

# THE VOLT TEAM IN CAMEROON



# WELCOME AND PLANNING



# EYE CONSULTATIONS



# SHARED MOSQUITO NETS



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# BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS



# WE WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK



# SOME LOCALS WERE TRAINED





# LOCALS STARTED ORGANIZING THESE EYE CLINICS



# FIRST TIMES



Collins Etchi Ako  
**Missionary, General Board of Global Ministries**  
The United Methodist Church

**Missionary Assignment:** East Congo Episcopal Area, United  
Methodist Church, Democratic Republic of Congo

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# WE BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM

## THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Anne Greta, Collins Ako Sr. and Kids (Anael, Benedicth, Jesus Gareth and Collins Jr

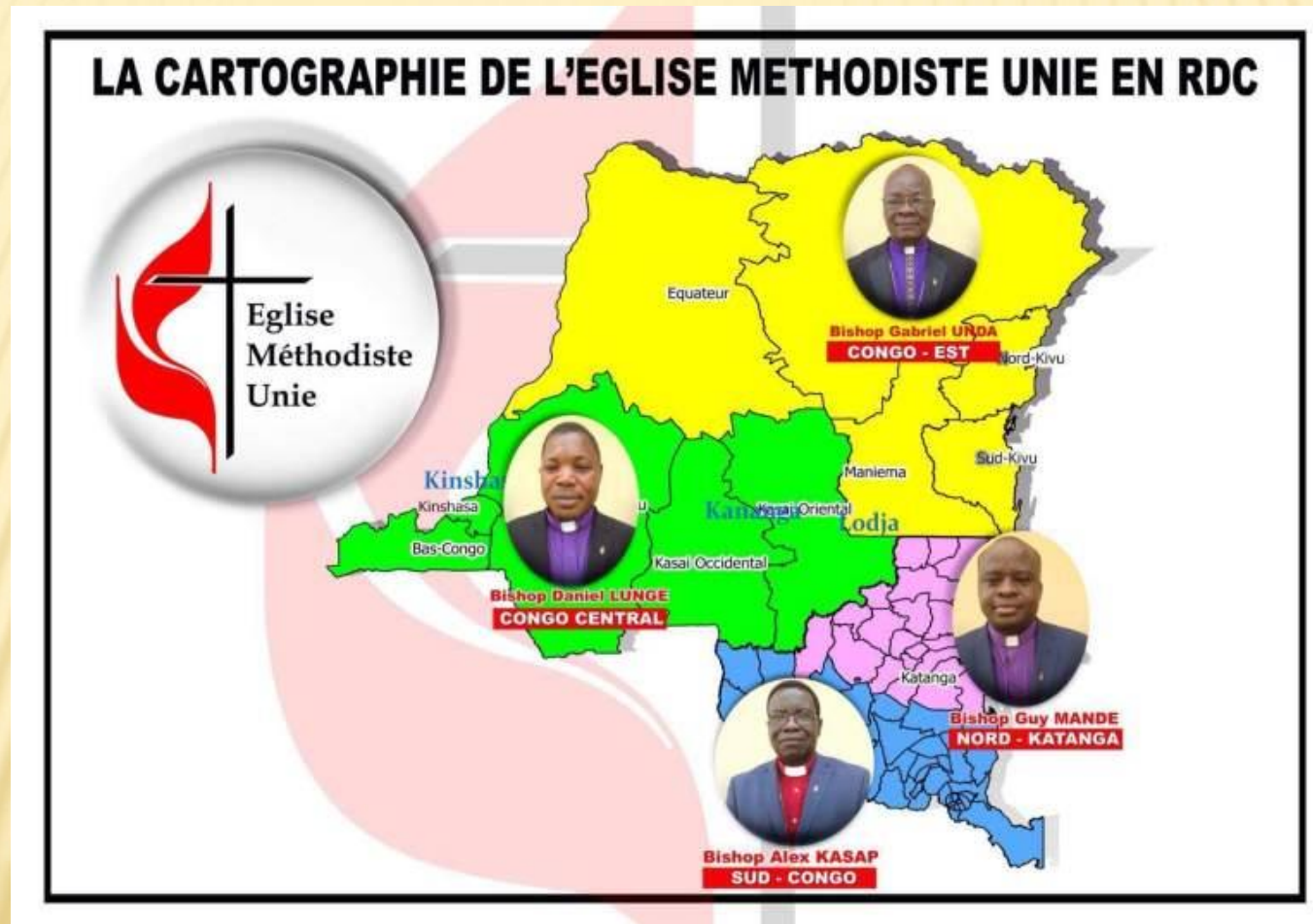


# THE EAST CONGO EPISCOPAL AREA

The East Congo Episcopal Area is the denomination's newest episcopal area, established in 2012, under the Leadership of bishop Under Yemba Gabriel



# THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, DRC



# OUR WITNESS AS A MISSIONARY TO THE DRC

In 1922, Chief Tunda Kasongo Luhahi welcomed the first white Methodist missionaries to his village of Tunda.



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The first missionaries, Ansil Lynn and his wife, with their young child, arrived on March 10, 1922, and got right to work. They held the first worship service on a dirt path that they helped hack through the vegetation to create.





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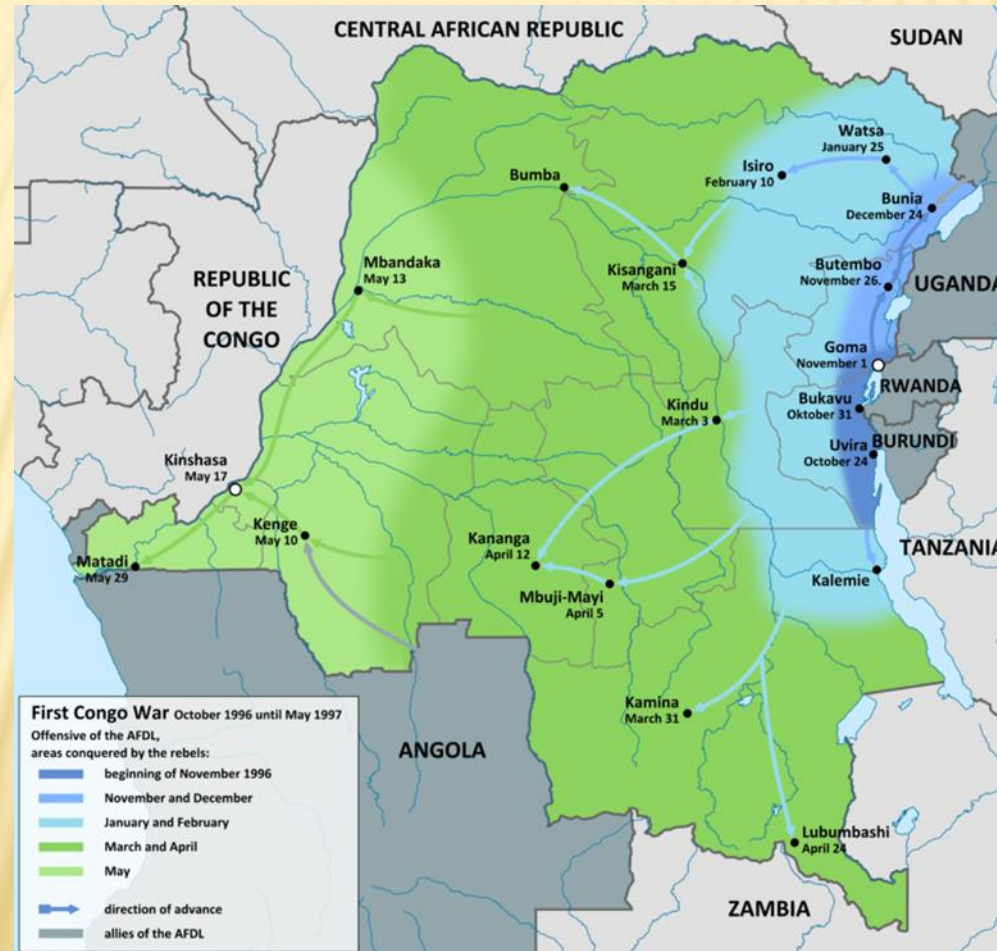
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The **First Congo War** (1996–1997), also nicknamed **Africa's First World War**, was a civil war and international military conflict which took place mostly in Zaire (present-day Democratic Republic of Congo), with major spillovers into Sudan and Uganda. The conflict culminated in a foreign invasion that replaced Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko with the rebel leader Laurent-Désiré Kabila.

