

## Story of Jean Lumbala

One Sunday in October 2009, a colleague medical doctor together with a pastor and headman of our neighborhood brought to our clinic in Tshikapa a dirty, crying baby.

The pastor had found the baby lying under a mango tree near his mam who seemed very ill, barely explaining that she had come to Tshikapa looking for her husband. No one locally knew her. So the pastor took her and the baby to the nearest hospital. That night mam died. The doctor called the pastor who had no solution, together they went to the headman who also had no solution. So they wanted us to take care.

Dr. Jean took the child in his arms and given that the child's name was unknown, he gave his own name Jean Lumbala and guessed that as the child was crawling and had 8 kg but seemed very aware of his surroundings that he was 12 to 14 months old probably born in August 2008.

In Tshikapa we had a health center and a nutrition rehabilitation center, not an orphanage, so Dr. Jean Martin one of the nurses and Clarisse our nutritionist organized themselves to feed 5 times a day, play with and supervise "petit Jean".

By February we left Tshikapa and baby Jean went with us to Kananga, we integrated him in the orphanage, where he is

surrounded with loving care by Mujinga Mukole, the mother of Dr. Jean

Jean Lumbala is now about 30 months (Jan. 2011). He regained normal weight for height, he has gained strength and playfulness. He is a blessing to all who know him.

We pray he will continue to prosper and grow to be a happy, healthy man capable of generosity to all who are left alone and suffer.