



## Mission Partner of the Month - June 2026



Gordons in Goma supports the work of the Anglican Diocese of Goma in eastern DRC\*, led since 2022 by Bishop Martin Gordon, a former curate at St. Michael's.

*\* Democratic Republic of Congo*

Martin says: *"I am working to empower people pushed to the edges of life to reach their God-given potential - through peacemaking, church planting and building up the body of Christ as part of my role as Bishop of Goma".*

### Goma

diocese is young, 10 years old this year, and huge (twice the size of Belgium!). It is involved in evangelism and building churches, theological training, provision of books and Bibles, as well as peacemaking and reconciliation initiatives.

Most of eastern DRC has seen significant conflict over the last 30 years, including the recent resurgence of armed rebel activity. Trauma is a reality of life for many and Martin is working with several people groups and denominations to bring reconciliation and peace.



In spite of the recent violence, there are now many opportunities that weren't available before and it is possible to visit some parishes that have been inaccessible for over three years, encouraging the believers there and planning outreach activities with them.

## EVANGELISM AND CHURCH PLANTING



There is a big vision for church planting - to plant 50 churches in 5 years, focusing on large-scale evangelism, land purchase and construction. Martin reports that a real spiritual hunger is emerging as people see the Church as the one institution that is still trusted in DRC - it is at the heart of every village and community. *"We've seen people hungrier than ever for the basic truths of the Christian faith"*, says Martin.

At a recent evangelistic campaign in Kibumba (above), more than 1,500 people participated in the outreach on the first day and 512 received Jesus - on day two, there were 2,000, with 323 receiving Christ. In Walikale, the church has grown since 2024 from a handful of struggling believers to 17 churches. Lake Kivu (right) is a favourite location for baptisms!



### BOYS AND GIRLS BRIGADE

The Boys and Girls Brigade was launched in June 2025. The vision is to use BGB to disciple teenagers, who struggle to stay engaged - it's a holistic vision for spiritual growth and social engagement and has become the focus for reaching and keeping teens. Activities include Bible study and prayer, but also social and cultural activities.

### PRAISE AND PRAYER POINTS

- *Praise for the growth of the church in Goma Diocese*
- *Pray for peace to return to eastern DRC*
- *Pray that the churches in the Diocese of Goma would continue to be beacons of hope*
- *STOP PRESS: the Ebola outbreak has reached Goma - please pray for it to be contained quickly and for the safety of the Gordons and the Christians there.*

**Gordons in Goma St Michael's Link Person - Chris Gane**

### Other St Michael's Mission News

- Please pray for John & Poppy Spens and Ben Sweetnam travelling to South Sudan from 5 to 13 June to visit the different Diocesan projects that The Brickworks supports in Yei.
- Pray for Katia Rocks and her children back in the UK for two months to link up with family, friends and churches - don't miss her preaching at our 6.30 service on 12 July.
- Luke Shaddick and the Doulos Hope are back in Papua New Guinea - pray for their impact as they move from port to port and for Luke's future as he finishes his term of service in July.