The **Second Congo War** (also known as the **Great War of Africa**) began on August 1998, little more than a year after the First Congo War, and involved some of the same issues. The war officially ended in July 2003, when the Transitional Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo took power. Although a peace agreement was signed in 2002, violence has continued in many regions of the country, especially in the east.

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## Post Conflict Reconstruction Context



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Bishop Unda's Invitation, Inspired by Nehemiah 2:17 (...Come, and let us rebuild...)



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## Healing and Reinsertion

Mama Lyn Centre (Addresses Sexual Violence and Promotes Capacity building for Girls and women Victims of Sexual violence)



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Kindu Orphanage



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Goma Orphanage



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## Rebuilding Educational Infrastructure





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## Rebuilding Worship Spaces



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## Rebuilding Health Care Infrastructures



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## Improving Access to Portable Water



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Access to Renewable Sources of Energy



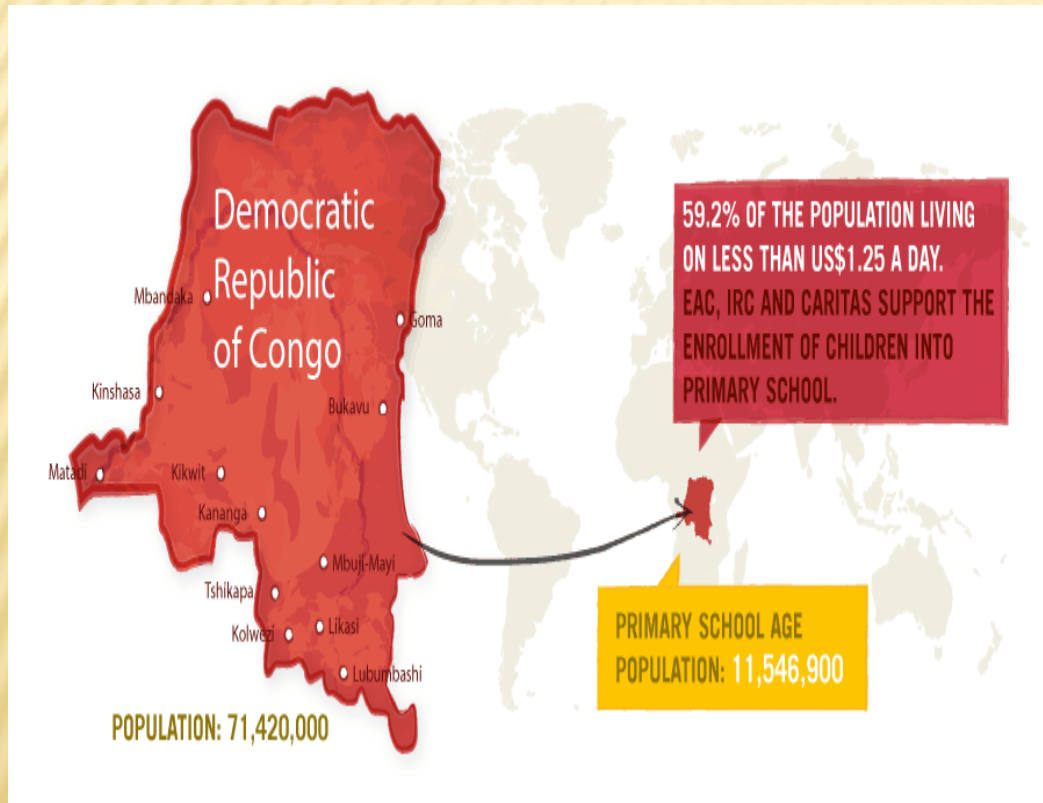
# CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES

