

# 2011 PROGRAM GUIDE



*Rousman Tshia Balila is studying at FACTEB with a heart for Christ's mission. He wants to reach out to Muslims and idol worshippers.*

# Introduction



*Yvette Mombo Mombo is studying in her first year of the Master's program to be better equipped for youth and couples ministry.*

The publishing of a program guide is something new for the ReGen Community. Its purpose is to communicate our plans for 2011 to the current and prospective community members.

The guide is organized into as follows:

- Overview of our programs
- A profile on each of our programs
- Suggestions as to how you can get involved with the community
- A profile of our organization

In addition to the content described above, each page contains images from Boma provided by our program partners.

God bless you as you read this guide and consider how you might be able to connect with people in other parts of the world through the ReGen Community.

If you have any suggestions for how we can improve the guide, or would like to get involved in producing next years guide, we would be delighted to hear from you. You can contact us via our website at [RegenCommunity.org](http://RegenCommunity.org)

# Program Overview



*Jipsy Khumba Mbenza is called to ministry and loves to sing for the glory of God. She is presently studying in her final year of the undergrad program.*

## “Partners in the Gospel”

Our current programs operate under the banner of the ‘Friends of Boma’ and focus geographically on the city of Boma, DR Congo.

Boma was chosen based on a call to partner with the Congolese Church and deep relationships. The DR Congo is the world’s largest Francophone nation and is well positioned to increase its influence in time.

The ‘Friends of Boma’ has been active since 2007 and in that time, we have partnered to provide student housing, assessments of the seminary library, provided scholarships, and pre-school programs.

Currently we have three active programs:

- **African Leaders** which provides scholarships to students at FACTEB, the Boma Seminary.
- **Sarah’s School** which operates a pre-school teaching and feeding program
- **Counselling Skills** which provides basic counselling skills training



We anticipate that our programs will continue to emphasize developing capabilities and skills. We are currently considering adding a new program focusing on **Leadership Development** in partnership with the DR Congo C&MA church.

One of the guiding principles of our programs is partnership. For both African Leaders and Sarah’s School, we have partnered with **FACTEB**. In the case of the Counselling Skills program, we have identified a new NGO, **Efforts Congo**, which we believe will make an excellent partner.

# African Leaders



*Romain Ntoto Phongo attended pastoral training in 1994-1998 and was ordained in 2006. He has worked as a coordinator of Christian education and a bookkeeper. He studies at FACTEB in order to deepen his ministry.*

***“We need to train new leaders for a new Africa.”***

The seed of what would become the African Leaders program started with a conversation in 2005 over coffee with **Dr. Mabiala Kenzo**. Kenzo, as he prefers to be called, was then the Rector of the Faculté de Théologie Évangélique de Boma (FACTEB).

The school was on a journey back from crisis brought on by war in the Democratic Republic of Congo. When Kenzo agreed to lead the school, it was barely keeping the doors open and had only 12 students. Despite the circumstances, Kenzo had a vision to renew the Boma seminary with a daring goal to grow to 300 students by the year 2020.

The objective of growing this capacity to train leaders is critical as Africa cries out for servant leaders who will make fundamental changes. Kenzo says it well when he says, “We need to train new leaders for a new Africa.” His vision is for godly leaders that make a difference in communities across Congo and Africa in all aspects of life.

## PROGRAM BUDGET

Budget .....	\$24,000
Number of Scholarships .....	50
Cost for one Student .....	\$480
Monthly donation for one Student .....	\$40.00

What started over a coffee has developed into a partnership between FACTEB and the ReGen Community. The program has operated since 2007 to provide scholarships to deserving men and women studying at FACTEB. The program also includes a component to build capacity so that FACTEB is better able to communicate their story of developing leaders with potential partners in Congo and around the world.

Since the program inception, over 200 scholarships have been awarded. In many cases, the scholarship has made the difference which allows students to attend the school.

The program is funded by individual Canadians who want to connect with our brothers and sisters in Congo and their vision for a new Africa.

# Sarah's School



*Mama Germain, the teacher at Sarah's School, prepares a meal for the students. The meal supplements what the children get at home which is typically one meal per day.*

Sarah's School started out very simply with a need. The need was that hungry children wanted some attention from their mothers.

What turns this from a normal occurrence, taking place every-day around the globe, was that their mothers had no food to give them. They live in the DR Congo - one of the poorest countries on earth. One meal a day, usually in the evening, is the norm.

Another wrinkle in our story is that the mothers were in class trying to learn important skills like reading and writing. In the DR Congo, it is estimated that half of the women are illiterate.

So women who were being taught foundational skills were being interrupted by their hungry children. They could comfort their child, but not give them food until that evening.

A wonderful woman named **Lau Kenzo** decided to do something and started Sarah's School - donating her own salary to fund the school.

