



# The Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada

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## Collect of the day

Almighty God, you called your servant Luke to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: Grant that, by the wholesome medicine of the doctrine he taught, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

As we near our Synod, we give thanks once again! As you know from our last newsletter, we advised you that we had taken on the refurbishment of another 14 old wells (there are many more in need), in the province of Zambezia, Mozambique. Praise the Lord, these have been made whole again, along with the teaching of good hygiene and the sharing of the Eternal Living Water, and Jesus Christ with so many. Thank you for giving so generously. This is now complete, and we move on from our good friends in Molumbo and Milange, to both Madagascar and to Uganda.



First Madagascar: Bishop Darrell Critch, whom many of us know, has been elected bishop in Mahajanga, in Madagascar. He has moved there, while leaving his family behind, in St. John's Newfoundland. He has shared with many, the trials and travails of a bishop and priests, in that part of the world. One of the difficulties he was advised of, was the difficulty in sharing the gospel, in rural areas, with large crowds, and that of the need for a sound music source (pun intended).



One priest (Father Julian) found a simple solution, a portable, solar powered speaker. This will play pre-recorded music, and will broadcast his voice over a large area, to the congregations gathered. At a cost of \$10 USD each, (about \$14 CAD), he and his colleagues will be able to hold outdoor services much more easily. With your help, ARDFC, has supplied the funds to purchase and distribute these to these Anglican priests. There are more projects on the horizon, and we shall communicate them as soon as we can.



Second Uganda: How appropriate to look at healthcare in Uganda, considering the Collect of the Day, and our celebration of St. Luke, today. One of the significant challenges facing the whole country of Uganda is an inadequate healthcare infrastructure. The healthcare system is struggling to meet the needs of its citizens. It faces challenges including high rates of communicable diseases, child death rates, and limited access to essential services particularly in rural areas. Many rural areas, such as Madudu, in Mukono, Uganda, lack basic medical facilities, and must travel 15 miles (over 24 km) to receive care. With your generous donations, ARDFC will support the building and establishment of a medical clinic, in association with



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another Diocese in the US (a combined effort). There are over 3,000 people who will benefit from local healthcare, which will reduce mortality (death) and morbidity (sickness) from treatable diseases. The total cost of this phase of the clinic (there is a larger plan for growth down the road), will be \$108,521 USD, or about \$153,000. This work will be completed in about 18 months, hence the need for both Canada and a sister Diocese to support the work. The Canadian involvement will then be about half, or around \$77,000 CAD.



## Will you:

- 1 Pray for all those in the mission field today? It is not always easy.
- 2 Continue praying for the people of Mozambique, and now add in the people of Madagascar, and Uganda, that those, who have just heard the about the Lord accept him, and don't stray far from His Word?
- 3 Support these two new projects (in Mahajanga and Uganda)?? If you will, see how to support them below:

## ABOUT THE ANGLICAN RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND CANADA (ARDFC)

ARDFC is a registered Canadian charity, associated with ARDF Global. It undertakes carefully selected and monitored aid projects in partnership with Anglican dioceses in developing nations. See our website <http://ardfc.ca/> ([www.ardfc.ca](http://www.ardfc.ca)) for more information.

## HOW TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF ARDFC

Donations to ARDFC can be made:

- Through your parish
- Online at [www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm](http://www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm) (via Canada Helps)
- By e-transfer, or
- By sending your cheque to ARDFC, Box 1013, Burlington, ON, L7R 4L8

Let us thank the Lord for our blessings, and consider how we might be a blessing to others.

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