Poor Road Infrastructure/An Opportunity for Fun RoadTrips



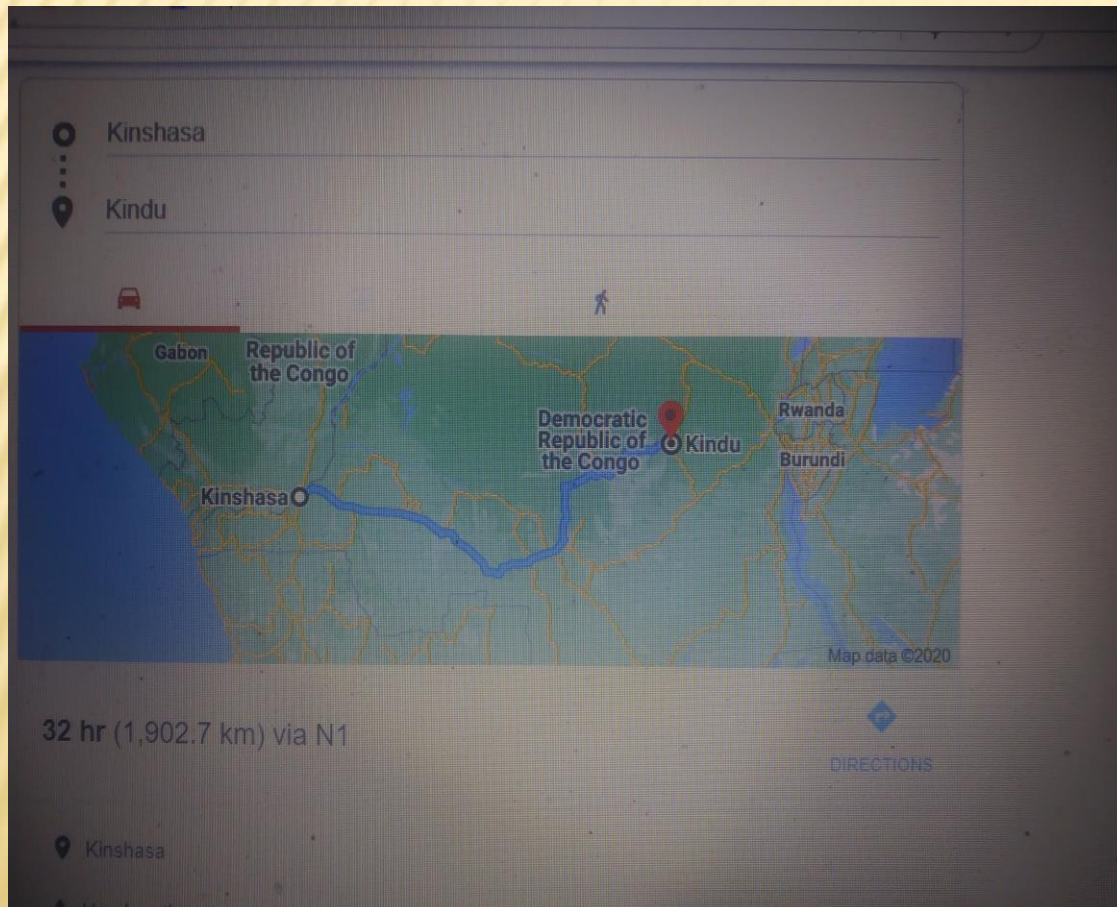
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Poverty/Plant a Seed and be a Part of Missio Dei



