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# MAMA WIMBI



## The Community College is launched!

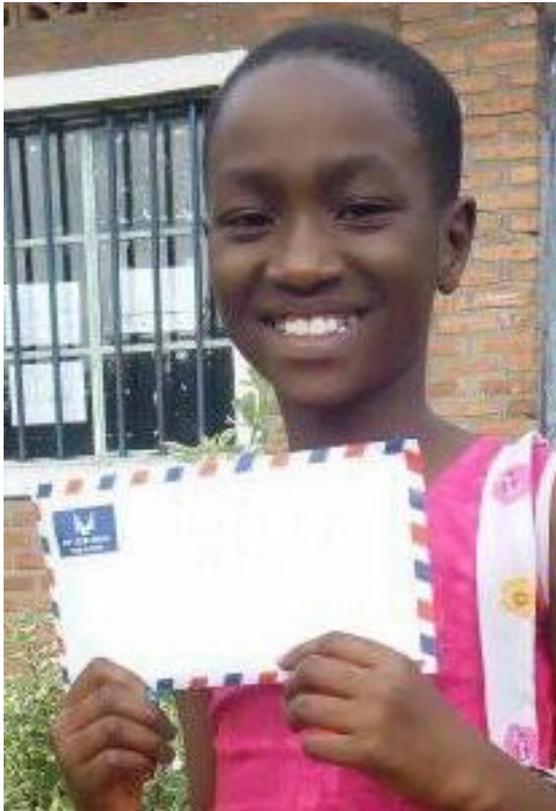
Thanks to the fund-raising efforts of our South Korean friends, we have finally been able to rent a venue for our Community College.

Mama Wimbi sewing, Civics Education, Peace Studies, Kijana Wimbi, Esperanto classes, and School-in-a bag preparations are all based in the new building now.

We hope to start our community internet access soon, with help from Computers for Congo.

Welcome to the sixth edition of our monthly Mama Wimbi newsletter!

## Elodea Correspondence Project



The Congolese children have sent their replies to Amy Vos's class of 10-12 year old kids at Elodea Montessori School in Austinmere. They should arrive soon!



## Eric's Engineering Computer



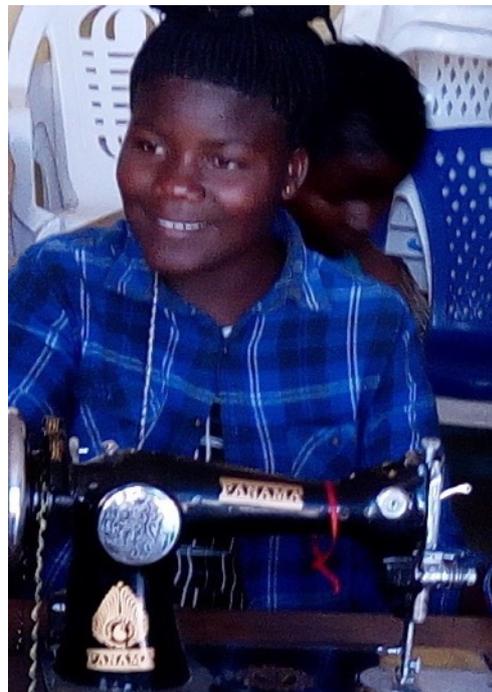
Eric is doing great work, both teaching and coordinating our Correspondence Project and School-in-a-Bag, but his calling is Engineering. To that end, our dear friend Geoff Bowland supports Eric's education and, with his colleague Derek, organized to get a computer properly equipped with Engineering software for Eric. The Presbyterian Church of Cooma was proud and happy to help with postage. Imagine our panic when an addressing slip-up sent it off to the Central African Republic! Fortunately some quick teamwork from the lovely young engineers at Go Engineering saved the day and Eric's computer is back on track to DR Congo!

## School-in-a-Bag

Our project will be getting our schoolbags from Uganda this year, thanks to Tom Gill of East African Playgrounds - what a relief! We couldn't find suitable ones in Goma.

Eric and Alphonse are going through the bag contents list again to make sure that our Congo School-in-a-Bags is optimal for local conditions.

Our clever sewing team have copied the commercially-available imported pencilcase, in order to increase the value of bag contents we provide to the children, as well as contributing more to economic self-sufficiency in Goma.



## Bunting Sales

We are trying a new approach, offering buntings as a fund-raising activity for schools and pre-schools. Cooma certainly could do with some brightening up at this time of year!

The first step is to find 10 sponsors for the new brochure. These will be businesses or service clubs serving the Cooma Area, especially ones involved in the education sector, or concerned for the welfare of children. We hope that the sponsorship will get 10 high school kids a year of education (like Zawadi, above).

Thank you for reading our newsletter, we hope you enjoyed it.

Please share with your friends.

**Happy July from all at Mama Wimbi!**

**Penny Vos**