

Kyataka



My name is Kyataka Patricia. I am seventeen years old and I am from the (DRC) Democratic of Congo. Today, I want to tell you about the history of problems in Congo, especially in the territories of Lubero and Beni North Kivu, and the differences between Canada and Africa.

The war in Congo started a long time ago, and it is still going on even more intensely than it was before. It is becoming worse because innocent people are being killed without a trial, including innocent children who are orphaned after their parents are killed in the war. Many of the innocent survivors would die of hunger because the energetic guardians, who could carry out farming duties in order for children to have something to eat, would be killed. The reason for the massive killing of people is not yet clear, but people think that it is because of politics. No one wants another person to be

successful or rich, so the political leaders would normally kill younger children, fearing that when they grow up they can post for presidency. I am always praying for our brothers and sisters who are in Lubero for God to save them.

When I moved to Canada, it was very different. Canada goes through the four seasons of Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. In Congo, we only experience rainy and sunny weather. Canada is a very nice place to live because it is peaceful. It is free from constant war, whereas Africa deals with a lot of insecurity and conflict. Canada has many well-meaning people who are cooperative with one another. There is no tribalism and I don't see nearly as much discrimination and hatred among people in my everyday life.

When I remember the ways that I lost my relatives, especially my uncle who was shot while saving my dad, and thinking of the people who are still struggling within this country of blood, it makes me cry. I ask myself every day and night what the Congolese did wrong to be slaughtered like animals. That is my question. Blood, blood, blood; flowing like a river in Lubero and North Kivu. Please help the Congolese, because they are indeed suffering.