

Democratic Republic of the Congo Pastor Perseveres in Building Church and School*
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I can hardly believe that it has taken nearly two years to be able to say this, but the school in Kafubu, DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo in Central Africa), started by Rev. Aimé is now finished. IT IS FINISHED!

Throughout this building process, Rev. Aimé has suffered quite a bit because of his obedience. An angry mob destroyed the first church they built in the village, which doubled as a two-room school house for only three weeks before it was destroyed. Rev. Aimé (whose name means loved) was thrown into jail for more than a week before the church members were able to get him out. After much struggle, the village finally accepted him as a pastor and a servant of the Lord. Rev. Aimé built a second church only to have it destroyed after heavy rains.

If it were me, I would most likely have given up long ago. But I am thankful for servants and pastors like Rev. Aimé who remind me that once God gives a vision, He will see it through to the end. Eventually, a church was built and stands to this day. In the original location, they were able to start the school with the arrival of a Work & Witness team from Point Loma Nazarene University in July of 2014 and the Congo Jam event in the USA which helped to raise money. They struggled again with land disputes and getting official documents, but the Lord was faithful and the financing came in from various partners who were touched by God's vision for Kafubu. Today, the school is teaching the adults who never got a chance to go to school to learn how to read. In September, it will begin teaching children from grades 1 to 8 so they no longer have to take a 10-mile roundtrip walk to the next town for education.

[Editorial Note: Nazarene Educators Worldwide congratulates Rev. Aimé and the members of his congregation for building and organizing this school. Let's pray for this new school that God will bless the staff as they minister to the children in Kafubu, DRC.]

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[NOTE to DAN HARRIS: NCN News has two pictures that you might pick up to go with this article.]