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## Make a Difference

Give teachers and students an opportunity to understand the Gospel, know Jesus personally, and grow in biblical knowledge by giving a mini-library to a Congolese high school. These Christian resources will help shape the character of youth as they go into trades, business, politics, and community life as adults. It is our prayer that God may call many of these youth to ministry in their communities.

To give, visit Synergiefrancophone.org. Or mail a check to Synergie FRANCOPHONE PO Box 629, Wheaton, IL 60187-0629 Mention: For *Adopt a High School* project



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# **Adopt a High School**

Catalyze life-transformation by providing books to Congolese youth

# **Books for Congo**



Most high schools in the Congo don't have libraries, let alone Christian ones. We invite you to partner with us in providing Congolese youth with the opportunity to read biblical literature in French.

Over 70% of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is under the age of 30. Since 1993, chronic wars have taken more than 10 million innocent lives. Born in the shadow of this political instability, Congolese youth face significant challenges including trauma, alcoholism, poverty, cults, AIDS, drugs, and an ineffective school system. They need biblical discipleship and the transformational power of a personal walk with Jesus.

### **A Solution**



For the past fifteen years, SF partners Jean-Pasteur Katavo (left) and Kiyakimwa Muteho Daphrose (above) have pioneered a paradigm shift in their approach to chaplaincy, which has been approved by Congolese Protestant churches. Rather than focusing on head knowledge, these pastoral chaplains are being trained to help youth with real-world problems, character formation, practical life skills, and community outreach.



The Africa Inland Church in Northeast Congo (Communauté Evangélique au Centre d'Afrique) is implementing this novel approach in its 284 high schools, which average 500 students each. The organization seeks to equip each chaplain with a Christian library to evangelize and disciple high school students.



Chaplains do extensive counseling, lead Bible studies and discipleship programs, and facilitate community outreach, weekly worship services, and daily prayer, among other initiatives. Having a Christian library will help chaplains to serve the spiritual needs of youth in the critical, formative years of high school.

### How you can help

#### Give as an individual.

For \$1,000 (\$100/month for 10 months), you could provide a library of 100 wellresearched, biblical books to a Congolese high school. This would include Bible study materials as well as Christian fiction and non-fiction. You could also give partially towards a library with a gift of \$100 etc.

#### Give with a group.

Consider adopting a high school with your family, co-workers, Sunday school or home school group. In addition to covering the costs of a library, you would be invited to stay engaged for at least a year with the school. This would mean staying in contact with the director and pastoral chaplain of the school you adopt, praying for the school's students and teachers, and assisting with other needs (i.e. French bibles, projector, laptop) as you are able. SF will tell you which school your gift will help and offer ways to connect with the school.

#### Pray.

We invite you to pray for our Congolese brothers and sisters in Christ who are serving high school students. Pray for Congolese youth to follow Jesus and grow in their relationship with him. Pray for the financial resources to make Christian libraries a reality for Congolese high school students.