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Dear Laban Friends,

Greetings in the Matchless Name of Jesus Christ. We need to tell you first of all that our house almost made it to closing, and then the deal fell through. The buyers were approved of less money in the mortgage process than they were just two months ago in their pre-approval because of new banking restrictions. Therefore, we will remain in the Detroit area until next spring and put our house on the market once again. Please pray.

Habakkuk 3 says that we are to rejoice in the victorious God of our salvation, for the Lord is our Strength, personal bravery, and our invincible army. He makes our feet like hinds' feet and will make us walk—not stand still in terror—but to walk and make spiritual progress upon our high places of trouble, suffering, or responsibility. Notice that He calls trouble, suffering, and responsibility “high places.” Laban is about to embark on a journey that will bring us to more high places. We are very burdened to actually begin laying the foundation for a hospital wing at Nkara in Congo this October. The obstacles are immense, with cement at an all time high and in some places not readily available. We are asking you to pray this verse over Laban Ministries for the next three months so we can see once again the Glory of God unfolding in Africa.

Pastor Jim Hinkle and Pastor Daryl Ounanian will be joining us as well as Jim Hulse of Towers for Jesus. This is a return visit for Pastor Ounanian. For Pastor Hinkle, it is a survey of the work and an opportunity to prepare a team from various parts of the United States to join us next summer to put up one wing of the Marcella Hospital. Jim Hulse, Founder and Director of Towers for Jesus, has been interested in helping us build the hospital for years. He wants to come, but funding is needed for him to make the trip and to lay the footings for the new building, as well as his labor. In addition to laying the footings, Jim Hulse desires to attach a couple of pumps to the existing well at Nkara to facilitate cleaner water, and to install a new circuit board which was purposefully damaged last spring during his travels to Congo. The old larger transmitter can then be installed to reach all the way to Kinshasa, Angola, Kafumba, and Kajiji, which are destinations hundreds of miles from our mission station. These people are crying for Radio Glory to return to their ears and lives, but with the present 250 watt transmitter that is impossible. Although we really need a new 2000 watt transmitter to do the job, until funds for that are available, we will have to make due with the one we have, which Jim Hulse suggests we use for a backup once we get the new transmitter, which is made in Indiana, can be repaired there, is more efficient than the Italian made one we have at present, and costs between \$15,000 and \$20,000, including shipping and transport. Please pray.

The new school year will start up as we arrive for all three Bible institutes at Nkara, Iwungu, and Gombe. Women's Literacy Center will begin as well. Mattresses, pens, note books, sheets, and food to feed the 50 students at Nkara and 26 at Iwungu are some needs to pray for as well. This totals \$3,000 each trimester. Please pray.

Our banquet is going to be held on September 20. Individual seats are available as well as tables of 10 guests. Table sponsors are welcomed. Please come and see the work for yourself. All are invited. Tickets are \$35 each. A family style dinner will be served at the lovely Crystal Gardens in Southgate, Michigan. For more information, please visit our website at [labanministries.org](http://labanministries.org), where you can now make online contributions. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts for standing with us.