Appointment Congo



Newsletter Feb. 2007

Dearest Friends,

First we want to wish you a belated Happy New Year. We are EXCITED about this New Year! Why? We leave for the Dem Rep. of Congo on the Feb. 21. We are excited about going 'home'!

We are not completely funded but we already have our return trip tickets and we do not want to waste them. Besides, there is a lot of work to be done in and around Lodja which is located in the heart of Congo. (If you who want to look us up on "Google Earth" the coordinates are: 3° 31' 10" South and 23° 36' 13" East).

I was reflecting today in my quiet time about what gifts the Lord has given me over the years. I believe that we can discover them as we grow and develop spiritually.

I feel one of my strongest gifts is my (our) love for the heart of Congo. Recently, I had two gal friends tell me that they cannot imagine living in the environment that we will be living in. Yes, central Congo is not environmentally friendly yet to us it is HOME! It is where He has placed a special love in our hearts for the people of the area. We are just willing to 'put up with' the daily inconveniences and the almost non-existent infrastructure or amenities.

My work has included hosting but primarily I have managed a village vaccination program that I love so much. I enjoy making it possible for thousands of children to not have to suffer or die from diseases that can be prevented by a simple inexpensive vaccine.

Recently, the Lord has placed a real desire to work with our local children in Bible classes, scripture memory, games and training. There is absolutely NOTHING for them! Can you imagine your church having no materials to teach your children with?

When we leave in 11 days, I will be taking two trunks of supplies for a children's ministry and with the help of a local pastor will be working with the children at Lodja. I am excited about this new vision that God has placed in my heart.

Pray, too, that HE will lead me to work with the right pastor-one with a heart for the children that are so neglected.

Paul and I will also be making our house at Lodja habitable and into a home! He will be working at the local pastor's school, making repairs on the mission compound and returning to Katako Kombe to finish the tabernacle that did not get its roof put on this past summer. The supplies are all now either in Lodja or Katako Kombe. We are determined to finish the Camp Meeting Project in time for this summers meeting.

Please pray for us as we go: for safety in travel, bags arriving safely, the Lord's watchful care over my parents, (I'm an only child), our children, grandchildren and for us and for the work He has called us to do in his name in the heart of Congo.

Bless those of you who are making it possible for us to go. Marty and for Paul, too

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