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“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, [Jesus] departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.”

**Mark 1:35 ESV**

A dark blue banner with the text "NEWS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER" in large, bold, orange letters. Below the text is a world map with several countries highlighted in orange. In the bottom left corner is the Synergie Francophone logo, which consists of a stylized leaf inside a circle, with the text "Synergie" and "FRANCOPHONE" below it. In the bottom right corner, the text "Together... planting, watering, growing fruitfulness" is written in a white, cursive font.

**NEWS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

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*Together... planting, watering, growing fruitfulness*

**March 13th, 2024**



*POD training (left) and trainee holding his first printed book (right)*



*POD printing equipment*

## **First Books Printed**

Last week, POD trainees in Kinshasa printed their very first books! Publish4All, the POD center's manager Leonard Kiswangi, and Kiswangi's team have been setting up equipment and continuing training in preparation for the official launch later this month. SF partner Brad Graber of Hope4Congo, who is currently in Kinshasa, writes, "As you

can see, we are pretty excited.” Please continue to pray for the POD team as they plan and prepare for an open house on March 15th and the subsequent launch.

[Learn More about “Read Right Now” Here](#)



*A screenshot of our Facebook page*

## Building Bridges through Social Media

Visitors to the SF website will now be able to connect to our Facebook and Instagram pages by clicking on the icons at the bottom of our homepage. If you'd like to enjoy weekly ministry highlights, prayer requests, encouraging verses, and updates on how God is working through SF, please like or follow our pages—and invite others to join as well!

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*David Langford with the twelve trained high school chaplains, each with five boxes of books*

## **Twelve Libraries Have Arrived**

During his recent trip to the Congo, SF partner David Langford met with 12 high school chaplains trained last July, August, and September. One mentioned having over 200 counseling sessions with students since October. Langford also witnessed the arrival of twelve libraries, each containing 100 books! This answer to prayer was marked with a celebration ceremony. The Africa Inland Church in Northeast Congo plans to train 50 more chaplains next summer and hopes to eventually provide libraries and chaplains for each of its 284 schools. Please rejoice with us in the arrival of the libraries, and pray for the recently trained chaplains to have wisdom, for students to be soft-hearted towards the truths they hear and read, and for provision for the rest of the schools.

**[Read More about “Adopt a High School” Here](#)**



*Daphrose Muteho et Jean-Pasteur Katavo*

### **Two-Hundred Bibles Have Also Arrived**

SF partners Daphrose Muteho et Jean-Pasteur Katavo wrote to describe their joy upon receiving 200 Bibles through Congo Open Heart, an organization that has handed over its ministry to SF. “A Bible given to a teen is a great fortune and is in high demand. The schools, the chaplains, the students, the parents, everyone, asks impatiently, ‘When will the Bibles arrive?’” The couple, who are pioneers and partners in our “Adopt a High School” project, pass along their thanks to everyone who contributed to this “gift of love.” Please join us in thanking God for His faithfulness and pray the Bibles would be a source of life-transformation for all who read them.



*Two Haitian women at a market in Port-au-Prince in 2020*

## **Haiti Descends into Anarchy**

The poorest nation in the Americas, Haiti is spiraling into anarchy. Over the weekend, heavily armed gangs attacked the National Palace and lit part of the Interior Ministry on fire. This comes after a continued attack on the international airport, which is closed to all flights, including Prime Minister Ariel Henry's. At the Hospital of the State University of Haiti in downtown Port-au-Prince, there is no sign of any medical staff. All the doctors have fled. Gangs, which control eighty percent of the capital, also attacked two Port-au-Prince police stations last week. Please pray for peace, protection, and provision for our Haitian brothers and sisters, especially those who must risk their lives daily to make a living for their families. (Source: [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com))



Thank you for joining us in prayer.

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