

2009 Congolese Heroes: Profiles of Leadership.



A tribute in words featuring Congolese of the year 2009
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Background

The Congolese Development Center National Awards Program provides awards annually to exceptionally successful Congolese for their initiatives or achievements. The awards recognize individuals who have made outstanding community contributions/achievements.

The awards are open to individuals, nonprofit and community organizations, businesses, religious groups, and government entities, agencies, or officials operating in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Africa and in DRC.

Many thanks for your assistance in spreading the word about this important opportunity for talented Congolese to obtain the recognition they deserve and congratulations to the 2009 Congolese heroes!

About the Congolese Development Center (CDC)

CDC is a nonprofit, community-based organization that serves newcomers to the USA from diverse cultural backgrounds from many parts of the world. CDC Inc works with the private and public sectors as well as various NGOs and universities

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Dr. Denis Mukwege.



Dr. Mukwege was born on March 1st, 1955 to a family of 9 children. His father was a Pastor at the Pentacostal Church in Bukavu, a city in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

When he was young, he accompanied his father on his pastoral visits where he first had contact with patients. His first impression was that he wanted to help the patients in addition to praying with them, to assist them medically. After his baccalaureate, he studied medicine in Burundi where after he finished, he worked at the Christian hospital of Lemera in South-Kivu DR Congo, he was shocked when he realized the difficulty of childbirth for the women in the rural milieu because these women are brought to the hospital riding on a donkey, after having bled out from their difficulty during childbirth in residence. Others quite simply came to die in the hospital because they waited too long after laboring for hours unsuccessfully. The surviving patients left with serious genital lesions. He decided to study gynecology/obstetrics at the CHU of Angers in France.

In 1989, Dr. Mukwege settled at the Hospital of Lemera close to these women where he will install a service of gynecology/obstetrics after training the support staff. This service became known in the area and beyond the borders of the country. Unfortunately during the first civil war of Congo in 1996 the hospital was completely destroyed.

As a survivor from Lemera, Dr. Mukwege settled in Bukavu, there he still noted the suffering of the patients in the Southern part of the town of Bukavu without medical facilities to help women during childbirth. From these experiences the idea is born to build a maternity ward with an operating room at Panzi. But as early as the inauguration, he noted that the women victims of sexual violence are numerous and the numbers were rising. Thus the idea was born to create services specialized for the assumption of responsibility of women victims of sexual violence.

Currently this service receives on average 10 women per day and 30% of those will undergo a major surgery. The task becoming increasingly difficult, Dr. Mukwege is working on training the nurses, obstetricians and doctors for this end. This formation is done in collaboration with international experts of Fistula Hospital of Addis Ababa in surgery of vaginal rebuilding.

Tens of thousands of women have been brutally raped in the DRC as part of an ongoing internal conflict. The Congolese gynecologist Dr. Denis Mukwege, founder of one of the only hospitals that treats victims of rape and mutilation has helped over 21,000 women in the past decade.

Sandrine Ngalula Mubenga



Sandrine Ngalula is a Congolese engineer from Congo-Kinshasa. She works and lives in the United States where she graduated in Electrical Engineering. She is particularly gifted and has succeeded to transform an electric car prototype into a hybrid car by integrating a Fuel cell

A fuel cell is an electrochemical device that converts hydrogen into electricity. The car's main fuel becomes hydrogen which releases only water as waste. The idea of developing a car that runs on hydrogen is not new. But it may be that Sandrine Ngalula Mubenga has found the solution because, in addition to making the car hybrid, she has conceived a hydrogen station (as opposed to petrol stations). The hydrogen station she has developed is solar-powered. Its working principle is simple: splitting water (H₂O) into hydrogen and oxygen and collecting the hydrogen in tanks (reservoirs). An American car manufacturer is apparently considering marketing the hybrid system developed by Sandrine Ngalula

Before Sandrine Ngalula succeeded in turning the prototype into a hybrid car, the car's maximum speed was 42 mph (miles per hour) or 67 km/h. With the hybrid system, the prototype reached a speed of 119 mph (191 km/h). Another feature of this car is that it is silent. Proof of the importance of the work carried out by the Congolese lady: the visit of Ohio's Senator, Mr. Voinovich, who wanted to meet her and see the results of her work.

