

## GEMENA ROOFING

Les Aiglons and Bon Depart are both functioning schools who were in need of new roofing due to the extreme heat and rain characteristic in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Les Aiglons school building was constructed with clay bricks and covered with a roof made of ndele. Ndele is made from raffia palms, and no matter how many times the roof was replaced the termites soon destroyed it. Bon Depart had a rusty tin roof with many bad leaks.



The Ambassador's Special Self Help Fund provided \$4,600 to aid in replacing the Les Aiglons ndele roof with a tin roof. In addition, the fund provided Bon Depart with \$3,500 to replace the leaky roof. Wood is plentiful in Gemena, but cement, nails and roofing tin had to be purchased in Kinshasa. The materials were purchased, loaded on a river barge, shipped up the Congo River, and finally trucked to Gemena. The communities completed construction, and all of the teachers, students, and parents greatly enjoy the newly constructed roof.

