

LOWERY



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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

LANGUAGES

French
Kituba
Lingala
English

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Economic Development,
Training and Capacity
Building,
Discipleship

BIRTHDAYS

Jill 5/10
Mike 12/20



LOCATION

Democratic Republic of the Congo



ABOUT

Jill and Mike work with the Baptist Community of Congo (CBCO), continuing the efforts that American Baptists began in the Democratic Republic of the Congo more than a century ago.

Mike serves as pastor of the International Protestant Church of Kinshasa, which has

a long history of serving English speakers in the capital city.

Jill works with Mitendi Women's Center and Mitendi Primary School, ministering to marginalized and vulnerable young women and children. She is also an advisor to the National Women's Ministries staff of CBCO.



Thanks to our unlikely champions and their sacrifices, education is now a possibility for the children of Mitendi.



MINISTRY STORY

For several years now, I have been working at the Mitendi Women's Center with the Congolese Baptist Women to care for and love some of the Congo's most vulnerable children. It's been a wonderful adventure of seeing God work in miraculous ways.

I've discovered that the Mitendi story stretches far beyond my neighborhood or even the borders of the Congo. The most prominent heroes in the story are the Congolese Baptist Women, but there have been numerous others who have chosen to stand in the gap in terms of prayer, encouragement, and financial support, in order to make the women's vision of transforming young lives a reality. These are people who have given financially, gone without meals, worked without pay, and risked personal harm to see Mitendi succeed. I call these people "unlikely" champions because they have taken a leap of faith and stretched forward to give of themselves sacrificially for a people that

they may never come to know. That is not normal in our world. It is a divine calling!

Who are those unlikely champions? They are you! The amazing part of the Mitendi story is that God uses all of us, as unlikely champions, to accomplish his work. Jesus is transforming the lives of vulnerable women and children in the Congo and graciously allowing all of us to take part.

I'm truly humbled to have the opportunity to work alongside all of you and the Congolese Baptist Women at the Mitendi Center. Thank you for heeding his call!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the young women at the Mitendi Center, that their encounter with Jesus and his people will change their lives forever and that they will return home changed and renewed.

Pray for the teachers, administrators, and leaders of the Mitendi Center, that they might keep the faith, be great role models, and strive for the vision of empowering young women to thrive in the Congo.

Pray for the Congo Baptist Community and the Congo Baptist Women, that they will continue to find new and creative ways to minister to young, vulnerable women and children in the Congo, and that they will continue to trust God to provide support for their ministries.

SCRIPTURE

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'"

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

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