

September, 2008

Dear Laban Family,

On behalf of our Congolese brothers and sisters in Congo and Laban Ministries International, Jim and I are asking you to please pray.

Since July 1, contributions and gifts have fallen drastically, so much so that we are only receiving less than half of what we need to meet our monthly obligations.

Our Congolese family at Nkara, Iwungu, and Gombe pray for you everyday, for your health, for your welfare, for your employment, for God's blessings on your lives. At this time, they are asking you to pray that the Lord will open up heaven and pour down a rich blessing on Laban so that all 130 of our national staff can be paid their overdue salaries.

In addition, we are considering shutting the Bible institutes down for this first trimester because there are no funds to feed the dorm students, some of whom travel up to 200 miles one way to attend. This will be the first time in the history of the school (29 years) that we have even considered not opening this fall.

Please pray. Please call a few friends to pray. Please intercede. We need your prayer intervention.

Servants of the King,

Jim and Nancy Smith