



## Felix, John, & Francine's Story

### Congolese Refugees in Kenya

#### ● FACT...

While on the run, children eat what they can gather, but sometimes there is no food to gather. Often the water that is available can cause sickness and disease. There are also warring groups who may snatch up children or give them food and then train them as soldiers.

#### ● STORY...

Many children who fled the fighting in the Democratic Republic of Congo and traveled to Kenya are now a part of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Kitengela. Most of the children in the church are either orphans or separated from family members. Three of those children, Felix, John, and Francine, wonder if they will ever see their parents again. Although they miss their parents, they are grateful to those who care for them. During worship, Felix, John, and Francine join in sharing songs, Bible verses, and dancing. In spite of their hardship, each loves Jesus.

Parents also face hardship when they are separated from their children. One mother and father traveled for three years to find their children. Day after day and month after month they traveled from village to village hoping to find their children. They were sick with worry not knowing if their children were alive or dead. Finally they arrived in Kenya. When they arrived in Kitengela they miraculously discovered that three of their children were already there. It was Felix, John, and Francine. The family threw their arms around each other. They cried, laughed, and shouted with joy, giving thanks to God that they were back together.

#### ● REFLECTION...

Why do you think Felix, John, and Francine were able to love and worship Jesus even when they were separated from their parents? What do you think the trip was like for their parents? How do you know God is with you when you are facing hardship? Find the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Kenya on a map.

#### ● RESPONSE...

Today you can pray thanking God for Felix, John, and Francine who are once again with their parents. Pray also for the many children who are still separated from their parents. Your offering will help the many children who are orphaned. It will provide clothing, food, clean water, shelter, medical care, and an education.