Sandrine Ngalula also wants to use her genius to serve her country. As a result, she has started developing a plan to electrify villages in Congo-Kinshasa. This plan is primarily designed around solar technology. Congo-Kinshasa has a solar energy potential of about 5 kWh / m² / day. In other words, the sun provides 5 kW of energy on 1 m², or the power required to power about 2 houses. Now, Congo-Kinshasa has an area of 2.3 million km² which should ease Sandrine Ngalula's noble ambition if political authorities in her home Country pay attention to her work.

Sandrine Ngalula is currently working for Orbital Technical Solutions that specializes in the construction of power plants. She shows to all African women that they can also bring their share to the industrial development of Africa. By African Inventors.

Sylvestre Ngoma



Sylvestre Ngoma enseigne depuis 12 ans aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique. Il enseigne présentement les cours suivants : « Foundations of Information Technology », « Scientific and Technical Visualization I & II » et « Technology Advanced Studies » dans une école secondaire dans l'état de la Caroline du Nord. Doctorant en Gestion de Technologie de l'Information, il détient une maîtrise en Gestion Stratégique de l'Internet et une Licence en Anglais. Chargé de la gestion de la station de télévision à circuit fermé de son école, il est également le webmaster du site Internet de son école: Il est agrégé en enseignement de la technologie (Technology Education), en médias numériques (Digital Media), et en enseignement de l'Anglais comme Seconde Langue (ESL) en Caroline du Nord. Il a enseigné au pays pendant plusieurs années. Il est auteur de nombreux articles

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- And more >>>

Recognition/Awards

- Sylvestre Ngoma remporte le Prix « Libby Gray Award 2008 » ! Mai 2008.

Professional Experience

- Technology Education Teacher, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. North Carolina, US. 2000-Present.
- Technology Education Trainer, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. North Carolina, US. 2007-Present.

Révérend Alex Mulamba



Le Révérend Alex Mulamba, aîné d'une famille nombreuse, est né à Bruxelles le 6 Juillet 1965 de père et de mère Congolais. Il est marié à Maman Judith Boko Mulamba depuis 1993 avec qui ils ont trois garçons et deux filles (Jonathan 13, Merveille 11, Esther 5, Adonai 3 et Alex Jr).

Parcours ministériel

- Responsable des jeunes appelés « jeunes de lumière » à la paroisse St Pie X de Ngiri-Ngiri pendant près de 10 ans de 1982 à 1992 (Eglise Catholique)
- Choriste à la Chorale Lolaka ya Mwindi de la même paroisse pendant près de 8 ans de 1980 à 1988
- Responsable de cellules de prière en Allemagne de 1996 à 1998 et à Boston (Cellule Lynn 3) pendant plus d'une année et demie
- Intercesseur en Allemagne et à la Vie Abondante de Everett
- Membre du Conseil Pastoral à la Vie Abondante Everett de Juillet 2001 à Janvier 2006
- Responsable de l'Administration à la Vie Abondante Everett (Mass) de 2001 à 2005
- Assistant du responsable du Département des Hommes à la Vie Abondante Everett (Mass)
- Initiateur de la vision des bâtisseurs au sein du Département des hommes en Juin 2004
- Diplôme de Ministerial Internship Program de Church of God en 2002
- Devenu Ministre Licencie du Church of God en Mars 2003
- Ordonné pasteur le 30 Juillet 2005 par le Bishop Samuel Kamuanga
- Pasteur titulaire de l'Eglise « Centre d'Adoration Vie Abondante » de l'Etat de Rhode Island aux Etats Unis

Le pasteur Alex a fait l'expérience surnaturelle avec Dieu lorsqu'une nuit, alors qu'il était en 3 jours de jeunes sous la conduite du Pasteur Mayangi Robert en Allemagne, une voix audible a appelé son nom à deux reprises. Le matin, lorsqu'il parlera au Pasteur Robert qui l'a fait passer par le baptême des eaux en 1996, ce dernier le recommandera de lire l'appel de Samuel.

Plus tard en 1999 à Boston, il fera l'expérience merveilleuse du baptême dans le Saint Esprit la nuit où il avait demandé à l'Eglise de prier pour lui.

Lui et son épouse Mama Judith sont fondateurs des Ministères «Les Merveilles de Dieu – God's Marvels Ministeries».

