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The Tuungane School (Tuungane means let's come together in Swahili) is one of the many children's ministries at HEAL Africa Hospital that our American Baptist Churches and friends have been faithfully supporting for years. The school provides an alternative daytime class for children whose parents are hospitalized, or who themselves are long term hospitalized. It's not uncommon for a mother to have her children at her bedside throughout her hospitalization, and the school

offers a chance for all these children to be together in a classroom environment. For many of these children, it may be their first ever opportunity to attend school, and they can be with us for up to six months.

We typically have around thirty children aged 6 to 12, though sometimes up to forty at a time. They learn basic French (most know the local language of Swahili), reading and math, and have an opportunity to study science, history, art, and dance. Of course, there is time to play as well as counseling and health services as needed. The children return to the ward and spend the night with their mothers.



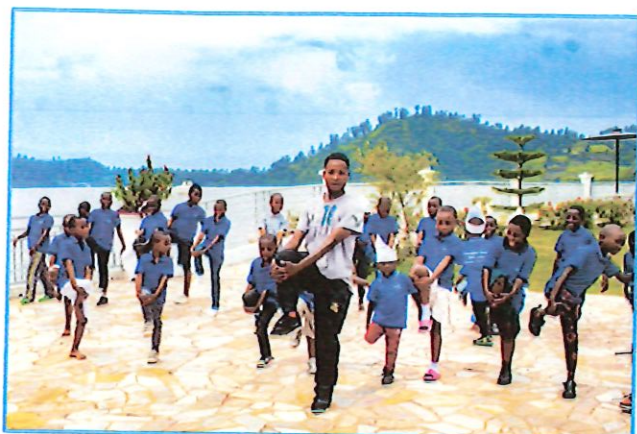
During this difficult time in Goma as rebels still hold the city, insecurity is heightened, banks are closed, and people are afraid to venture into their fields. We've noticed that the children are much thinner, with tattered clothes and greater needs.

We already had a meal program for the EBA children (street children) but have now added the 30+ Tuungane children. We continue to provide them with clothes and school supplies; it has been amazing to see how they blossom and grow with such care.





We took them on a field trip last week to a lakeside compound. Goma is on a lake, many of these children have never had the occasion to visit the lake, unless it was to fill a bucket of water to carry back to their home.



Thanks to your love, prayers and support, these children have a chance to experience what it is to be a child. What a blessing you have been to them!

With joy,

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