

Dear Church Family,

Since 2020, our church has supported United Methodist Missionary Jane Wise and her work in the Kasenga District of the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa. In 2022, we partnered with Shiloh United Methodist Church to raise a total of \$8,000 for a well on the Galilee Church property. Before the well was installed, water was being delivered in five gallon buckets from a source about one mile from the church. Our assistance literally brought living water to the church grounds.

In 2023, Jane's organization, Nuru ya Mapendo, which is Swahili for Love's Light, completed building the Mwangaza School. Prior to building the Mwangaza School, the Pastor from the Mfuta Village discussed with Jane about building a school in Mfuta. The pastor explained the great need for a school in Mfuta.

Mfuta is an hour's drive from Kasenga on a motorcycle. It is one of the most remote villages of the District. The pastor shared that Mfuta has never had a school! Each day, he watches the young people linger there with nothing to do. "They can't read or write. They have no skills. They can't get a job. Please, can't we build a school so that our children will have a future?"

While Jane was on furlough in late 2023, some of the \$70,000 for the school was raised. However the remaining \$15,000 has been a challenge. In a recent email from Jane, she asked if we would consider helping to raise the remaining funds necessary to complete the Mfuta School. The \$70,000 is not only for building the school. The amount also includes the costs of providing school desks.

After careful consideration and encouragement from Pastor Nikki, we have decided to partner with Jane in raising the \$15,000 needed to complete the Mfuta School.

This is no small endeavour. We recognize we have needs in our own church as well. But at the same time, we feel we can be committed to fulfilling Christ's call in Matthew 29:19 to make disciples of all nations. Our sense is partnering with Jane Wise is the right thing to do. Bishop Palmer has also noted that- 'you are called to extend yourself in partnering with God in healing a broken world'. So our partnership is more than just a partnership with Jane Wise— we are partnering with God. And if we don't get onboard with what God is doing in the world, God isn't going to wait on us. Just like in Exodus, God hears the cries of His people and God responds to those cries. It is time to get onboard and embark on the journey of healing a broken world.

So we invite you to partner with God in the building of the Mfuta School in the Kasenga District of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Your gift is more than just money-it represents a promise of a future for the children and people of Mfuta. A future that will be Blessed by the in pouring of our love for them and the sharing of our Blessings so that they may be Blessed.

Please give what you can. And mark your gift with the designation 'Mfuta School Project'. Thank You!

Pastor Nikki, Church Council and Global Missions Committee