

East Congo Virtual Trip (Mama Lynn Centre for Girls and Women, Victims of Sexual Violence)

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PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

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Wife of Bishop Unda Gabriel (Bishop of the East
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CONTEXT

- The Mama Lynn Centre of the East Congo Episcopal Area was created based on a vision from Bishop Unda Yemba Gabriel and from conversations with some partners who had the intention of making a donation towards buying a plane for mission trips within the very vast mission field of the East Congo Episcopal Area, which includes the provinces of Maniema, South Kivu, North Kivu, Oriental and Equator, and the Central African Republic. The Bishop instead opted for the creation and construction of a treatment and training centre for girls and women victims of sexual violence, and other vulnerable groups.
- This Centre was named in honor of the spouse of Bishop William T. McAlilly, one of our partner Bishop's who made significant contributions towards the construction of the buildings for the Mama Lynn Centre .

CONTEXT

The Congo Wars and Rebel Groups



Women with their Babies Seek Safety



Partnerships

Tennessee, California-Pacific, Memphis, Local Churches, groups & Individuals



Partnerships Cont'

In Mission Together Group From North Texas



MISSION OF THE MAMAN LYNN CENTRE

The mandate of the Mama Lynn Centre is to restore and consolidate the dignity, to build self confidence, and to improve the life expectancy rates of girls and women, survivors of sexual aggression in the East Congo Episcopal Area

Accomplishment

- Since its creation, the Mama Lynn Centre has already trained 120 women; girls and women stigmatized victims of sexual violence from different religious groups, and some wives of Pastors in the Episcopal Region.
- The Mama Lynn Centre in Kindu presently has 80 women and Girls enrolled in the different programs offered by the Centre, 25 Trainees in Goma and 35 Trainees in Kisangani annexes.
- Training Sessions for women in Kindu, Goma and Kisangani
- Support for activities organized by women in our three annual conferences
- Provided Micro Credit Support to Pastor's Wives in Kindu, Goma and Kisangani

Training Courses at the Maman Lynn Centre

Alphabétisation 1 et 2 (Swahili, French and English)



Sewing



Training Courses at the Maman Lynn Centre

Culinary Arts



Pastry



Training Courses at the Maman Lynn Centre

Religion & Moral Education



Health & Hygiene



Training Courses at the Maman Lynn Centre

Soap Production



Weaving and Knitting



Training Courses at the Maman Lynn Centre

Agriculture



Entrepreneurship



OTHER LOCALITIES WHERE WE HAVE PROGRAMS

Kisangani/Lubutu



Goma



Challenges

Completing construction work for the meeting hall and buildings reserved for lodging of trainees.



Challenges

Insufficient Training Equipments: Sewing Machines , Caustic Soda, Flour ,Vegetable Oil, Palm Oil

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Challenges

The Running Cost of the Mama Lynn Centre



Challenges

Providing reinsertion kits to the trainees at the end of their training with the Mama Lynn Centre



HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THIS WITNESS?

PRAY FOR OR (AND) DONATE TO THE ADVANCE TO SUPPORT THE MAMA LYNN CENTRE

With \$150 you or Your Group can offer a Sewing Machine to the Girls and Women at the Mama Lynn Centre. You can best donate if you will:

- Call Elaine Schwartz at Global Ministries
 - 770-625-7727 M-F 9am-4pm Eastern Time
 - "Advance #00381A Congo, DRC (East Congo)" and designate "Mama Lynn Sewing Machines"
 - She will get your name, credit card number, etc.
 - Email the following to let them know of your contribution:



THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION!

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