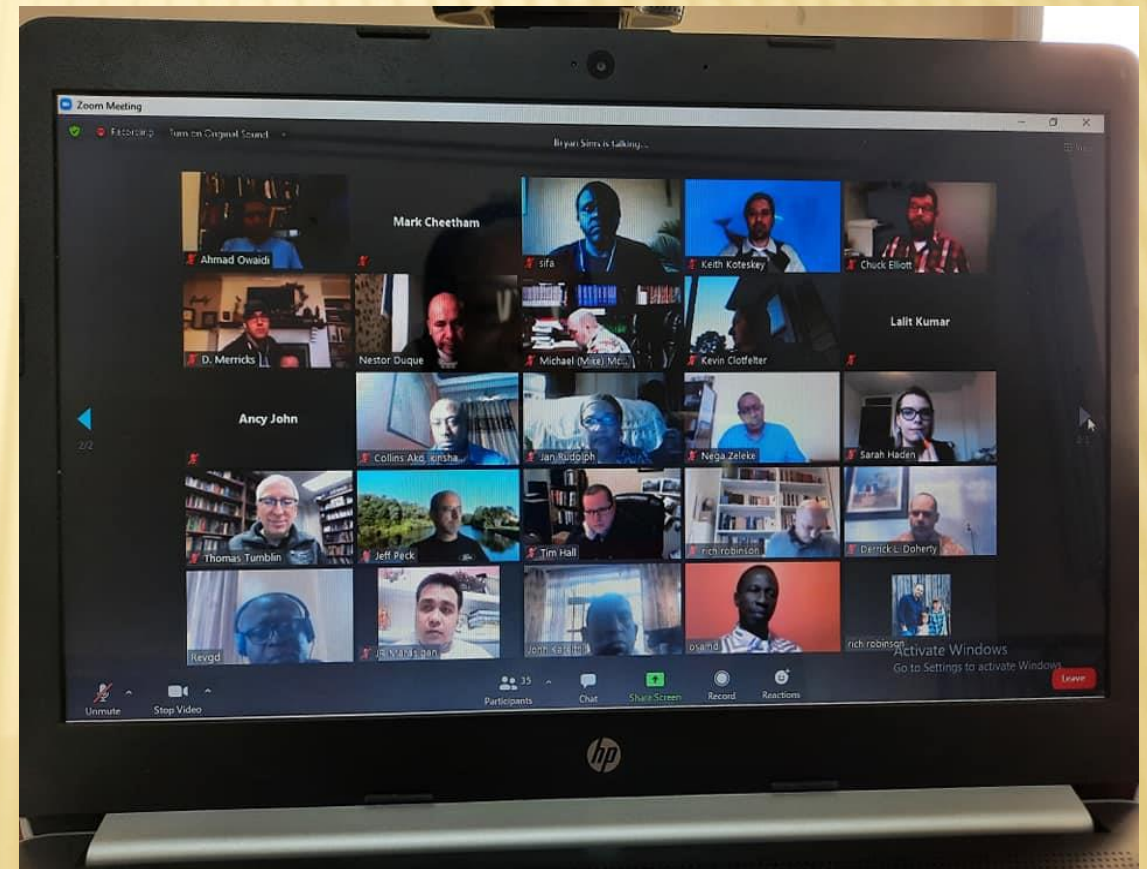
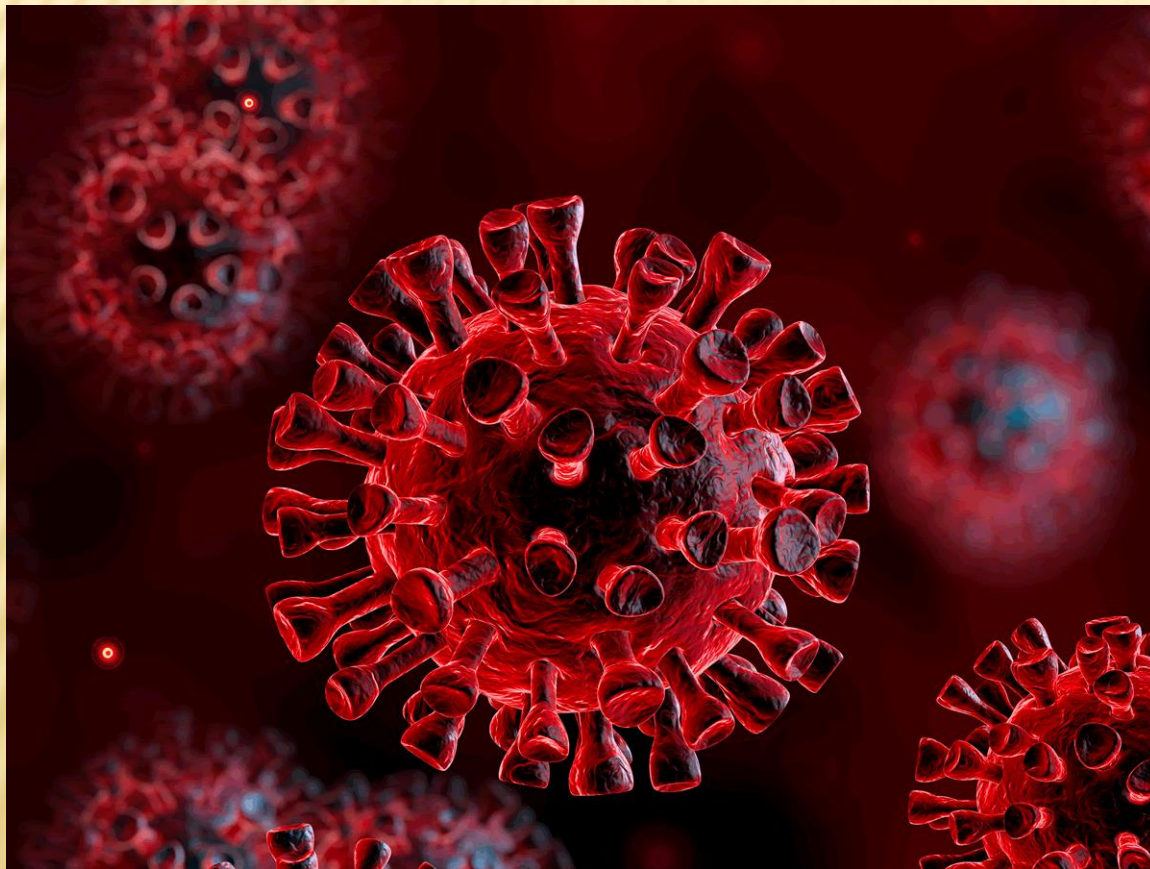
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Very Vast Inaccessible Territory/Discovery



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## The COVID 19 Global Pandemic/The Gift of Technology





# HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THIS WITNESS?

Pray for these different Ministries!

Pray for the East Congo Episcopal Area!

Pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo!

Pray for Greta, our kids and me !

Pray for Global Ministries!

# HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THIS WITNESS?

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# HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THIS WITNESS?

Donate to the Advance to Support any of our advance projects:

- ❖ **Goma Orphanage**

Advance # : 3021399

- ❖ **Kindu Orphanage**

Advance # : 15138N

- ❖ **East Congo Church Reconstruction**

Advance # : 3021926

- ❖ **Kisangani Mission Station**

Advance # :3021401

# HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THIS WITNESS?

Send me an email and let me guide you through the process of supporting mission activities with no direct advance number.

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# HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THIS WITNESS?

- ❖ Missionary trips to and within the east Congo Episcopal Area
- ❖ Buy a Reinsertion Kit for a Girl or Woman, Victim of Sexual Violence
- ❖ Support a Rural Community by Providing Portable water to its Inhabitants

# HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THIS?

Support Global Ministries Support Global Missionaries  
Send Your Donations to My Advance Number:#3022413

