

## **Mr Bolankoko is gone!**

(photo of man in white suit)

Mr. Bolankoko, who worked as assistant to the AIDS program of the CDCC passed away Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at Mama Yemo Hospital in Kinshasa where he had gone to visit his family.

This great activist in the fight against HIV / AIDS had contributed greatly to the visibility of the CDCC in meetings and actions on AIDS both in the city of Mbandaka in the provinces of Equator and Bandundu. He worked hard to convince people to voluntarily get tested to know their HIV status and enrolled people living with HIV / AIDS in the microcredit project called Community Fund.

May the Lord rewards all his efforts and may his soul rest in peace.

## **Rev. Luanzanza is gone!**

(Photo of man in doorway)

Pastor Luanzanza Linsange, who began his ministry at the time of the movement for independence of the Congo, specifically in Mbandaka, circa 1959, from the Church Post of Kiri in the province of Bandundu, died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, in Kiri.

Retired, he returned, burdened by the weight of age, to his original post where he received, from time to time, aid from his friend, the Rev.. Dr Ben Hobgood, who had worked with him early in his ministry. May his soul rest in peace.

## **What a plastic bag can do!**

(Photo of papaya tree)

Mbandaka, like most cities of DR Congo, knows the problem of plastic bags. The public does not realize the danger of a plastic bag for the environment. This papaya tree is paying the price. Bags are piled as compost, but the bags have blocked the normal food supply of the tree which is dying and whose fruits are suffering from an unknown disease.

Let's get busy to better manage the plastic bags.

## **Microcredit is starting to interest science**

(Photo of a group of women seated)

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, in the halls of the Protestant University of Ecuador, Pauline Bofy Ngoy presented the first scientific paper on the relationship between microcredit and evangelism. This work is the first since women became involved in community banks and their

living conditions begin to improve. It is good, in fact, to reflect and to guide the program towards horizons that correspond with the objectives of the church.

Her paper, entitled "Microcredit as a Strategy for Evangelism", was received by the jury and has now become one of the references for further study.

## **Rev. Lombe said goodbye to the General Secretariat**

(Photo of 4 men in an office)

The Rev. Frederick Lombe Bampele was received Thursday, October 20 by the staff of the General Secretariat of the CDCC. The ceremony was presided over by Reverend Clement Mputu Yonganga, Vice - President and Interim President of the Community

(Photo, people around a table)

In an atmosphere of joy, the Reverend Frederick Lombe thanked all staff who wanted to participate in the farewell ceremony and he received their gift with mutual enthusiasm.

(Photo: large group around a table)

To recall, the Reverend Lombe worked as Director of Community Office of the President for 8 years (2003 to 2011) and by decision of the last General Assembly, he was replaced by Reverend Alex Yafe Botsikala who was the Principal Supervising Pastor of the Church Post of Mangilombe.

## **Mosquitoes concern us**

(Photo of mosquito)

All Mbandaka is concerned today because of the proliferation of mosquitoes in the city. If you do not have a mosquito net, you may spend a sleepless night because of the music of the mosquitoes.

I made a personal experiment last night. I tried to count the mosquitoes I caught, and a total of over 200 mosquitoes were counted!

## **AIDS Fair**

The Community of Disciples of Christ in Congo has begun to be really present in AIDS-related events. In fact, a few years ago AIDS was considered a curse and a disease for sinners and fornicators. A disease that it was not right to speak about in a self-respecting church. Yet the church is for sinners as Jesus had proclaimed himself. We must save the lost souls, so we should have an interest in AIDS patients.

This is reflected in the way that the CDCC has opened a service that deals only with issues of AIDS. Thus, after the phase of sensitization to redirect the thoughts of the Disciples of the Congo about AIDS, the Service is currently on the ground with concrete actions and participates with other actors in the fight against AIDS, through public demonstrations.

(Photo of sign)

It is in this context that on 29 September 2011, MONUSCO (Stabilization Mission of the United Nations in the Democratic Republic of Congo), in cooperation with the National Multi sectoral fight against AIDS, under the patronage of the Governor of Equator Province, organized an exhibition HIV AIDS.

(Photo, exhibit area)

The CDCC had a booth to showcase its activities. The slogan of the CDCC is "AIDS DOES NOT SPREAD BECAUSE OF ME."

The fair was preceded by a parade which started from the Hotel Africa and went to the ISP Mbandaka, and during the parade there were groups of dance and animation that decorated the ceremony.

Several involved groups including associations of patients with AIDS or people living with HIV also exposed their activities on the same occasion. Note that on-site screening was conducted and elements of the Congolese National Police identified themselves as volunteers to be tested.

(Photo of man reclining in chair)

### **Mr. Mosambay is gone!**

(Photo of the deceased)

Born in Bolobo in 1947, Mr. Mosambay came with his parents to Bolenge in 1949 where he pursued all his primary and secondary education. He graduated and was hired as an agent by the Air – Congo in Kinshasa, but he returned to Mbandaka and served as Deputy Director of the Primary School of Wangata of the CDCC. Since 1984 he has been head of the most prestigious elementary school in the CDCC in Bolenge, the Primary Application School, Polele. In addition to his skills as a teacher, he was also an ebony artist who carved many statues that were offered to guests of the CDCC.

(Photo of casket)

He leaves a widow and 14 children. May his soul rest in peace.