

God's Provision

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

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We thank God for a second round of food distribution to the Linda Stryker Academy (DRC) children. Praise God for using ICCM to provide support to the children.

Linda Stryker Academy is a school of excellence supported by ICCM. This school has been in existence since September 2017. Life in DRC is challenging. For many years war has ravaged the land. Also, in recent days, natural calamities such as floods and famine have destroyed lives and affected economies ferociously. A combination of these calamities has rendered many Congolese families homeless and almost hopeless.

When the church established this school, it had in mind a better today and tomorrow for the children. The school exists to give hope and life-changing holistic opportunities to children. Like many countries, DRC is struggling to deal with the pangs of COVID-19. DRC ICCM sponsorship has laid tables in the homes of the children through food distributions that were received with much appreciation. The joy of having a meal amidst the health pandemic is medicine to the soul. Parents together with their children danced with joy for they know God had worked a miracle. They pray a blessing on ICCM and all the sponsors.

Several Congolese children are waiting for sponsors. To sponsor a child from the DRC contact the ICCM office 1-800-342-5531 ext 502.



Togo

Pastor Kokou Prosper ASSAH ICCM Togo National Coordinator

We managed to get funds to the families of the 29 sponsored children in the Lome area, so they could purchase food items before the lock down.



Togo ICCM prepared to distribute food to the other 49 ICCM sponsored school children in Limbre and Tchore the central area of Togo. This was done at the end of May. The children were also given protection masks.

Hand washing devices were offered for an eventual resumption of the schools. We look forward to those days.

Malawi

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The Free Methodist Church and its community at Mlambe circuit have Chiyembekezo [HOPE] Orphan Center where children come daily to the school for lunch.

The impact of COVID-19 brought change of life as the government closed schools. We were hopeless as how to feed these children. We continued praying for God's intervention.

The community could not hold their happiness when ICCM provided funds for the food project. They say, "Zikomo" (thank you).

Following preventive measures, we packed food items like corn mealie meal, soya meat pieces, beans, salt, cooking oil and soap. This was possible because of generous ICCM sponsors who are so faithful in their support for the special Extend Your Table Fund.

Some guardians could not believe their eyes when they received the food parcels for the sponsored children. This community group sensed the tangible love of God like when Jesus said, "Let the children come to me" (Mark 10:13).



May God Bless Our ICCM Supporters Who Give and Pray.

Argentina

Pastora Maria Elena

“I only want to eat at church.” Some children who come to the church every day looking for a meal told their friends about the delicious food.

They decided to come and see if it was true.

Generally, children do not like “pot food” (meals consisting of meat, vegetables, dressings, a hot broth full of flavor), which makes this a special meal for cold days. It isn't food they normally like. But in this case, pot food has become a favorite. The children come very excited to receive their daily portion.

We believe God is doing something wonderful and each portion is accompanied by the love each child needs with the required dietary nutrients. We are very happy to be serving the work of God. Let us have courage, He sustains us. He will take care of us. He “will be with us, every day to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).



Brazil

(Ibirite, Minas Gerais, Brazil, ICCM emergency food distribution)

In Brazil, part of compensation for low wage earners is often a *cesta basica* (translated as “basic basket”). It contains rice, beans, spaghetti noodles, cooking oil, a small packet of salt and a small variety of other basic food and (optionally) hygiene items. The “basic basket” is the go-to item for emergency food aid. They can often be purchased for less than one would pay for all the items individually. (Although in the case of the Monte Santo school, the director priced the various food items all over town to get the cost per “basket” even lower. He

made the purchases on a Saturday. He was told the prices would be higher on Monday.)



This is a photo of “basic basket” items. There is toothpaste, sugar, coffee, dried fruits, sardines, UHT milk, rice, beans, coarse corn flour (used to make a breakfast cereal dish), vinegar, cooking oil, tapioca (empty calories, but calories nonetheless – much like white rice in nutritional value), and a small pack of seasoning to give the beans some help.