

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY IS JUNE 6th

Here is one story of how the collection on this Special Sunday is used:

The “Jerusalem Justice and Peace Ministry” (JJPM) founded in 2006 is located in Lubumbashi (Katanga) RDC. This ministry was started to help relieve the suffering of abused women by giving them hope even when society had stigmatized them, but at God’s table everybody is included. That is the inclusiveness mission of our Ministry.

Through your generous gifts on **Peace With Justice Sunday**, our program has been able to set up a “Sewing Atelier” where we have purchased sewing machines to support women in their ministry. With these grants we have been able to organized workshops to teach the women about Social Justice.

The offering also helped pay for needed food and clothing for children who have been exploited. The United Methodist Church Karavia Primary School which was destroyed in 1992 during the time of civil war is now a top priority for us. We are trying to educate these children, especially in Karavia Area where there is only one Catholic Primary school, which is not able to accommodate students yet.

Without the **Peace with Justice Sunday offerings** we will have to struggle to uphold the vision of this ministry. Because we have compassion for these women and children, we will continue to function on what we have. We are currently receiving funds locally but they are not responding to the real need of this ministry. We are not able to receive extra money because we do not have any programs in our Episcopal Area to address these needs.

The biggest Peace and Justice issues facing our community are the social justice among abused women and exploited children. We are in the process of building a clinic in one of the tagged areas where there is no such facility to service abused women or those who cannot afford even to get proper treatment. We are also considering setting up a voluntary program of HIV/Aids testing as well.

Thank you very much for all your effort. You are supporting our Ministry by prayers because Christ is working hard in the situation like ours. Theories without action are not helpful but faith, mercy and justice are our need in our journey with Christ.

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