

# Read Right Now



**Grow believers and churches through affordable print-on-demand**

## **HOW WOULD YOU SURVIVE AND GROW SPIRITUALLY WITH NO BIBLE AND NO ACCESS TO CHRISTIAN LITERATURE?**

**This is the reality for most of the believers in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).** The lack of Bibles and access to Christian literature diminishes the Church's witness. Their ability to bring about transformational change to their people and culture through the Gospel is limited.

Discipleship, evangelism, personal Bible study, and leadership resources are not available to the average person, pastor, or church. **The gap between new believers and mature spiritual leadership continues to grow.**

**This is where our Read Right Now project comes in.** Through a collaborative effort with partners in the U.S. and in the DRC, we want to establish a media center that utilizes modern technologies to supply and equip local churches to increase their witness, support personal discipleship, and advance the Kingdom of God in their communities. These technologies include print on demand (POD), internet, radio, and television.

## **WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO?**

We want to respond to spiritual starvation brought about by the lack of access to Bibles and Christian books in the DRC and other French-speaking countries of Africa

by providing scripture, biblical material, and educational content to teach, transform, and bring hope.

**Synergie Francophone is working with Hope for Congo, African Inter-Mennonite Mission, African Enterprise, Print4Africa, and key local Christian leaders to bring this POD media center to the DRC.**

Dr. Bagudekia Alobeyo, president of Université Bâtissons l'Espoir au Centre de l'Afrique, and one of our partners in the Read Right Now project, is excited to be part of the collaborative effort to establish a POD in Kinshasa, DRC. He knows the importance of Biblical materials and other much-needed resources not only for UBECA but for other universities, Bible schools, and churches. He says, *"Access to affordable Christian books and other materials will serve as teaching tools for evangelism, Christian education, discipleship and training programs for various aspects of Christian ministries. In the long term many will gain knowledge of God and spiritual maturity which will result in well-equipped disciples able to have positive influence in society, communities, and workplaces. They will become good stewards, accountable, reliable, and people of integrity, able to fight corruption, bad management, anti-Christian worldviews, and unpleasant work ethics."*

To ensure the ownership of the POD Center by the Congolese, Dr. Alobeyo and Kadita Tshibaka, advisor for Africa New Day, led the writing of the business plan. It provides guidelines for the establishment and operation of the POD Center, laying down a strategic system to help with management, clarity, integrity, transparency, and good stewardship. Since the DRC is known for bad management of project budgets, a goal is to set an example in fighting against corruption and other unbiblical worldviews. The POD Center will also become a self-sustainable institution rather than heavily relying on the West for funding.



The POD Center will have huge impact for the people of DRC. **Many church members do not have Biblical materials because they cannot afford them.** The POD Center will considerably decrease the price of printed materials for Sunday schools, ministries among women, youth, children, and men. It will serve churches, Christian schools at all levels, hospitals and medical centers by reproducing materials needed for discipleship, public health, training, worship services, Christian education, church planting, counseling, and evangelism. Pastors will have access to Bibles and necessary materials for their ministries.



Congolese staff will be hired to run the POD Center. Their income will allow them to send their children to school, pay their medical bills, feed their family, and get affordable housing. The local government will benefit from the presence of the center through taxes. The people will have good quality materials, and the center will be able to respond to the needs of DRC's institutions. We believe this will bring about a transformation that will lead to cultural change in a country decimated by war, poverty, and famine.

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### With your donation we can provide micro-pod print on demand technology that

- Empowers Congolese people to print
- Provides Bibles and books, creates jobs and promotes literacy
- Engages believers in personal discipleship growth
- Provides culturally relevant resources that promote enhanced quality of community

### Advantages of Micro-Pod technology:

- No book needs to be printed until bought
- No inventory needs to be maintained
- No complicated and costly shipping arrangements necessary
- Users can print only what is needed, when needed, where the customers are located

Leonard Kiswangi, National Team Leader of African Enterprise based in Kinshasa, reported that the plan for a print-on-demand center to address the lack of key books in French on evangelism and discipleship was welcomed at a recent congress for African evangelists. The need is urgent!

- Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the DRC and other French-speaking African countries who struggle to put food on the table and nourish their own souls
- Pray for the financial resources to make the POD Center a reality in Kinshasa
- Give according to the measure God enables you

**\$60,000 is needed now to buy/install equipment.**

**\$56,000 is needed over the next three years.**

Join the effort to provide a print-on-demand facility in Kinshasa by contributing to *Read Right Now*.

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