

COMPUTERS HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON CONGO

Recently our church sent computers and a tech team to the Congo Covenant Church; they in turn used them missionally. Here's their story...

The computer project for the CEUM has arrived at the right moment and has given a wonderful impact on the whole region of Ubangi and Mongala. The government of Congo is preparing for an American-style national election, and they want every single Congolese to register. And the government is very serious about this. They have hired people for various election offices, but most people have never been trained on computers. It has been a challenge for the government. How can they hire clerks to do computer work if few have training? From the Equateur Province, they need to hire 2,700 people who have computer skills. They want to hire 1,200 people from North and South Ubangi. But only 10% of the people living in these areas have any computer skills. So the CEUM, with the blessing of PCC, have opened computer learning centers in Kinshasa, Gemena, Karawa and Gbadolite to help the electoral organization with their new hires. Though it seems that the CEUM has a lot of computers, the number of students coming have barely a spot to sit and be trained. In each CEUM Learning Center we receive 40 people a class, five classes a day, which means 200 people a day. The training is intensive because registration for the national election will start soon.

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