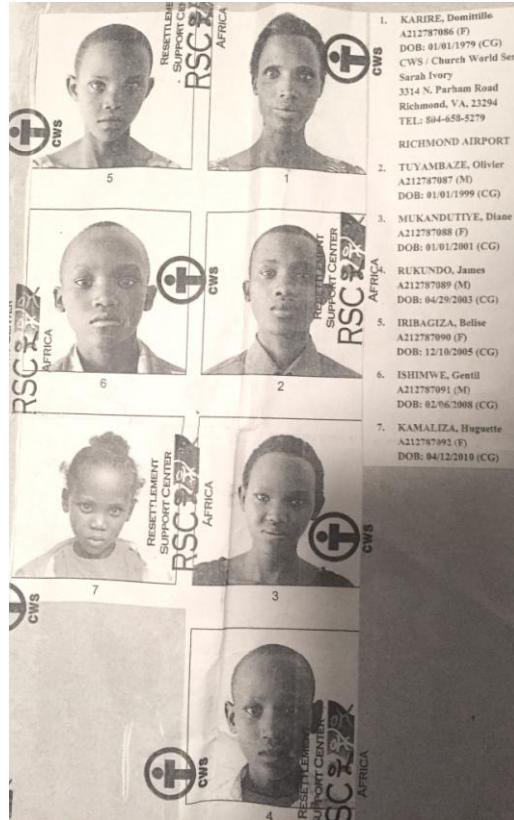
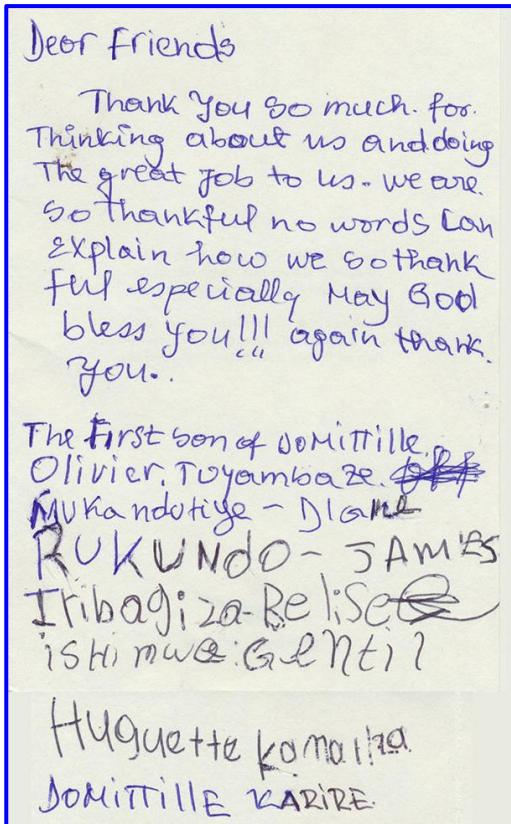


Thank You from the Congolese Refugee Family

St. Paul's Social Justice Committee members greatly appreciate parishioners' donations to the Congolese refugee family. Your generosity brought hope and smiles to the family, and you warmly welcomed them. Domittille, the mother, and her 6 children are taking English classes, and the children are enrolled in public school. The family is very grateful. In their own words ...



To date, we have taken 5 car loads of donated items to the family via St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. Thank you to *Mary Vivo* who made the collection box, and transported it back & forth from All Saints School. Although we do not know the names of all donors, we are very grateful for your kind generosity. Numerous bags and a large tub of children's and adult's clothes included winter & rain coats, boots, gloves, sweaters, shoes, slippers, heavy socks, and other winter/summer clothes. A large bag of stuffed animal toys was given to the children. Thank you to *Glendale Owens* and *Thomas Shields* for their clothing donations. Donated kitchen items included pans, paper towel holder, dish-drying rack, salt-pepper shakers, and more. *David & Marisa Cupps* donated a set of lovely dishes. *Jim Goetzinger* donated a microwave oven. A large box contained laundry detergent and various toiletries. *Justin Duesing* made a substantial monetary donation. *LaVerne Williams* donated a Christmas tree and stand. The family received 8 gift cards from *Debbie & Sidney Bragg*, *Paul Keller, Sr.* *Betty Pflieger*, other parishioners, and 2 from the *Advent Tree*. *Angie Cash*, the Religion Coordinator at All Saints School, organized a Lenten project for students to interact with the family. *Leslie Saul*, the ministry coordinator at St. Thomas' Church, set up a Facebook page about the family, and she can be reached at leslieruthsaul@gmail.com or 804-339-7270. Please contact *Kathy McCoy* at kathy_mccoy@comcast.net or 804-264-7819 about donations or information.