

DR of CONGO PYGMY REPORT
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(Dr Way Alege)

The months of March and April were both stressful and encouraging. In all that, we believe that God's plans are always good for those who trust and obey him. In our last report, we asked you to pray for **Ando**, a courageous Pygmy who played a key role when we constructed the fish pond in **Ataloholu**. We believed that with the intensive care he was given, he would survive. However, God decided to take him Home. It is unfortunate that sometimes other Pygmies when sick, report back when their situation is beyond recovery as mentioned in our previous report. As "faith comes from hearing" and ears are the last organs to die, we always seize the last minutes to share the promises of God until the last breath. The death of



Ando was followed by that of **Manu**, another key Pygmy leader with whom we started the **Shaurimoya** project. His death is a blow to us because he mastered perfectly all the limits of our Shaurimoya property.

However, the above sad news is coupled with blessings. After the heavy rains of 1st May 2026, a beautiful baby girl was born to the family of Asumani. The delivery was safely conducted by the Pygmy midwife Maman Charlotte. Charlotte is among the most trusted among the Pygmy midwives. There are times that we are worried considering the height of the Pygmy ladies and the size of the babies. But God in his wisdom has always helped them deliver safely.



Last week, we pressured the improvement process of the shelter hoping that the baby would be delivered in a more



comfortable condition. We thank God for the new construction so that the mother and her baby will move to a better shelter.



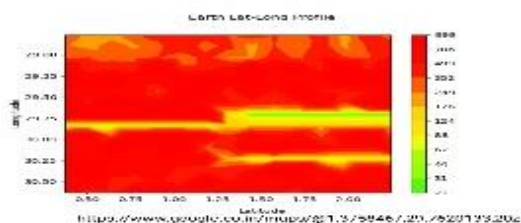
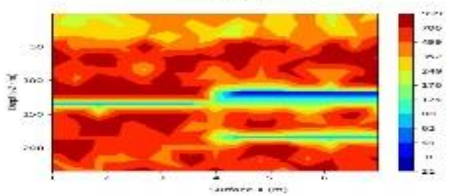
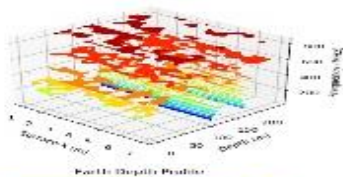
The NGO that constructed the previous shelter warned us that their structure would last for at least six months. Therefore, the poles they used were too small and could not resist against heavy storms as shelters are located on the top of the hill. With assistance we received, we decided to purchase two inch by six inch

hard wood for the walls, and four by four inch frames for the roofing. Even though old tarpaulins are used to temporarily cover the walls, the new shelter is far better than the first ones. Unfortunately, the structure can only host 6 households, especially those with small children or expectant women. So far, there are 4 other households that do not have shelter and other school children share the same shelter with teachers.



We are also grateful to God because our site is selected by Samaritan's Purse from among the Churches that organize Sunday Schools. As a result, our Teachers are entitled to capacity building, Sunday School materials and gifts for children. This gives us opportunity to minister to the neighbourhoods as well.

We are happy that the neighbouring children are also beneficiaries not of gifts only but especially the Word of God. As a result, parents to non-Pygmies are coming for Sunday service.



We are pleased to share with you the results of a survey carried out by my friend who hosted Shalom when he was sick in Gulu/Uganda. This friend is an experienced driller with whom we worked before in 2013. He decided to pay us a visit during which he carried out the survey on the portion of property that was purchased lately. The results are so much encouraging owing to the fact that water is very scarce in Komanda. When we drilled our first well we had no choice our first property measured 20 by 25 meters. With these results, if the well is drilled, it will be possible to grow vegetables throughout the years regardless of the dry season.



So far, the staff are specializing in producing peas and fast growing local vegetables.

Peas take only 45 days to mature, they are easily cooked but expensive on the market.



If staff train and plan well, it could easily give extra cash to help them respond to food demands and cover other small expenses. It could provide a needed source of income for each household



We praise God for:

- **your continuous prayers and support;**
- **improvement of shelters**
- **improvement in Shalom's health.** The good news is that even though Shalom is still convalescing, he is feeling much better and is back from Uganda to Aru/Congo, where he is **completing his treatment** under the supervision of a Doctor/friend.
- **friends** that he has put on our way to rescue us at this particular time;
- for the **security in Komanda and its surroundings**

Pray for:

- **Shalom's full recovery;**
- **Shelters** for the remaining **Pygmies, Teachers and Sunday School**
- **total peace in the Ituri province and DR of Congo.**