fed, well watered Global North. In our abundant material riches we often begin to place our trust, hope, and at times, desire, in them: More food, better cars and bigger homes. Paul exhorts us not to follow the false security of false gods, and overstuff ourselves in endless cycles of recreation. The scriptures are clear: feasting is good! Laughter is good! Play is good! But to the point of overstuffing ourselves, we forget the taste of "the richest of feasts."

I didn't grow up in the Covenant. But once I became active I realized that so many of my Covenant friends had similar stories. We often think a typical Covenanter grew up in Minnesota of Swedish heritage, spent their summers in Covenant camps and graduated from North Park. Yet, in Congo, a typical Covenanter walks over five miles daily to get clean water, and, even still, she has a beautiful smile and story to share.

Living water

Nahomie, in her pink dress, stands with her siblings and mom and dad in a neighborhood in Gemena. Mom Issa has to walk over 5 miles daily just to find clean water (L). A woman outside Kikimi, DRC collects clean water at one of World Vision's numerous capped springs in her neighborhoods ADP.



Food and health

A young girl in Kikimi shows us her family's chicken coop, one more touchstone of their World Vision ADP and its journey to transformation (L). Meanwhile, Richard Gbalanu, Karawa hospital administrator shares his vision for the hospital's mission (R).



4th Sunday in Lent - March 10

Seeing from a Christian point of view

Texts: Joshua 5:9-12 | Psalm 32 | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 | Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Our hope, for friends in Congo, like Issa and Andre (see above) is that they have access to clean water and are able to cultivate their rich land with abundant crops, yielding rich food produced in the land. What I soon realized, after our visit with Nahomie's family, was that there was, in fact the possibility for clean, accessible water, as well as rich, verdant land to plant and cultivate for agriculture.

... they ate food produced in the land. - Joshua 5:11

We visited a couple of sites where local natural springs were capped, yielding refreshing "living water," always bubbling to the surface and, with World Vision's assistance, set up in clean, sanitary stations. We encountered an agriculture program, and even more exciting, a micro-finance effort where a local resident was able to raise chickens, sell their eggs for a profit, and train others in the community in animal husbandry. It was possible, to get clean water and assist in yielding a good harvest, through local partnerships.

Even with this progress, there are other setbacks, especially when it comes to health. So many in Congo experience death from totally preventable diseases like HIV/AIDS and malaria as a regular occurrence. Almost everyone in Congo will suffer from malaria at some point in their lives (and most likely numerous occasions). Those that are able to build up immunities as young children are the fortunate ones. Yet, 82,000 kids every year will die in Congo before their 5th birthday. They die as a result of not having access to medications we take for granted or because of lack of preventable measures like bed-nets.

HIV/AIDS enflames communities in Congo, too. For too long, the church shunned people suffering from HIV/AIDS. Times have changed. Christians around the world are on the front lines of fighting HIV/AIDS. Christians today are attempting to be faithful imitators of Jesus to bring about treatment and healing. The stories of Jesus tending to lepers and others suffering in body, as well as hanging out with folks on the margins like tax collectors inspires us today to do the same in our context. Tending to the sick and working to stop senseless, preventable suffering is part and parcel of what it means to imitate Christ and live out the ministry of reconciliation.

With all of these stories of Nahomie's family and those living amidst malaria and AIDS swirling through my head at night, it was hard to fall asleep. Late into the evening one night outside of Gemena, while sleeping in the CEUM guest house in Bokonzo, I heard choirs practicing. The songs were incredible. Multi-part harmony, all a capella; women and men lifting their voices in praise to God. It turns out, the next morning, we all realized each of us heard choir after choir rehearsing around 10 or 11 o'clock the night before. Despite the long days and even without electricity, the choirs practiced their praise songs with an undying power. When I remember that night, I think of Psalm 32, and being surrounded by incredible "songs of rescue."

