

## Bold Faith (from front)

couples gathered to learn from AFCI leaders how to build homes of peace. In Bukavu, when a medical student lay critically ill, Dr. Kadony prayed over the phone, and she was miraculously healed.

Door-to-door evangelism has also been central to the ministry. With Bibles in hand, AFCI-trained evangelists are courageously bringing the Good News of Christ into communities where unrest can erupt without warning and following Christ may bring persecution. After hearing Dr. Kadony proclaim the Gospel, a man of another faith surrendered his life to Christ and boldly chose baptism, fully aware of the rejection it could bring from his family.

The ministry has faced its share of challenges. For years, AFCI DRC operated without a permanent office to coordinate its work while stretching limited resources to sustain a national effort. And yet, the fruit of AFCI DRC's ministry is undeniable: churches revived, leaders trained, families restored, and people redeemed.

The ministry story in the DRC is still being written. However, in recent days it has taken an unexpected turn. On August 22, 2025, Dr. Kadony was welcomed into his heavenly home by the God whom he loved and served so faithfully. Dr. Kadony was a valiant warrior for Jesus, serving in some of the most dangerous places in the DRC. His passion was to train



up leaders who would carry the Gospel to all regions of the DRC and beyond. We will miss him greatly.

Even so, Dr. Kadony's legacy lives on through his son, Douceur (pictured below), who is now serving as Interim National Director after years of standing alongside his father in frontline evangelism. Together with the AFCI team, he carries a bold vision: to multiply evangelistic training, ignite revival in churches, and bring tangible hope where suffering is still heavy. This calling rises above the DRC's hardships—replacing war with worship and advancing the Gospel one village, one family, one life at a time.



## Bold Faith in a Broken Land

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A children's VBS in the DRC

Dr. Kadony visiting remote villages with the military in the DRC

For decades, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has borne the deep scars of war. Often called "Africa's World War," the conflicts that began in the late 1990s have claimed more than six million lives and displaced millions more. Even today, rebel groups, allied militia, and the army continue to clash in the eastern region of the country. Families already living under the grinding weight of poverty face extreme vulnerability during sudden outbreaks of violence.

And yet, in the midst of this brokenness, God is writing a different story.

Dr. Nguway Kadony, AFCI's National

Director in the DRC, and his wife Cathy chose to remain in the DRC when so many of their colleagues fled. When faced with the decision, Dr. Kadony recognized that while leaving might improve his family's circumstances, it would deprive the Congolese people of vital ministry when the needs were overwhelming and the workers too few.

That resolve fueled years of ministry across the country. In Lubumbashi, AFCI DRC led training seminars for couples, equipping marriages to stand strong in a culture of instability. In Goma, a city under rebel control with the potential for violence at any time,

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## From the ID

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### A Heart Like God's

The story of Nehemiah has always stirred my heart. When he learned that Jerusalem's walls lay in ruins, he didn't start with a plan or a strategy—he "sat down and wept" (Neh. 1:4). That moment of brokenness became the birthplace of courage and vision. His response reminds me of something Stephen Olford once said: "The secret of Christian ministry is bent knees, wet eyes, and a broken heart."

These words ring true every time I think about what real ministry looks like. God's work doesn't begin with perfect plans or polished programs—it begins with hearts attuned to His. When our hearts are tender to the pain of others, we begin to reflect the heart of God. And we are moved by God's heart to act, to serve, and to love.

Across our AFCI nations, I see that same compassion in action. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, our brothers and sisters are serving amid hardship, bringing the light of Christ to places darkened by war and loss. In Paraguay, women who once felt trapped by poverty are finding hope, purpose, and salvation through the Dorcas Program. These stories remind me that God mends what is broken through people whose hearts are moved by His.

As this year draws to a close, I invite you to join us in God's redemptive work among the nations. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 before year's end to strengthen AFCI's teams in the DRC, Paraguay, and beyond. Together, we can rebuild lives, restore hope, and advance the Gospel in some of the world's hardest places.

With eyes on Jesus,

Brian Hamilton  
International Director

"... so that all nations may know of Your salvation" (Ps 67:2)



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## Threads of Hope

On the outskirts of Asunción, the gentle hum of sewing machines weaves a melody of hope in a community marked by hardship. Within a newly constructed workshop, a circle of women gathers – some single mothers, some widowed, and some carrying the invisible wounds of domestic abuse. They come to learn a new skill, but in the process, they discover a new beginning.

Life in Paraguay can be especially precarious for women, where poverty and social inequality weigh heavily, and nearly eight out of ten women have suffered some form of gender-based violence. Through AFCI's Center for Comprehensive Community Development (C-DECO), these women are experiencing more than relief from hardship—they are embraced by a community that sees them, values them, and points them to Christ.

*Below:*

*Emi Monges (below right) leads AFCI Paraguay's ministry to women living in economic hardship. In the Dorcas Program, she opens each class with a devotional and offers personal support during home visits.*

*By pairing vocational training with Gospel-centered encouragement, AFCI Paraguay is seeing families uplifted and communities transformed.*

AFCI Paraguay was motivated to create C-DECO by a desire to live and minister

incarnationally, fully entering into the lives of their neighbors in need. The center's programs range from youth mentoring to family counseling and discipleship in an effort to address immediate needs, ultimately leading participants to recognize their need for a Savior.

The Dorcas Program, named after the compassionate disciple in Acts 9, is a C-DECO program designed to serve vulnerable women. Each year, about twenty women have enrolled in the program to learn sewing at basic, professional, and advanced levels. The training is certified by Paraguay's National Service for Professional Promotion and equips participants with practical skills to generate an income. But what happens here goes far beyond learning a trade.

Each class begins with prayer and a devotional, reminding the women that they are deeply loved by God and created with purpose. Over time, friendships develop and lead to opportunities for discipleship. Through home visits and small-group gatherings, the message of Christ's love moves from the classroom into their homes where it is shared with their families, bringing encouragement and spiritual renewal.

One woman whose husband was diagnosed with terminal cancer received a sewing

machine from the Dorcas team so she could work from home and support her family. During visits and times of prayer, the team shared God's Word and offered comfort in the midst of her pain. What began as an act of kindness became a way for Christ's love to be stitched into her family's story.

Stories like hers illustrate how the impact of C-DECO is rippling outward. Graduates are finding steady work, some even completing internships with private companies. Families eat better, children stay in school, and a renewed sense of hope is taking root. And each Friday evening, many participants and graduates bring their families to the worship service at C-DECO, where the Gospel is proclaimed and lives continue to be transformed.

From a single needle and thread, a movement is spreading—stitching broken hearts back together through love, purpose, and faith. The Dorcas Program embodies AFCI Paraguay's vision: to see people wholly transformed by Christ, becoming agents of change in their communities. Each woman restored by the Dorcas Program becomes a thread of hope in the lives of others.

