

August 22nd

Subject: Conflict update!

Dear Praying Friends,

This morning the radio reports were that Kinshasa was calm.

Pastor Kitambala had gone to Kela to get the aviation fuel for the mission plane but the truck clutch went out about 40 kilometers out of Lodja. They continued to nurse the truck (the Minister of Defense's truck) until they finally arrived at Lodja around 10:45.

The Methodist pilot then flew with Roy and Hubert to Lodja to refuel the plane. They arrived safely in Kananga only to find that there were no flights either into or out of there because of the conflict in Kinshasa.

The radio reports this evening are that there continues to be conflict and gunfire between the troops of Kabila and Mamba. Seemingly, (if you can believe the reporters) Kabila is the aggressive one. Of course, we do not understand why when he came out far ahead in the elections.

We are to load up on a pick up on Thursday and drive to Lodja in order to catch our flight on Friday to Kinshasa.

Obviously, we ALL need your prayers. Roy and Hubert need to get into Kinshasa to catch their international flight on Thursday evening.

We NEED the gunfire and conflict to stop and Kinshasa be calm on a permanent basis. We need for there to be peace.

We need for a flight to come to Lodja on Friday so that we can catch our flight to the states next Monday, the 28th.

We are 'suppose' to be with all of our Children and Grandchildren Labor Day weekend!

Congo continues to give us one adventure and walk of faith after another! Whew!

Please persevere to the Father for us! Marty and for Paul, too