You surround me with songs of rescue! - Psalm 32:8

5th Sunday in Lent - March 17

Eyes opened to see the new thing

Texts: Isaiah 43:16-21 | Psalm 126 | Philippians 3:4b-14 | John 12:1-8

Anyone that wants to learn more about, or is setting out to visit Congo, inevitably comes across two books: *King Leopold's Ghost* by Adam Hochschild and Jason Stearns' *Dancing in the Glory of Monsters*. Hochschild's book describes the horrors of the Belgian Congo, going into vivid detail of the European power's exploitation and violence against the Congolese. The Belgians saw Congo as a place to extract immense mineral wealth and natural resources. Once the colonizers abruptly pulled out in 1960, they left a country decimated by oppression and violence, with only about a dozen or so with any semblance of education to begin putting the country back together. It's easy to understand why Congo would fall into decades of chaos and subsequent oppression under Mobutu's rule over his *Zaire*.

Dancing in the Glory of Monsters details the more recent horrors of what has since become known as "The Great War of Africa." 20 different rebel groups and the armies of 9 nations left Congo with millions dead and over 3 million people displaced.

These books are very important reads. Yet, taken alone, one might imagine a place deep in the heart of Africa that is *only* dark, *only* violent, *only* oppressed, *only* in despair. Life in Congo is, as I've described, full of immense praise, rich music, and abiding hope. And yes, it would be false to say there remains no threat to the very fragile peace that yearns to take deeper roots in Congo. The reality is that, the full story of Congo is somewhere in between.

With this in mind, it is powerful to hear Isaiah's word that the LORD is making a way in the sea and a path through the mighty challenges. To best follow God's path into a better future, the prophet tells the

When the LORD changed Zion's circumstances for the better, it was like we were dreaming. Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter; our tongues were with joyful shouts. -Psalm 126: 1-2

people not to "remember the prior things" and not to "ponder the ancient history." Surely Isaiah would have us remember the lessons of our histories well. This passage underscores, for me, the importance to not *only* remember the broken stories of our past to the point of being frozen in them. It's vital we have our eyes opened to recognize the "new thing" that God is doing.

To further illustrate this point, I love the story of the meal that Lazarus and his two sisters host for Jesus and the disciples in Bethany. Celebrating Jesus' work raising Lazarus from the dead, and anticipating the long road to Jerusalem, Mary washes and anoints him with a lavish perfume. This perfume was not Christian Dior or Chanel No. 5 – this was a perfume far more exquisite, costing a year's wage. The disciples grumble at this, so occupied by the poverty of the context of their situation and frozen in stories of woe and oppression (there were plenty of those going around then in Roman occupied Palestine!). It was as if they hadn't smiled or laughed or enjoyed the richness of their beautiful lives in *forever*. Mary's action reminds us that, amongst the struggle, and along the journey, there is also beauty to be lavished from time to time.

Yesterday and Today

Standard reading for anyone looking to begin to understand Congo's complex history (L), while a young student shares about learning in his new school in Kikimi along with his dreams of studying French and one day becoming Head Master (R).



Celebrations in Karawa

A girls dance troupe leads the gathering in worship (L), while one of the CEUM's "choirs" leads the throng in powerful praise and worship (R).



Palm Sunday - March 24

Getting loud for our good God!

Texts: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 | Luke 19: 28-40

As we made it through the equatorial forests, we began to hear music in the clearing. First it came through in tinny bursts of guitars, keyboards and drums. As our caravan approached the church in Karawa, we began to hear voices. And then we saw who the voices belonged to: hundreds of new friends in Christ, singing songs of praise, welcoming us to the CEUM's mother church and the denomination's 75th anniversary.

... he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever. - Psalm 118:29

I had never been in a procession of this scale before, so it was pretty cool to jump out of our trucks and walk the rest of the way, shaking hands and greeting smiling faces I never imagined I would encounter. Once we got to the church, the guitars, keyboards and drums were no longer tinny – they were screeching! It seemed that nothing could stop the speakers from exploding and perhaps our eardrums from bursting. We could hardly hear the voices anymore, just loud, boisterous and very electric praise accompaniment, definitely turned to 11.

Our Congolese Covenant friends were very excited to greet us, and commence with the anniversary celebrations. President Jules Mboka told us through a translator. They were ready to get loud for Jesus and were inviting us to join them.

