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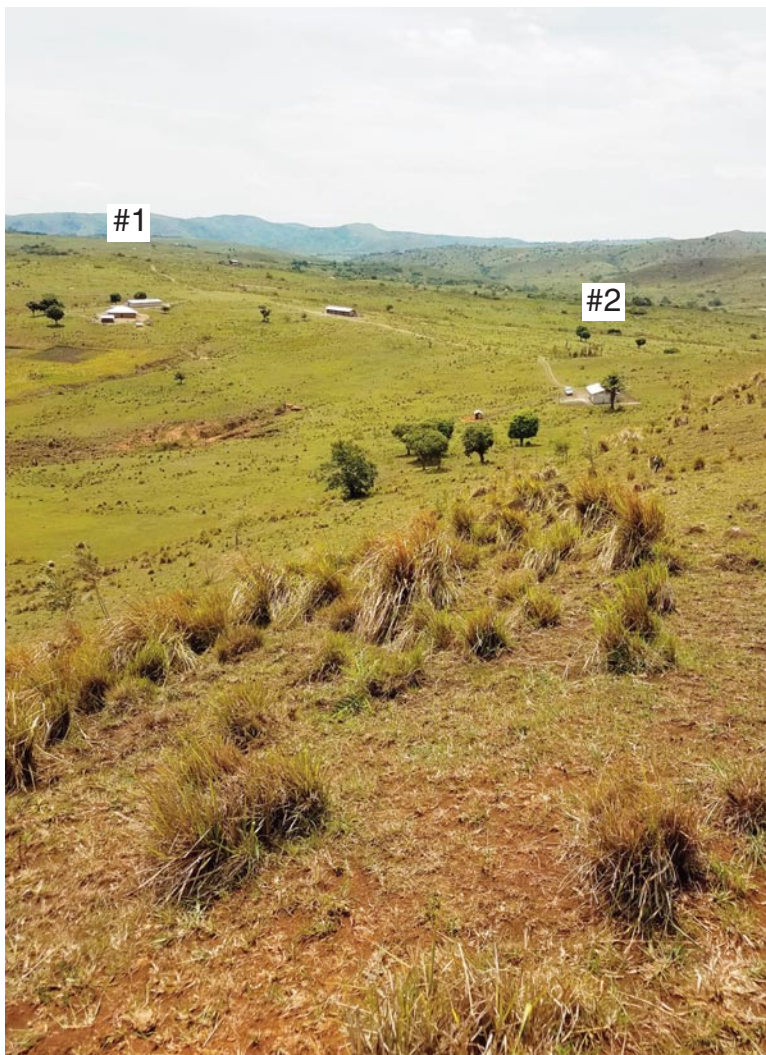
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Teaming up in Bogoro DRC

In April, our first order of business was to team up with the local leaders of the Bogoro region. The men pictured above are a mix of chiefs from local villages and council members of the city of Bogoro.



The 5th man from the left is the chief of the Bogoro region. When asked about the boundaries of his region, he pointed to the hill and said he would show me from there. As we talked about the need for a clinic, safe water and a training center, he suggested we concentrate in the area of the school buildings (#1) and administrative building (#2).



The Clinic

Chaplain Emmanuel and his team are meeting with various people to determine the needs of the community, such as;

- Number of patients to expect on a daily and weekly basis.
- Equipment needs, both basic and specialized plus office furniture
- Appropriate size of the building to accommodate the needs of the community
- A pharmacy, type and quantity of medicines to have readily available

The team is working with a nurse by the name of Thomas. Thomas was the head nurse at the clinic of BCHC for several years. He's been operating his own clinic in the Bunia area for several years now. He is a highly respected nurse in the area and we are thankful he is willing to assist in the research and development of the clinic. We will need a well near the clinic. We will explore two options for drilling wells in the Bogoro region. Several businesses in Bunia have hired a company to drill deep wells for them at a cost of approximately \$8,500. The wells are deep and have produced water, even in the dry season. Shalom University de Bunia, a Christian University, offers a number of areas of study. In the field of Community Development, students have the opportunity to learn how

to drill wells by hand. The wells are shallow and if they hit rock, they have to start in a new location. We were shown one location near the Bogoro town hall where they drilled 6 holes before reaching water. This type of well has an average depth of 7 meters. It will be beneficial to drill a deep well to supply safe water to the clinic, school and training center. We will determine if shallow wells would be appropriate in other areas. The girls pictured in the last newsletter were available for brief interviews.



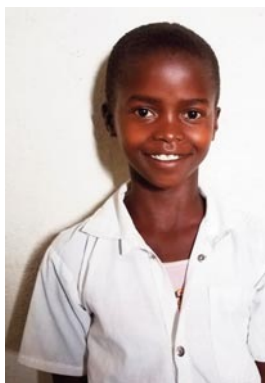
Ndjangusi Krungi, "I am 9 years old. I am in 3rd Form. After graduation I want to go for more studies, possibly university training. I like sewing/tailoring. I sing in both church and school choirs. Please greet everyone in the U.S. for me!"

Akelo Biwaga, "I am 13 years old. I am in 6th Form in the primary school. I want to be a nurse one day. I sing in choirs at the school and in church. Greetings to the U.S., let them study well as we are!"



Rutuka Ruth, "I am 13 years old. I am in 5th Form primary. I want to be a nurse and I want to play tennis one day."

Masika Kahwa, "I am 11 years old. I am in 4th Form. When I graduate I want to become a teacher. I want to be a teacher in Form 6."



Micro Loan Program

In Bogoro, the program began with 25 and they now have 33 widows receiving loans. The initial loan is set at \$25. As they show their ability to handle the loan, they are given an increase up to \$130. I was able to meet several widows at their homes. During our visits I was able to ask questions to find out more about their individual needs and the needs of the community. Just as we strive to develop a holistic approach to orphan care, there is a need to do the same for the widows and families that care for the orphans. Micro loans are a great start in breaking the cycle of poverty, yet there is a need for further development. We will explore the possibilities of hiring Congolese trained in Community and Agricultural Development to work directly with the widows and families in the micro loan program. To expect long-lasting self-sustainability, a holistic approach is needed to overcome the many obstacles they face. We are still in the development stages in Bogoro, DR Congo. We will keep you updated as our development plans come together. Thank you for partnering with us. Glenn Mork, Executive Director, Hope Centers for Children of Africa.

WAYS TO HELP

- _____ assist with bedding and mosquito nets for new families in Bogoro
- _____ assist with school fees for new families @ \$5.65/student/month (Bogoro)
- _____ contribute to the construction project of a new clinic in Bogoro
- _____ contribute to the well drilling projects in Bogoro

**Commit to prayer for the families in DR Congo and Uganda.
Thank you!**

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