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This is a HUGE THANK YOU from the bottom of the “soles” of the Congolese orphans cared for through *GlobalFingerprints*! Thank you for being part of the 2009 VBS “Shoe ME” project. What a gift these new shoes are to our *GlobalFingerprints* orphans! I was in Congo for 2 months this summer, and our Congolese staff was able to begin purchasing shoes as money was coming in. I watched as kids eagerly tried on their new shoes. There aren’t any shoe stores, and no one knows their shoe size, so sometimes the shoe was much too tight or too large. The orphan wouldn’t want to take it off, and needed a lot of convincing that another size would be better for him/her! They were so content and grateful and satisfied! Thank you for blessing them in this wonderful, practical way. I don’t have a final count yet, but **\$43,816.96** has come in for shoes, so that is **4,380** pairs of shoes!!

All of you wonderful children in VBS, along with your teachers and parents – THANK YOU! *“Nzambe apambola bino mingi!”* (that’s Lingala for *“May God really bless you!”*) Sharing your money with these Congolese orphans brought great pleasure to your Heavenly Father. Not only did it please Him, but it HONORED Him. Please continue to do good works because you love God. When we love God, we show it by our love for others, and the shoes that you bought is a demonstration of your love for God. Keep doing things like that for kids all over the world...whether they are in your school or neighborhood or far away in Congo!

*GlobalFingerprints* is currently sponsoring **917** children in Congo, but thousands of needy orphans are still waiting on our list. This is a great opportunity for us to partner with and encourage The Evangelical Free Church in Congo, as they seek to be the Body of Christ there. If your church is interested in finding out more about sponsorship and hearing stories of how *GlobalFingerprints* is changing orphans’ lives, please contact me by email or phone. I would love to come and share with your church family. Also, if you would like a picture or two of the orphans sent in an email attachment, please email me and I will do that for you.

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For Christ and the children He loves,



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