



## Active Direct Help Summer 2022

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# Helping the Congo in a Bigger Way

*Dear ones,*

Thanks to your faithful support, all the students in our Agro-Veterinary School in Mabala keep receiving their education and training. So far, the Congolese Ministry of Education does not pay any teachers in new secondary schools like ours. However, since we want to give our students the opportunity to attend our school free of charge,



*Students in front of our first school buildings ...*

we continue to pay the teachers' salaries ourselves. Once the government takes over with that, we can start another project. We appreciate your help so we can keep the school running and give the students a better chance for their future.



*... and outside their new school building*

Those of you who have read our book "Change the World with Love" know why things are so devastating for most people in the Congo. Here is a link to a heart breaking video that illustrates *one* aspect of the Congo tragedy, namely child labor as it relates to cobalt needed for car and phone batteries, e-cars etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFHvq-8np1o>.

Besides child labor, there are many other serious problems in the Congo. By publishing our book, we are trying to raise more awareness to the sad situation in this country and hope to bring about needed changes – both in the local governance as well as on the international level.



*11 of our teachers with director Philemon (3rd left)*

Cars, airplanes and other big machines, smartphones and computers, all need what Congo has to offer: coltan and cobalt. Therefore, this country continues to be exploited by multinational companies, which are



*Lessons on the almost ready to harvest manioc field*

supporting militia and rebel groups who keep destroying villages, raping women and killing men to drive the local population out of these resource rich areas in the East of the country. In the last 20 years, millions of people have already been killed and displaced in that region. And who knows about this tragedy? Our book reveals the story behind these plots.

Please help us to spread this important news to bring a bigger change in this country. On page 3, the dedication of the book reads, *“In support of the Congolese people as well as for the personal benefit of each individual reader.”* Another purpose of this book is to raise support for new projects in the Congo, as it says on the back cover, *“The proceeds of this book will support the school projects in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.”*

In addition to the Congo in particular and Africa in general, the book also addresses urgent issues that affect industrialized countries. It convincingly offers a solution for both parts of the world. With loving interaction and helping one another we can all contribute to the goal of changing our part of the world – wherever we are, whatever we do, in our own lives, families, neighborhoods, and beyond.



*Teacher (left) and students show their avocado trees*

Here is the link <https://youtu.be/rPXGNVACD98> to a 2-minute introduction video about the book. If you would like to receive your own copy, some for your friends or to distribute in your area, to bookstores, One-World-shops etc., please contact us.

Thank you once more for all your help and support. Our students, teachers and team in the Congo really appreciate all that you do for them.



*Happy students point out the palm trees they planted at the manioc field*

We wish you all His blessings, with more peace, good health and equality in our world,

Much love and prayers,

*John, Lenka and team*

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