

June 16, 2007

Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Dear Praying Friends,

We flew down from Lodja to Kinshasa on Thursday afternoon. Yesterday was some day.

First off, we found out that the container that has cleared customs and was 'suppose' to be here from the ocean port by Friday will not be here until next Friday. That is the day that Paul was to have flown back to Lodja!

With no container that means no new sawmill engine sent air freight and thus no boards sawed for the work for months and months and the boat that our things were to have been sent on is suppose to leave this next Wednesday. There are no other boats leaving now for several weeks or months yet.

Also, several weeks ago we sent several important supplies on a new boat that was headed up our way. We found out that it had broken down just outside of Kinshasa about two weeks ago so instead of being near our river port in the interior it is still right here. And some folks wonder why we do not get things accomplished quicker!?

Then we found out that our new vehicle that is to arrive in July will cost us \$7-10,000 MORE THAN we had been originally told in order to clear customs! We are reeling.

In James He tells us to persevere and SO WE ARE!

Thanks for your prayers, Marty and for Paul, too

June 8, 2007

Lodja, Democratic Republic of Congo

Dear Praying Friends,

Received word today that the container is STILL at the ocean port for want of more paper work.

Well, 'we have learned to be content in whatever state we are in'. Really-God has called us to a third world country. The efficiency of the United States is no where to be found therefore, we have learned to be flexible. In order not to get ulcers, we have learned not expect stateside standards. We go with the flow.

Please continue to pray for the arrival of the container in Kinshasa and the Lord's timing in our trip from Lodja to Kinshasa.

We do need your prayers and thanks,

Marty

June 4, 2007

Lodja, Democratic Republic of Congo

Dear Friends,

We praise the Lord that the container did arrive at the ocean port of Matadi almost three weeks ago. It is 'suppose' to get to Kinshasa either this Wed. or Thursday.

Please pray for Paul as he goes to Kinshasa within the week to help unload it. What a task that will be as there are no forklifts or any such thing available!

Please pray, too, for my children's classes that I have each Wednesday afternoon. The children (ages 6-9) are fascinated with the felt graphics. I have done the creation story and Adam and Eve and the temptation. They have never heard of any of it! After the story we color a picture related to the story then play games.

Please pray that 'His Word will not return void' as these young impressionable hearts here THE STORY for the first time. What a joy it is!

We thank you for making it possible for us to be here.

Marty

May 10, 2007

Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Dear Folks,

The ocean container has again been delayed. The hard drive for our computer should be in to Kinshasa in another two weeks. We do not know when we will receive it. We have been in Kinshasa for four weeks and feel it is time for us to return home to Lodja. We simply cannot sit in Kinshasa as our home and main work is at Lodja. We are weary and are ready to return.

Pray for us as we fly tomorrow (Friday). Lodja, here we come!

Marty and for Paul, too