The Palm Sunday procession is an unforgettable story in the Gospels. Many of our churches are rediscovering the tradition of parading and processing through the neighborhood to the church on Palm Sunday morning. I've heard of a few churches that have done this, with neighbors holding their morning cup of coffee and their newspapers wondering what all the fuss is about.

In Jesus day, it wasn't the neighbors who were wondering what the fuss is about – you get the sense that regular folks in the neighborhood joined in with the merry band of disciples singing their songs to the mighty deeds they had seen God accomplish. It was the religious establishment, especially the Pharisees, who were none too pleased with the ruckus. "Turn it down!" they cried.

Jesus declares, essentially, that the nob on the amplifier was broke, and there was nothing to really do about it – this is what praise and proclamation sounds like! Speakers about to break, eardrums about to burst! "God is so incredibly good," they sang, "because his faithful love lasts forever!"

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." - Luke 19:37-40

Maundy Thursday - March 28

Worship, practice and loving neighbor

Texts: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 | Ps. 116: 1-2, 12-19 | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 | John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

What can I give back to the LORD for all the good things he has done for me? I'll lift high the cup of salvation. I'll call on the LORD's name. I'll keep the promises I made to the LORD in the presence of all God'

- Psalm 116:12-14

During Holy Week we conclude our 40 days of preparation, remembrance and fasting for God's righteousness in our lives. We hear the Passover story and remember well the roots of what can too often be remembered simply as a religious observance. We hear the words of institution recited at Communion services on Sunday's all around the world.

The readings for this Maundy (lit. "Mandate") Thursday are commands not only to observe holy days with specific liturgies but to follow Christ's command to love one another. Liturgy, essentially means "the work of the people." How we worship, in essence, should impact how we live our lives. Worship on Maundy Thursday reminds us that our religious observances are not simply spiritual matters, but deeply connected with God's saving story and how we love our neighbors.

In one of Jesus' final scenes with his closest disciples, he exhibits the reality of life in the kingdom of God. This reign of Jesus is the reign of a servant friend, washing the feet of his people. And in the midst of

washing their dirty, surely swollen feet (they had journeyed so far together!), he teaches them a new commandment: to love each other. This is a good service to sing the old spiritual "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love."

Maundy Thursday is a palpable reminder of the roots of our religious observances, as well as a mandate to follow that new commandment to love each other. This week, we know that loving each other means also loving our neighbors further down the global neighborhood block in Congo. As we partake in the body and blood of Jesus across Covenants and Continents, may it be said of us that we were also known for sharing in love for one another.

I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.

- John 13:34-35

Word and Table

A CEUM pastor shares a word at a welcoming service in Bokonzo (L), while communion is celebrated by the Covenant church in Congo and North America at the conclusion of the CEUM's 75th anniversary in Karawa (R).



Good Friday - March 29

Remembering well, together

Texts: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 | Psalm 22 | Hebrews 10:16-25 | John 19:38-42

Lent concludes, in our churches, with Good Friday and the hearing of the Passion story. It is good to dwell deeply in the story of our suffering servant and friend, placing ourselves in the story of God's abundant love for us. We would do well to linger a bit longer in the reading out of the Gospel of John as we reflect, in the words of the writer of Hebrews, on Christ's sacrifice "once and for all."

In the darkness of Good Friday, we anticipate Easter, too. We know the end of the story – not in suffering and death, but in hope and resurrection! As we remember Christ's sacrifice, let us, too "think about how to motivate each other to show love and to do good works. (Hebrews 10:24)" We think about and strategize for,

Let's also think about how to motivate each other to show love and to do good works. - Hebrews 10:24

and mobilize to do good works because we are people who remember the whole Gospel of our Lord Jesus and join in calling every part of the world to remember and come back to the Lord.

The journey to transformation with Covenant Kids Congo powered by World Vision is remembering well God's immense, abundant

love for us – and responding to God's love by mobilizing together. Each of us have a role play and a part to do: to love, service and giving. Thank you for praying, hoping and acting with us, *with* Congo!



CKC teams in Gemena

Covenant Kids Congo powered by World Vision teams, North American and Congolese, at the new World Vision DRC office in Gemena, Equateur province, August 2012.

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