

## The East-Central Africa Division

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will support six projects in the East-Central Africa Division:

- Dormitory, Mugonero Nursing School, Mugonero, Rwanda
- Faculty housing, School of Medicine, Adventist University of Central Africa, Masoro, Rwanda
- Youth agricultural training center, Nchwanga, Uganda
- Multipurpose hall, Ethiopia Adventist College extension campus, Nekemte, Ethiopia
- Dormitory and multipurpose hall, Mwata Adventist School for Deaf Children, Mwata, Kenya
- Multipurpose hall, University of Arusha, Tanzania

### Fast Facts

1. The East-Central Africa Division has 11 countries, 419 million people, and 4.5 million church members.
2. Adventist missionaries were sent to Nchwanga, an area in Uganda that was inhabited by other religions, so they were expected to fail. However, by God's grace, Adventists were able to establish a mission station in the year 1927.
3. There are 32 languages spoken in Uganda, but the official languages are English and Swahili. Ganda is also a popular language.
4. The national animal of Uganda is the grey crowned crane, and it appears on Uganda's flag.
5. In 1903, the church in Germany chose two missionaries to pioneer the Adventist faith in East Africa. Those two missionaries were A.C. Enns, a vegetable gardener, and Johannes Ehlers, who painted buildings for a living.
6. Tanzania is home of the coconut crab, the largest crab in the world.
7. The tallest mountain in Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro, is located in Tanzania. Mt. Kilimanjaro is 19,341 feet (5,895 meters) above sea level! The three largest African lakes are also in Tanzania: Lake Victoria in the north, Lake Tanganyika in the west, and Lake Nysa in the southwest.
8. The colors on the Tanzanian flag are symbolic of their culture. The green represents nature, the yellow represents the mineral deposits of the country, the black represents its people, and the blue represents the country's largest lakes.
9. In Rwanda the principal language is Kinyarwanda. However, people also speak French, English, and Swahili.
10. The most popular sports in Rwanda are basketball, football, and volleyball. Cycling is also growing in popularity, although in earlier years, it was only a form of transportation.
11. The first baptisms took place in Rwanda in 1924 with two male candidates. The first woman was baptized in 1925.
12. Imigongo is a traditional Rwandan art form made by women using cow dung. The dung is mixed with ash to kill bacteria and odor and put onto boards in various designs such as spirals and geometric shapes. Once dry it is painted with organic materials in colors such as black, white, red, grey, and beige-yellow. Many people have these pieces of art hanging in their homes.
13. Mountain Gorillas live in east-central Africa throughout Uganda, Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. These gorillas are an endangered species with an estimate of only 1,063 left in the wild. Gorillas can live to more than 40 years old, and the average male can weigh 400 pounds (180 kg) and measure over 5'5" (170 cm) tall.