



## SACCP Philly Helps Send Team to the Congo in Support of Christian University (UBECA)

SACCP Philly sent its first ever missions team to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) this past February. The trip, lead by our associate pastor, Bagudekia Alobeyo and his wife, Suzanne, included congregant and Christian school teacher, Megan Owens. The church gathered on January 30th to send them off with a time of prayer and a \$1,000 love offering for unforeseen expenses.

The purpose of the trip was for the team to see ministries on the ground in Dungu and especially the ministry of the Christian university (UBECA). Pastor Bagu, despite a bout of malaria during the trip, was able to continue to make preparations for UBECA's accreditation and for installation of satellite high-speed internet at the university. The internet project will allow the school to invite out-of-country teachers to bring more high quality teaching to the remote location.

UBECA (Universite Batissons L'Espoir au Centre de L'Afrique) is a Christian university located in Dungu, a region in northeastern DRC. The university opened its doors in 2018 with five areas of study: agronomy, economics, education, medicine, and law. A theology department will be added in October 2022. UBECA trains students from the vast areas of northeastern DRC, southern South Sudan, and southeastern Central African Republic.

Pastor Bagu continues to raise support— prayer and financial— for the university and the people of Dungu. Thank you for your prayers and partnership with Bagu and UBECA. A donation of \$600 (one-time) or \$50 (monthly) will provide a scholarship that will ensure that an underprivileged African student can attend the university for a year. Please go to [www.saccphilly.org/give](http://www.saccphilly.org/give) to give or send a check to the address below, with a memo designating for "UBECA". **Thank you for your partnership!**



**Making New Friends:** Megan and Suzanne (right) pose with new friends in Uganda before heading to the DRC. Megan said: "Visiting the DRC was life changing for me. I saw the Spirit of God moving in the people, in the Church and in UBECA in powerful and inspiring ways. Congo remains close to my heart and I look forward to helping the students by raising scholarship funds. And I can't wait to go back again!"

## Church Purchases New Portable Baptistry; Nine Candidates Ready for May Baptismal Service



**Build It and They Will Come:** SACCP Philly recently added a fully immersive portable baptistry to its sanctuary. Pictured here are the delivery men, having transported it from the factory in North Carolina.

Thanks to a generous donation from one of our ministry partners, SACCP Philly purchased a new, portable baptistry for the church this past March.

SACCP Philly exists to fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples and baptizing them, and teaching them to obey everything that Jesus commands (Matt. 28:19-20).

We currently have 9 baptismal candidates who have expressed their faith in Jesus and wish to show their family and friends their union with Christ through the symbolism of water baptism. In order to be baptized, they must complete three baptismal classes. The baptismal service is scheduled for May.

We are praying that many from our neighborhood and across our 6 congregations will enter the waters of baptism over the coming months and years ahead.

**Please pray with us as we labor to make disciples in South Philly.**