

Baird Congo Journal # 9 – Orphan’s to School – Funds Needed

Dear Friends and Family,

This newsletter is titled “Funds Needed” because I believe God is telling me that short and to-the-point is required in this instance. The Elders of the Bizimana Christian Church have provided the following information regarding the status of the Yatima (orphans) they have taken off the streets and are keeping in their homes. This email assumes you have read our Baird Congo Journal #8 – “Yatima” means “Orphan.” If not, please let me know.

Why the urgency? If minimum financial requirements are not met by next Monday, September 12, students will not be able to attend until the beginning of the next school year. A portion of the funds needed to enroll all students for a trimester are due on 9/12 and the rest is due by 9/25. The following information is what you need to know to prayerfully consider supporting this ministry:

- 1.** We now know there are a total of **41 children** ranging from ages 7 to 21 years; not all are orphans, some are street children whose parents, unable to feed them, moved away leaving them behind. Many children in Congo, with parents or without have missed several years of school – it is not uncommon to graduate from High School at the age of 23 or 24 years old. 22 students are in grade school, 19 are in High School; 21 are girls, 20 are boys.
- 2. \$1410.00 is due Sept. 12.** This covers 41 enrolling fees, uniforms, backpacks and notebooks.
- 3. \$2,100.00 is due Sept 25.** This covers 41 pairs of close-toed shoes and the first trimester of school fees.
- 4.** If we have the promise of all funds by Saturday, 9/10 (your time, which will be Sunday 9/11 our time) we will be able to start all 41 children in school. That is only 3 days from now. Please email me to say that what amount you are intending to send to our Forwarding Agents. We will have these funds wire-transferred as soon as they are received.
- 5.** Please make checks payable to: **ACM International** and write **Orphan School** in the Memo Line. Send checks to: ACM International
% Tim and Theresa McGee
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Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and please pray for this ministry.

God’s Blessings,

Dawn Baird