



OUR HEART IS CRYING FOR THE PEOPLE AND LAND OF DR CONGO
"NEARLY 3,000 PEOPLE KILLED AFTER REBELS SEIZE CITY IN DR CONGO, UN SAYS"

"DR Congo – a country of more than 100 million people – has experienced decades of violence driven by ethnic tensions and fights over access to land and mineral resources, causing one of the world’s largest humanitarian crises. Seventy people in a Protestant church in the North Kivu Province were found beheaded with machetes on Feb. 15, 2025, near the Maiba village in Lubero, a district close to the border between Rwanda and Uganda. Many of those who died in the massacre: women, children and the elderly had their hands tied behind their back."

YET IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS,
WE WERE BLESSED TO WELCOME PILGRIMS OF HOPE:
SALT AND LIGHT MEDIA
"BEHOLD, BECOMING NEIGHBOURS"



(Michel Lunanga)



"Justin, a refugee from the Congo, arrived in Canada alone, leaving behind his wife Thérèse and six children: Gisele, Israel, Michel, Candide, Immaculate, and Raphaella.
WITH YOUR SUPPORT, Becoming Neighbours, a ministry born from the desire of men and women religious to serve, THIS FAMILY IS NOW REUNITED."

Pictured are members of the family with Becoming Neighbour’s staff: Atunna and Sr. Lois

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OVERWHELMING THANKS TO:

- REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY FOR THEIR CARING GENEROSITY
- ESL Companions: Raymond Pierce, CSsR; Sheila Sullivan, CND; and Nibal Salloum who warmly welcomed and accompanied Justin, Thérèse, and their children
- All those working and praying behind the scenes to make life easier for this family



**ISRAEL AND MICHEL
JOINED CAMP MICAH;**
A leadership camp for social justice and peace held every Aug. for one week near beautiful Bancroft.



**in the spirit of interculturality
Justin, Thérèse, and the kids joined
120 people from eighteen countries
"Celebrating Canada Day" in High Park.
Dancing to the beat of African drums with
invigorating soul music interwoven with
creating murals topped off with
an awesome picnic helped us all to celebrate!**