Parcours professionnel :

- Senior Réconciliation Analyste a Bank of New York Mellon ou j'ai travaillé d'Avril 2000 a Janvier 2009
- Custody Specialist a BankBoston de 1999 a Avril 2000
- Comptable a l'Office de Gestion du Fret Maritime de Décembre 1990 a Septembre 1995
- Stagiaire au service du personnel de la MIDEMA de Septembre 1990 à Décembre 1990
- Secrétaire au Centre de correction des Examens d'Etat de Juillet 1990 a Aout 1990

Autres :

- Conseil Spirituel de la Communauté Congolaise de RI de 2006 a 2008 communauté pour laquelle j'ai rédigé les textes des statuts et des règlements d'ordre intérieur
- Secrétaire General de la Communauté Congolaise de New England de 1999 a 2003

Etudes :

- Présentement en Master in Management avec concentration en Leadership et Dynamique des organisations
- Diplôme en Sciences Commerciales et Financières

Euclide Amani



Amani is a 25 year old boy refugee born in Bukavu Congo . He came to Austin Texas this year. Amani escaped the genocide of Congo 5 years ago alone without his family fled to Uganda. In Uganda he lived on the streets of Kampala. He believed his family was dead because he was told his entire village was killed. He got a lucky break and was allowed to achieve refugee status and come to Austin, Texas this year.

Since Amani came to Austin, he has demonstrated a unique spirit of compassion rarely seen in any of the other many Congolese who have come here to Austin. This is why he deserves the Award.

Amani started helping all others before he helped himself. He worked for free to translate for many by helping out fellow Africans and other refugees . Examples include helping prevent some from being evicted from their apartment While assisting refugee agencies he would spot special needs situations and notify local churches so that they could step in and help. He quickly notified us of a situation where a Congo couple arrive the wife was crippled by gun shot and her only child shot dead. We were able to assist. He asked for nothing for Christmas but instead submitted several Congo families names and delivered presents to them. He helped others so much he would skip his own job interviews to help others in more need before helping himself. Helping fellow Iraq roommates get into community college and helping two old poor Burundi men by sharing his little food with them.

Amani has spoken several times to churches, conferences and a high school and middle school, not for the purpose of self gain but to raise awareness of refugees' world wide and especially the situation in Congo.

Amani finally some found time for himself and landed a job. However, as soon as he found a job he picked up many applications and found many more refugee jobs at the same location. Going out of his way to explaining to all the ins and outs of how to get hired.

Recently he found out his family was alive in Goma but in bad shape financially and living in an old shack. He quickly sent this first pay checks to get his family moved to a better location and sent money to educate his brother. Amani is unique because he always thinks of others first and always is thinking of ways to help Congo. Amani is working on designing a web site to create a sponsorship program to enable a local school in Goma to receive sponsorship money from America. This will help educate Congolese children so they have a future.

Kambale Musavuli



Mr. Kambale Musavuli is a Congolese activist, student coordinator and spokesperson of Friends of the Congo. He produces weekly podcast on the situation in the Congo. He has written for the Washington Post, Pambazuka News, The Root and numerous other online publications. He has been interviewed on National Public Radio, Democracy Now, ABC, Aljazeera, Radio France International and myriad radio and television programs throughout the globe. He has toured the United States speaking to university students, religious groups, community organizers and many others in an effort to mobilize support for the people of the Congo. Musavuli's ultimate aim is to mobilize the global community to help bring an end to the conflict in the Congo and provide support to the people of the Congo as they strive to control their enormous natural wealth and build lasting peace and stability in the heart of Africa. (Kambale Musavuli)

Eric Kamba



Eric Kamba is the Executive Director of the Congolese Development Center, a non-profit organization that delivers services to members of African refugee communities in Massachusetts, promotes mutual assistance and capacity building within the African community, and contributes toward sustainable development in Africa by establishing partnerships to draw on the various forms of expertise of African refugees and immigrants. Mr. Kamba works with outside partners on developing new Refugee and Immigrant Program Initiatives that establish strategic connections between refugee and immigrant communities and other agencies.

He is very well known and highly respected by human services professionals and community members throughout the city of Chelsea and Lynn in Massachusetts. His outstanding work with refugees and immigrants in these two low-income cities set him apart. He is the recipient of numerous prizes and awards.

In January 2009, the National Association of Social Worker (NASW) appointed Mr. Kamba to serve as a member of the Social, Economic Justice and Peace Specialty Practice Section Committee. The Specialty Practice Section Committee is charged with providing content expertise for a national program to inform members about current trends in social work practice and linkages to policy issues impacting service delivery.