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A Lesson on Receiving Generosity in Kinshasa !

by Russell Frazier

During a recent trip to Kinshasa (Nov. 1–17), I was grateful to teach pastors at the Nazarene Bible Institute. While there, I was invited to preach at Bethlehem Church of the Nazarene. After the service, the congregation surprised me with a love offering. I thanked them, but tried to return it. The pastor initially refused, "No, we have received this offering for you. We want you to take it." I said, "Is it really mine? Can I do with it whatever I want?" The pastor said, "Yes." I gave it back to him and said, "I am giving it to you as a gift for the local church." I knew that they could use it for the needs of their rented church property. After that discussion, the pastor allowed me to give it back for church repairs. I later learned that the offering is now helping them replace their roof.



But the story didn't end there. The pastor and his family then pressed a personal envelope into my hand. I thought it was simply a note of thanks and didn't open it until I returned to Kenya. Inside was a $20 bill, the first time I had ever received such a gift from a church in Africa. I didn't really mean to accept it, but I did.

This story reminded me of another moment that week. Several times during my two-week stay, I would pass by where a woman was selling beignets on the street. One day near the end of my stay, the woman gave me an extra one for free. I refused to allow her to give it to me. I added 500 Francs Congolais. When I did, I noticed the deep disappointment on her face. She wanted to give, and I needed to learn how to receive.



The people of Kinshasa showed me that generosity is not about abundance; it is about love. Sometimes, the humblest gifts are the ones we must learn to accept.

This Christmas, may we not refuse the greatest gift of all Jesus Christ. Receive Him with gratitude and joy. He is the Father's gift to you!

Merry Christmas, and may God richly bless you!

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This year's Thanksgiving looked a little different, but it was no less joyful! With turkey prices rising to $15 per kilo, we decided to substitute with chicken. And despite the change, the celebration was truly amazing.



We shared a wonderful meal together and laughter while playing games.

We gathered with friends from several countries, reflecting the beautiful diversity of our community. Rev. Lecrecia Ali shared a powerful and uplifting devotion that reminded us of the importance of gratitude in every circumstance.





ANU Farm Project Changing Student Lives

At Africa Nazarene University, many students struggle to pay their academic fees and meet basic needs. To respond, we launched a farm and tree nursery project that provides student employment. Four students are currently working on the farm, helping us grow carrots, coriander, green beans, and other vegetables for sale. We hope the project will soon become fully self-sustaining.



Recently, the project supported a student named Duncan, who had been unable to take exams due to financial constraints. After both parents passed away, he relied on his elderly grandmother, who could not support him. He was even evicted from his room. Through the farm project, we were able to hire him and advance part of his salary so he could buy food, pay rent, and eventually clear his school fees.

Because of this small but meaningful opportunity, Duncan was able to take his exams this semester, a powerful example of how the ANU farm project is transforming lives.

We thank our donors and partners for making this support possible through deputation giving. Your generosity is helping students thrive. God bless you.

Praises and Prayer Requests

Praises

- Praise God for safe travels and a successful ministry for Russ and Dorcas in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Praise God for a good doctor's report for Carla's Mom
- Praise God for His provisions and answered prayers in 2025

Prayers

- Pray for leadership transitions in the University
- Pray for Dorcas as she is working on a Master's program
- Pray that ANU receives a good student intake for January 2026

Here is the link if you wish to give toward our mission: https://give.nazarene.org/category/region/africa/frazier

Upcoming Home Assignments

Our next deputation schedule has open dates from May 15 to June 30, 2026. If you would like to have us for a service, please contact us at jrussellfrazier@gmail.com.

- Canada Pacific District May 17 to 26
- South Carolina District May 31 to June 7
- Joplin District June 9 to June 17
- WAPAC June 21 to June 30