

民主剛果生命河靈糧堂

RIVER OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN D. R. CONGO

成立 Started: 2020年 11 月

地點 Location: Kinshasa, DR Congo

主任牧師 Senior Pastor: Pastor Bonzale

分堂: 一間分堂



簡要介紹:

剛果民主共和國 Democratic Republic of the Congo 簡稱民主剛果 DR Congo 或剛果金 Congo-Kinshasa, 因剛果河而得名, 剛果河是世界第二大河流, 也是世界上最深的河流。民主剛果是非洲第二大國, 也是撒哈拉以南最大的國家。民主剛果人

口約1.05億，境內有250個不同的種族，是世界上人口最多的法語國家。民主剛果從1870年代到1920年代是比利時殖民地，他們在小學就開始教授四種民族語言，使其成為歐洲殖民時期少數幾個具備當地語言讀寫能力的非洲國家之一。同時因比利時殖民，基督信仰沒有被歧視，至今全國大約有百分之四十的基督徒，及百分之五十的天主教徒。自1994年該國的叛亂組織與政府軍之間的衝突造成嚴重的難民問題，也導致森林砍伐、水土流失和野生動植物偷獵的問題，另一個重大問題是礦物開採，鑽石、金，鈷，銅，鈾，錫等礦石開採對環境造成很大的損害。所以民主剛果被稱為「非洲最不穩定的國家」，過去幾十年來，其經濟問題和政府腐敗經常需要西方國家的干預，世界糧食計劃署的數據顯示，民主剛果有十分之四的人缺乏糧食。聯合國緊急糧食救濟機構警告說，在民主剛果發生COVID-19之後，數百萬人可能因飢餓而死亡。生命河靈糧堂貝南分堂的Corneille牧師歷來對傳福音有很大的負擔，他希望將福音傳遍非洲說法語的國家。自2019年以來，他特別為在民主剛果的宣教和植堂做準備。在貝南和民主剛果進行了幾天的禁食和祈禱之後，Corneille牧師差派Bonzale牧師去民主剛果做宣教和植堂的事工。他從2020年10月15日開始在首都金夏沙(Kinshasa)舉辦家庭聚會，將神對家庭的祝福帶給這個地區。Bonzale牧師開始家庭聚會後，市長派兩名特工拜訪他，並告訴他來市政府申請建立教會的文件。2020年11月6日，在神的恩典下，Bonzale牧師獲得了教會的執照，正式成為生命河在民主剛果的第一間分堂。到2024年，每週聚會人數已高達430，目前他們也持續裝修分堂希望提供更好的環境給會眾聚會。

求神持續保守他們手邊的工作，在民主剛果持續宣揚福音。

Brief Introduction:

The Democratic Republic of the Congo also known as Congo-Kinshasa, DR Congo (in French, *RD Congo*) is named after the Congo River, which is the second largest river in the world and the deepest river in the world. DR Congo is the second largest country in Africa and the largest country in sub-Saharan Africa. DR Congo has a population of about 105 million, with 250 different races, and is the most populous French-speaking country in the world. DR Congo was a Belgian colony from the 1870s to the 1920s. They began to teach the four national languages in elementary school, making it one of the few African countries with the ability to read and write in local languages during the European colonial period. At the same time, because of the Belgian colonization, Christianity was not discriminated against. About 40% of Christians and 50% of Catholics. Since 1994, the conflict between the country's insurgent organizations and government forces has caused serious refugee problems, leading to deforestation, soil erosion and wildlife poaching. Another major issue is the mining of minerals, diamonds, gold, copper, and cobalt ore caused severe damage to the environment. DR Congo is known as the "most unstable country in Africa." Over the past few decades, its economic problems and government corruption have often required Western countries' intervention. According to data from the World Food Program, four out of ten people in DR Congo lack food. The United Nations Emergency Food Relief Agency has warned that millions of people may die from starvation after COVID-19 in the DR Congo. Pastor Corneille from River of Life Christian Church in Benin has always had a

great burden on evangelism. He hopes to spread the gospel to French-speaking countries in Africa. Since 2019, he has made special preparations for missions and church planting in DR Congo. After several days of fasting and prayer in Benin and DR Congo, Pastor Corneille sent Pastor Bonzale to DR Congo for mission and church planting. He began family gathering activities in the capital Kinshasa on October 15, 2020, bringing God's blessings to the family to this region. After Pastor Bonzale started the family gathering, the mayor sent two agents to visit him and told him to come to the city government to apply for the documents for church establishment. On November 6, 2020, under the grace of God, Pastor Bonzale obtained the church license and officially became the first River of Life Christian Church in DR Congo. Both his wife and his daughter also serve in the church. By 2024, the number of people meeting each week has reached 430. Currently, they are continuing to renovate the branch church in the hope of providing a better environment for congregational gatherings. Pray that God will continue to protect the work at hand and continue to preach the gospel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

代禱事項：

1. 請為民主剛果生命河靈糧堂裝修工作代禱，感謝神賜予這個機會能夠改善和更新教會的設施，使更多的人能在這裡聚集和敬拜，求上帝賜下智慧和力量給所有參與裝修工作的工人和領導者，讓每一項工作都能順利進行。也為裝修過程中的每一個決定禱告，讓所有的資源和材

料都能夠充分利用，使裝修後的教會能夠更好地服事社區、接待會眾。

2. 請為民主剛果生命河靈糧堂的聚會禱告，祈求聚會或小組之間，弟兄姊妹有智慧的見證分享，也求每一次的聚會，都加添力量給牧者與同工，來透過聖靈引導，服事每一位會眾。
3. 請為教會擴建需要的土地禱告，按照上帝的美意為預備合適的土地，使教會能夠有更多的空間來接待會眾。求神賜給教會領袖和決策者智慧和洞察力，讓他們在尋找和購買土地的過程中能夠做出正確的選擇。也為教會的財務需要禱告，求神豐富地供應所需的一切資源，使這個擴建計劃順利進行。

Prayer Items:

1. Please pray for the renovation work of River of Life Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Thank God for giving this opportunity to improve and update the church's facilities so that more people can gather and worship here. Ask God to give wisdom and strength to everyone involved in the renovation. Work workers and leaders who make every job run smoothly. We also pray for every decision made during the renovation process so that all resources and materials can be fully utilized so that the renovated church can better serve the community and receive congregations.
2. Please pray for the gatherings at River of Life Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pray that brothers and sisters will share wise testimonies between gatherings or

small groups. Also, pray that each gathering will give the pastors and co-workers the power to come through the Holy Spirit. Lead and serve every member of the congregation.

3. Please pray for the land needed for the church's expansion and prepare suitable land according to God's good will so that the church can have more space to receive the congregation. Pray that God will give church leaders and decision-makers the wisdom and insight to make the right choices in the process of finding and purchasing land. We also pray for the financial needs of the church, asking God to abundantly supply all the resources needed to make this expansion plan go smoothly.