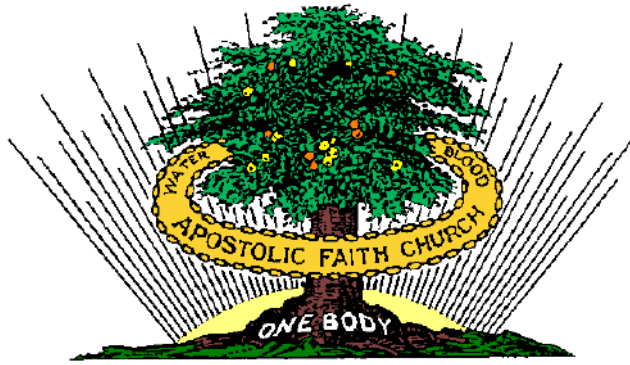


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# Showers of Blessings

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## God's Love in Action

### **Apostolic Faith Church - Ministry of Helps through Charity Work and Community Projects – 2** (Continued from Showers of Blessing No. 5532)

Showers of Blessing No. 5532 referenced Goal No. 7 as outlined in the AFC Governance Manual on Page 7, which is the Ministry of Helps, as one of the key fundamental objectives of the AFC. This ministry seeks “to help the vulnerable and poor in society through the ministry of giving and various charity initiatives in God’s lovingkindness”, anchored on scriptural foundation.



*Rev. Dieudonne Kabongo Illunga, Country Overseer for the Democratic Republic of Congo visiting the children enrolled in one of the Apostolic Faith Church Community Schools where free education and meals are provided to the orphaned kids and those from vulnerable families in one of the villages kilometres away from Mbuji-mayi.*

Believers are called to care for the vulnerable and the needy, to demonstrate selfless Christian sacrificial love, as scripture reminds us how “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35), encouraging us to “care for orphans and widows in their distress” (James 1:27) knowing that our God is a Father to the fatherless and a defender of those that are weak and in a vulnerable state (Psalms 68:5). The Ministry of Helps is therefore not optional in Christian life, but it is central to true faith and an act of worship unto God our Father, demonstrating His heart and lovingkindness in action through the Church, which is the Body of Christ.

Showers No. 5532 also shared a Praise Report from Angola, where the Church made donations to ease the difficulties faced by flood victims and families affected by the overflowing Cavaco River in the province of Benguela. This is the Gospel in action, reaching out to people in need through acts of kindness, compassion, generosity, and service. Through this ministry, the Church fulfils God's command to care for the needy while at the same time creating opportunities to share the message of salvation and bring people into the Kingdom of God.

According to Article 10 of the AFC Governance Manual (page 19), all AFC churches in various countries and jurisdictions are encouraged to establish programs and initiatives that raise funds for charity work to support the retired and elderly ministers and fathers in the faith, and the elderly and aged especially those who have no or little family support, including vulnerable families and members in communities beginning with those of our faith, the poor widows and orphans and generally the needy within the Church and society. This is the heart of God.

This responsibility should not be viewed as an occasional activity but as an ongoing ministry. The Church should then develop sustainable programs that provide meaningful support. It is well to begin in a small way; then slowly, as we stay faithful, the Lord will progressively expand his work and will sustain it.

Such programs may include food distribution initiatives, and where possible, partnering with organisations which may generate excess food, or are willing to sponsor such charity work. Others may require coming up with income-generating initiatives and activities for vulnerable households; educational support for orphans and vulnerable children, as well as appropriate empowerment projects such as for youth groups, to keep them away from wrong vices while helping them to grow and develop into responsible adults zealous for good works in the Lord, thereby transforming their lives and transforming the communities. There are many other members of the community who may be going through difficult situations and may need Christian counselling and spiritual support services. Through this ministry, the Lord opens doors, presenting opportunities for souls to be led to Salvation in Christ.

The AFC Governance Manual further emphasises that all charity work and programs must be properly planned, well documented, monitored, evaluated, and well reported, with regular reviews to determine whether programs are achieving their intended outcomes and identify areas for improvement.

This ensures accountability, transparency, effectiveness, and sustainability, and the Lord opens more doors and windows of heaven for Showers of Blessing, adding resources and labourers to His Vineyard. The leaders and officers of the Church assigned to manage and monitor these activities should collect evidence of transformation through testimonies, reports, photographs, community feedback, and measurable indicators of success, which we can build upon.

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