

Amy is helping prisoners learn to read and write

Prisons in the Democratic Republic of Congo are desperate places. There is no healthcare, hygiene is poor and overcrowding means sanitation facilities are limited. Many prisoners are arrested for minor offences but will wait years for a trial.

Amy and her fellow Mothers' Union members knew they had to do something. They started to cook for the prisoners who often go without food, meaning starvation is a real threat.

But they soon realised that a longer term solution was needed. Now they help prisoners learn to read and write, and teach them skills such as bread making and gardening. When the prisoners are released they will not have to turn to crime again. They will now be able to make a life for themselves and their families.

Mothers' Union reaching out to the overlooked and marginalised, and showing them that we care.

