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Where We've Been

Ann Marie Thomson, vice president, and Meghann Beer, executive director, traveled to Kinshasa in January. They met with the four GBA Scholars, consulted with GBA program director Dorothee Mboka and other staff at the Protestant University of Congo (UPC), and visited the teachers and students at PAID. This recent trip to the DRC was inspiring and informative, and we wanted to share with you a snapshot of the energy, commitment, and hope we saw in the GBA Scholar's Program and at PAID.



Students gather outside the Protestant University of Congo



GBA Scholar Mihigo Matabaro, Executive Director Meghann Beer, GBA Scholar Malivo Kagaba, Program Director Dorothee Mboka, GBA Scholar Masani Matshi, Vice President Ann Marie Thomson, GBA Scholar Thontwa Soe



Clockwise from top: students walk to classes at UPC; UPC library; Ann Marie and Masani

The GBA Scholars



During Meghann's and Ann Marie's time in the DRC, they visited PAID, on the outskirts of Kinshasa, with the four GBA Scholars and Dorothee. PAID is the orphanage and school with which GBA partners and where Masani and Malivo did a two-week service project in July 2008.



Our new website

At the end of 2008 we launched a redesigned website at www.givingbackafrica.org. Visit us there to learn more about the four GBA Scholars, the purpose of the Giving Back Projects, and our partnerships with the Protestant University of Congo (UPC) and Program of Aid and Integration to the Underprivileged (PAID). We'll also be posting more pictures soon.

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