

# CONGO Peace Library Project

Les Ulis, France, 28. July 2014



**O**n Monday August 28 2014, in the morning, we charged the container of books for Congo. The container should leave France anytime soon and arrive Pointe Noire (Congo) by the end of August.

The container (20 feet – 30 cubic meters) is completely full with over 800 cartons of used books.

**We are sending about 40,000 books of all kinds – about 30,000 titles** (many school books are part of series with the same title).

Cartons were filled by our members from donations received in the past 3 months. Each book was individually registered through a library software, it took a lot of daily work by volunteers to do so for over 2 months.

Many 1st and 2nd generations helped the project (including Hyo Jin Nim's son Shin-chul Nim, who spent several weeks in France in July).

Books are very varied, and include a large number of school books donated by schools at the end of the school year.

We are thinking that this is a good project to continue on a yearly basis; it is really useful for Africa, where books are missing, as was confirmed by several Congolese teachers whom we met in Paris in the process. This also allows us to do a good "PR" for UPF in France. We met many schools who would be willing to give books again.

The Congo delegation at UNESCO was also very supportive of the project. All in all, this is a good service project for UPF. It could be later expanded to other countries.

Attached are 2 photos: one of filling up the container 2 days ago, one with Shin Chul nim.

Sincerely

*Jacques Marion*