

# bishop's blessings beyond the diocese a mission in masasi



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## Bishop's Blessings Beyond the Diocese

This summer four members of our diocese will travel to our **Partnership Diocese of Masasi**. Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson will be accompanied by her husband Mark, Beth Reed, Chair of the Partnership Committee and the Rev'd Victor David Mbuyi-Bipungu.

The members of our Montreal PWRDF Committee are working with our Diocesan Partnerships Committee to help **raise at \$5000** to send with our bishop, to provide small gifts for the many parishes, schools and orphanages that she will visit. Some families in the Diocese of Masasi live on less than a dollar a day, and the church is one of the biggest providers of social and economic supports to meet basic needs.

**Critical needs** include:

- Food, school fees and school uniforms for children
- Repairs for church structures and priests' homes
- Sandals and shoes for priests who walk from parish to parish
- Medical and hygiene supplies for nursing stations
- Fees and books for Seminarians
- Books and supplies for the new Bible School in Masasi that will be officially opened by Bishop Mary

If every parish in our Diocese contributes to this project **Bishop's Blessings Beyond the Diocese**, it will be possible to reach our target, or more, for sending our blessings with Bishop Mary.

*Picture on cover is from the 2015 visit to Masasi and features some of the servers at the Masasi Cathedral. Photo by Beth Reed.*

## Many ways to raise funds!

A cupcake sale, a silent auction during coffee time, a soup lunch after church, or just a free-will donation basket at every church gathering, deanery meeting, or Sunday service are some of the ways to make Mission in Masasi possible. Please be generous! Just as our God is so generous!

We also encourage individuals to write personal prayers to send with Bishop Mary, to be shared with the communities she visits. The name of the author and parish should be included.

## Many ways to donate!

**Cheques** to the Anglican Diocese of Montreal can be sent directly to Jennifer James-Phillips at 1444 Union Ave., Montreal, Quebec, H3A 2B8. Indicate the project, Bishop's Blessings Beyond, at the bottom of the cheque.

**Online giving** Go to [www.montreal.anglican.ca](http://www.montreal.anglican.ca); click on "Donate Now"; choose the amount and Bishop's Blessings Beyond from the drop down menu and continue according to the instructions.

Alternatively, donations may be made **through your local church**.

Tax receipts will be issued for all identified donations of \$10 or more. This minimum may vary from parish to parish.

**Thank you!**