

CELEBRATE FEBA!

What a trip! Bev, Bridgette, Caryl, Danielle, Elsie, Francis, Karen, Lisa, Noah, with Jimmy & Nate some days: we visited our partners in Kinshasa, welcomed by Maman Monique & her friends to learn & hear & see, & participate in the official inauguration of the Women's Center. Wow!!!

Mme Monique tells FEBA's story as the TV station & so many cameras record this exciting event.

Caryl & Bridgette present a quilt of Bible images & made by friends at First Presbyterian of Evanston.



A city government leader cuts the ribbon, with Maman Monique & Antoinette close at hand, US visitors, kids, & friends crowding around.



The celebration continues at the nearby church where many more of FEBA's 1200 members could gather. Maman Monique & daughters lead the procession of FEBA staff, dressed alike in festive new clothes. This celebration is a BIG DEAL because FEBA & its Center are 1a source of confidence & hope to so many!



Representatives of many local groups were invited to participate in inaugurating the Center as witnesses to how significant FEBA is in the community of Matete (part of greater Kinshasa).

Women pastors led in prayer & preached.

Pasteur Nzeba (right) is the first woman ordained to ministry of Word & sacraments in



The Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa & a longtime colleague & friend of Maman Monique.



FEBA'S WOMEN'S CENTER



The Center is an impressive 2-story building surrounded by 1-story houses.

On the ground floor: a secure office, sewing classrooms & tailoring room to make goods for sale, a large meeting area, & restrooms.

The 2nd floor : a new computer

science classroom (thank you, Bryn Mawr!), storage & living quarters for guardian & students.

Welcome to the 21st c.! Just a few more items to unpack & install, & students can begin!



Maman Jeannette, the head sewing teacher, & students delight in the 20 new treadle machines (thank you very much, Nassau!).



Does this look familiar? The cover art of Maman Monique's book now decorates the FEBA Center's main hall.



USA visitors, all clad in FEBA finery & draped in the festive stoles, pose in front of the Women's Center's newly painted sign.

Community Charity School New School Year Joys



This year Community Charity School in Goma got two new computers: a real lab! What joy!



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