12 December 2013

Dear friends,

This is the very first Christmas letter from 'La Fondation des Amis du Père MWISHABONGO MUKWANGA Norbert' « FAPMMN »

In these days that South Africans and the world weep and pay homage to Nelson MANDELA, the extraordinary, the fervent, the tireless promoter of reconciliation, of social justice, of equality of human race, of people's development, of human dignity, ... and against all that segregates and dehumanises human being, I join the many voices that, in one choir, express their gratitude to Mandela, affectionately called MADIBA.

Mandela has bequeathed to us an enormous challenge concerning the commitment to the development of people, the promotion of human dignity and condition, the reconciliation of people, etc. We will honour and remember Mandela to humanity and take up the big challenge that he passed on to us if: our hatred gives way to love, our individualism to generosity, our revenge to pardon and reconciliation, our indifference to solidarity and compassion, our distrust and mistrust to trust, etc., and weariness to commitment so that each person on this earth may find happiness and joy to live, a place to live and hope for a better condition that promotes and respects his/her human dignity.

In our commitment to promote a Dynamic of Actions for the Integral Development of Sola "DADIS": Health – Education and – Socio-economic Development; we achieved, this year 2013, three major activities:

- 1. The launching of the construction of the future hospital of Sola. With the financial help received from two Associations, from a Missionary of Africa priest who worked long ago in Sola and from the contribution of some members of the FAPMMN, we managed to buy a second piece of land (200m²) following the wish of the donor, to launch the construction of the future hospital, to build and finish the foundation of the first building having as measurement: 40m of length and 12 of width. The hospital will have three buildings that will progressively be constructed one after another. (See photos on the blogs)
- 2. The official acknowledgement of the Foundation by the Democratic Republic of Congo Government. Through the ministerial decree N° 1250/CAB/MIN/SP/591/GSMNP/OBK/2013 of March 16<sup>th</sup> 2013, the Ministry of Public Health of DRC, approved and gave a go ahead to FAPMMN for the construction of a hospital at Sola. On his side, the Ministry of Justice and Human Right by the decree N°160/CAB/MIN/J&DH/2013 of May 20<sup>th</sup> 2013, has granted and acknowledged the Juridical Status to the 'Fondation des Amis du Père MWISHABONGO MUKWANGA Norbert' "FAPMMN" and approved the Foundation's constitution. (See the two decrees on the blogs).
- 3. Sending a big container from France to Sola. Thanks to the financial grant from ASBL (S.C.C), to the competence of ATM in fundraising and sending containers, to a push given by a Rotary Club, to financial support from V-A Association, and to the contribution from members of the FAPMMN, we have successfully achieved the very first experience of sending a big container full of medical, educational and workshop materials. Sent from France

in June, the container arrived at Kongolo in October and the materials were transported to Sola by October 9<sup>th</sup>. Because of bad road network between Kongolo and Sola (30km), the empty container is still in Kongolo. The lack of means of transport, that could facilitate our different activities between Kongolo and Sola and within Sola, is also a major difficulty in our achievement. This difficulty, to which we are confronted, remains one of our major problems in the course of our commitment to development and promotion of human dignity and social condition, in this remote area of the Kongolo territory. (See photos on the blogs).

To all the Associations and persons of good will who contributed and allowed us to achieve these three major activities in 2013, we express our deepest gratitude. Our commitment to promote human condition and development of the Hemba people, commitment to the opening up of Sola and Hemba region is still at its launching stage. We continue hoping for your participation, donation, support, etc., in favour of the population of this remote and forgotten area of the Kongolo territory in the province of Katanga, D.R. Congo.

To you all and to your families, Joyous Christmas 2013.

May our wishes of joy, long life, peace, blessing, hope, happiness, solidarity, etc., and success accompany you throughout the coming year.

## Happy New Year 2014.

For the 'Fondation des Amis du Père MWISHABONGO MUKWANGA Norbert' « FAPMMN »,

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**3.** You can also contribute through the Missionaries of Africa Fathers (White Fathers) addressing your financial donation to "Sola Project, Father Norbert MWISHABONGO" Lubumbashi Missionaries of Africa sector, PAC province.