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The School for Peace in Tshamalale, Congo

Would you like to sponsor a child?

To sponsor a child for their education costs £108 per year.

Would you like to donate to resources?

Would you like to make a donation to the nursery school?

All donations are gratefully received.

I enclose a donation of £ _____ (please delete as appropriate)

Your name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

If you are a tax payer and you sign below we can collect an additional 25p for every pound you donate.

I am a UK tax payer and I want this and all future donations to be treated as a Gift Aid donation. Signed _____ Date _____

Please make cheques payable to 'The Congo School for Peace'

Once completed, please return to Alan Williams, 51 Links Way, Thurlton, Norfolk, NR14 6RF

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Sort code: 08-92-99 Account number: 65660964

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**The Story of the School for Peace
in the village of Tshamalale near Lubumbashi in southern Congo**

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The School for Peace opened in November 2005 with five classrooms for nursery and primary children

This project began in the 1990s following a visit to Beccles by a nun from Congo. She came here to improve her English and made friends with Anne Bauers, a Beccles resident. Anne accepted an invitation to visit Congo and went in 2001 taking a donation of about £500 raised locally.



A nursery classroom decorated by an older student

Anne was most impressed by the amount, the range and the scope of the work done by these sisters. Before returning to the UK, Anne asked what they would use the money for. "We will build a 'School for Peace' for the children of refugee families" was their reply. At the time, Congo was in the midst of a ghastly war which has cost the lives of millions of people. Naturally families fled the war zones to safer areas of the country including the south where the primary school was to be built.

Fund-raising began in earnest and building started. In the autumn of 2005 the classrooms were ready to use (see the picture on the front page). Just one year group was admitted that year and, each year since, another year group has been added. This has ensured that the project remained viable. Many families, having fled the war had little or no money. Sponsors were found in the UK so that as many children as possible were able to benefit from a good education.



Children waiting to see the headteacher to enrol at the School for Peace



The new school sign

An important feature of this charity is that all money raised goes directly to the project. Anyone visiting Congo pays their own way and other incidental costs are absorbed through gift aid. The sisters who run the school keep proper accounts and we get receipts for all money handed over. The sisters, highly respected in the region, get amazing value for money and must be brilliant negotiators.



The ground floor of the secondary block was completed in 2015

Numbers at the school are increasing each year. The children are now able to stay until 6th year secondary and they can take options to go on with either technical or academic education. It is hoped that in the near future, agriculture and fish breeding could be taught.

Classroom furniture is made locally by former street boys.



The secondary building was completed in October 2016