The Burden

Author/Director: Elvis Sabin Ngaïbino

Producer: Makongo Films

Country: Central African Republic, France, Democratic

Republic of the Congo, Italy, Germany

Length: 80'

In Bangui, Rodrigue and Reine are a couple very involved in the activities of their church. But they live with a terrible secret: they are sick with AIDS and carry it like a divine punishment. When Rodrigue is offered the position of assistant pastor, he has doubts: is he worthy of leading the church of Christ? Yet how can he refuse when he depends on Reine's trade? With the pandemic, ARV drugs are becoming scarce and the rumour is spreading that HIV-positive people will die if they vaccinate against Covid19. Reine believes a miracle is possible and sets out on a quest for a miraculous cure. She takes her husband from church to pilgrimage, from prayers of repentance to spiritual fasts, in the hope of divine healing.

Awards: First Prize @ Filmmaker Festival - Italia

Festivals:
World Premiere @ IDFA - International Competition, The Netherlands /
Filmmaker Festival, Italia /
Budapest International Documentary Film Festival, Hungary /
Docpoint Helsinki Documentary Festival, Finland /
Cinéma du Réel, France /
Ismailia Film Festival, Egypt /
One World Romania Film Festival, Romania /
Festival International des Films Identitaires et Solidaires, Bénin /
FCAT - Festival de Cine Africano de Tarifa, Spain /
St'Louis Docs, Senegal /
FIDADOC, Morocco /
Les Rencontres Ad Hoc, France /
Black Star International Film Festival, Ghana /
Festival International de cinéma de Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo /
Message to Man IFF, Russia /
Écrans noirs, Cameroon /
Film Africa London, UK /
Viennale, Austria /
Lumières d'Afrique - France /
Festival des cinémas d'afrique d'Apt - France /
Mashariki African Film Festival - Rwanda /
Festival du Film d'Amiens - France /
Black Movie Festival - Switzerland /

Coproduction: Les Films de l'oeil Sauvage, Kiripifilms, Bärbel Mauch Film, Start

Coproduction TV: Canal + International

TV participation: Rai Cinema

Original version: Sango, French

Versions available:
Originale version

Credits:
Director: Elvis Sabin Ngaïbino. photography: Elvis Sabin Ngaïbino. Sound:

Christ Vance Show. editing: Léa Chatauret

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