



Sheldon Gilmer and his colleague Ralph Sikkema from World Hope Ca spend 5 days with Butoke, here we are with kids from the nutrition center and Dr Jean Lumbala and Francois Mukuna our nursing coordinator. The smallest boy in the picture is reputedly 6 years old, dwarfed, marasmic and kwashiorkor at 8kg and only 9cm arm circumference The little girl is probably 8 years old malnourished but not so much dwarfed her weight is 15Kg like a 3 year old, her arm circumference is 11cm. Both are in the feeding program.



Here they were joined by Kashondo 14y old also dwarfed and marasmic 18kg and 11cm arm circumference. This is the second time he comes and asks help for his family. His mother had 9 children, 7 are dead. Only he and an older sister are alive and held responsible to feed mother and granny based on his "earnings" from begging. This is the second time we try to get the consent to rehabilitate him so far no agreement.





Ralph applying the arm circumference to Kashondo



Discussion of these cases, the contribution to malnutrition by poverty, ignorance, exploitation, short child spacing and excess numbers of children



Orphans and recovered malnourished play thanks to a gift of a football by World Hope





Charlotte visits the kitchen of the nutrition center and orphanage, on an improved traditional model.



Visit the next day by Charlotte Rule from PCUSA, to the nutrition center.



Discussion and comparison between the situation in 1954 at the foundation of IMCK and now. The same struggles continue, if anything the general social and economic conditions have worsened and the missions in general and IMCK in particular are handicapped to intervene meaningfully because of funding and staffing problems.





Visit to the toilets and bathrooms of the nutrition center and orphanage.



10 km away the Butoke field, 7 ha of cassava, being that day harvested for greens, but for the carrots it will be September. The same field has recently yielded 36 sacks



A little discussion on how high we expect the cassava to become and the fact that the limited harvesting of the leaves actually stimulates the growth.





Part of our food reserves are these sacks of peanuts from our own production. Peanuts are both rich in protein and calories, we use them as snacks with the orphans and malnourished. We serve three full meals and two snacks for the malnourished, one time a day milk for the orphans and three times at least for the malnourished.



Distribution of milk to the malnourished





Bayanda pushing bicycles often for upto 200km, this is the main transport to cities and outlying villages. Exhaustion , hernia and kidney problems are common.





In the temple of Church of God for Sunday worship with one of our most active village associations with 100 members and a 4 ha field. The temple has a roof and walls from palm leaves.



Lunch with the association and mobilisers after the church service.





Our Canadian friends admiring the cassava.