## PROGRAM BUDGET

Budget .....	\$4,000
Number of Students .....	20
Cost for one Student .....	\$200
Monthly donation for one Student .....	\$16.67

We heard about it and joined in. We helped by funding some safety upgrades at the school as well as helped with the hiring of a teacher and food.

Today, **Mama Germain** feeds the children a simple meal and teaches them about hygiene and basic reading and writing.

The mothers of these children can now focus on their own learning, knowing that their children are being well served.

Sarah's School is simple program that helps children and mothers develop.

If you want to hear the story of Sarah's School direct form Mama Lau and Mama Germain, check out their video on our website at [ReGenCommunity.org](http://ReGenCommunity.org).

# Counselling Skills



Marthe Alden Hangidi is called to ministry and is in her second year of studies at FACTEB. She comes from Matadi, the provincial capital located upstream of Boma.

**“facilitate the healing of individuals, families, and communities”**

To call the DR Congo (DRC) a challenging place is an extreme understatement.

- Millions have been killed in armed conflicts
- The UN peacekeeping mission to the DRC is the largest force globally
- A senior UN official this year called the DRC the ‘rape capital of the world’.
- The World Health Organization estimates that 1 in 5 DRC children will not live past their fifth birthday.

Not only does all of this trauma create untold impact on individuals and families in a physical sense, the emotional impact is staggering.

When **Jan Regehr** visited the DRC in 2007, she had a vision to partner with Congolese Christians and provide counselling skills training so that equipped Congolese counsellors could facilitate the healing of individuals, families, and communities.

Her vision has started to become reality with her being part

PROGRAM BUDGET	
Budget .....	\$13,200
Number of Students .....	60
Cost for one Student .....	\$220
Monthly donation for one Student .....	\$18.33

of team to provide counselling skills training in Nyankunde in the spring of 2011.

Now the next phase of the program is to bring the Counselling Skills program to Boma.

The initial plan is as follows:

- Hold a skills development conference in 2012
- 60 pastors coming from across the DRC to Boma
- Provide Counselling Skills training as well as being equipped to pass on the training to others
- Working with **Efforts Congo**, a Boma based NGO to develop Counselling competencies over time.

Consider coming alongside Jan and her vision with prayer, funding a student’s training at the conference or getting engaged on the ground.

# Getting Involved



*Ntoto Siesie Lola is planning to graduate in July 2012 and is focused on preaching and worship.*

***“We are all volunteers who do this because we want to make a difference”***

ReGen Community is a group of people who want to make a difference. We do not have big budgets or fancy offices and no one gets paid. We are all volunteers who do this because we want to make a difference and connect with brothers and sisters in different parts of the world.

The opportunities to get involved are many, but here are a few common ways you can get started.

### **Prayer**

Praying for the people and programs of our community, whether they be in the DR Congo or Canada is a great way to start. You can stay up to date with what’s going on our facebook page. The link is below.

We also hold a regular community prayer time on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am MDT via teleconference. Again, the details our on the facebook page.

### **Donating your Time**

Another step is to donate some of your time and talents. For example you could design a brochure, edit a video, organize a fund raiser, or write a press release. There are thousands of ways you can connect and many of them we have not thought of yet. Simply drop us a line with your suggestion. We would love to hear from you.

### **Donating your Funds**

Another way to get involved is to donate to one of our programs or to our general fund. You can send a cheque to us or donate online through CanadaHelps via our website at ReGenCommunity.org.

Regardless of the way you want to get involved, we would be delighted to have you join with us an make a difference.

# About ReGen



*Bernard Managa Bila comes from a pastor's family and currently ministers in Sunday School. After graduation in 2012, he is considering army chaplaincy.*

***"... a grass root movement of Christians ..."***

The mission of ReGen Community is to be a catalyst to support Canadians in their efforts to assist and empower less fortunate communities in the majority world.

Our vision is to see Canadian Christians learning, serving and intentionally partnering to express the love of God and accelerate the fulfillment of the God's reign among the less fortunate communities in the majority world. **Imagine...**

- Individuals from our Canadian mosaic seeking the mind of God as they reflect on new ways of connecting with friends in the majority world.
- Coming along side proven leaders in the majority world in whom God has placed a vision.
- A learning community of global Christians characterized

## REGEN FACTS

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by shared problem solving, collegiality, the exchange of ideas and resources in an atmosphere that honors God.

- The development of an emerging movement of spiritually alert and globally aware Christians who effectively contribute to authentic communities of faith around the world.
- All of this being spawned by a grass root movement of Christians seeking to find their voice and use their gifts and skills in Canada and around the world.

Currently we are active with programs presented in this booklet. We are open to expanding to other programs and areas based on passionate volunteers with a vision.