

It's been ten years since Radio Moto of Butembo-Beni (North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo), sponsored by the Assumptionists, began announcing the Gospel. It began rather modestly in the boarding school of Institute Malkia wa Mbingu (Queen of Heaven Institute) run by the Oblate Sisters of the Assumption. The first studio was located in a small upstairs room, which quickly proved not to be viable. Electricity came from the diocesan power plant, which only operated in the evenings.



At first, the station was only able to reach a few of the city's neighborhoods, for three hours each night. Quickly aware of the importance of this tool, the Assumptionists transferred the studio to Kambali Hill next to the provincial headquarters. In 2002 a new building offered Radio Moto two studios, one for radio and one, eventually, for television. It all began with a small FM transmitter of 20 watts, an antenna placed on a 35-foot tower, and a single journalist, Fr. Omer Kaswakulu, trained at the Salesianum in Rome (where he returned in 2007 and is currently finishing his doctoral degree in media communications).

Other young people, both lay and Assumptionist, have picked up the baton, many of them receiving training at the School of Communications at I.S.E.A.B. (Institut Supérieur Emmanuel d'Alzon de Butembo/Emmanuel d'Alzon Institute of Higher Education of Butembo).


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