

February

Dear Friends,

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news . . ." Beautiful feet in Congo took the Gospel to Gungu in February. "Never before have we sensed such resistance from evil spirits; never before was there such darkness," says Pastor Mbuku, Dean of evangelism, at Laban Bible Institute. "The warfare was intense and exhausting. So many hands went up after showing The Passion we couldn't count them in the dark, but we did talk to 1,200 men and women one on one and led each one of them to Christ." One witchdoctor was converted, and a pastor's daughter was delivered of demons and professed Christ. Another man who is known as Minister of the Interior over two counties said that before viewing The Passion, he was a nominal Christian; after viewing it, He has been born again. The denomination in that area is so weak the new converts refused to be baptized by the local pastors, so our team will go back this summer to baptize them. What a return on your investment of \$750 for 3 barrels of fuel to get them to Gungu, a little malaria medicine and aspirin to keep them going, and \$300 to feed them for 3 weeks!

The Nashville banquet was so blessed of God. Laban Ministries was received with open arms by the 135 attendees, and we gained \$22,000 in funds for general operating expenses, Women's Literacy Center scholarships and more money towards one of the 3 new trucks we need.

Speaking of trucks, we have a total of \$16,600 towards one. If you were in our shoes, what department of Laban would you give that truck to? Certainly, the workers who have walked 12 miles a day for almost 30 years deserve it, don't you think? But then what about Iwungu? If we don't give the truck to them, how much longer can we expect them to carry generators, speakers, and other equipment on their heads in order to evangelize the local communities? How many more years can they turn a deaf ear to the pleas they receive to come preach the Good News to village after village in their locale? Of course, don't forget about evangelism at Nkara, which needs a sturdier vehicle that will be much more cost effective than the military trucks we now have. Pastor Mbuku says if they had the vehicle, they could go to places as far as Gungu much more often. Who wants to decide? We don't either.

Please listen to my suggestion. Some of you out there are close to buying a new vehicle. You may have the means to pay cash. You also may have the option of putting it off for another year. Other vehicles may be sitting in your driveway that are functioning at present, just getting a little old. Instead of buying that car or truck for yourself or your family, would you consider making it your love offering to the people of Congo? Would you consider postponing your purchase here in America for winning souls in Congo through the evangelism department at Iwungu or Nkara?

Listen with us to the heart cries of many who are longing to know Christ. Recall with us the chief of a cannibalistic village a few years back, when he testified that he and his people knew it was wrong to eat human flesh. For the most part, they stopped, but the emptiness remained. He spoke with conviction of realizing their need of a savior, but they asked themselves, "How do we find Him?" Then our truck went rolling into the village, and the chief was the first to accept Christ. The Savior came. Help us bring the Savior to more before they die and perish in a Christless eternity. The beautiful feet of our staff are more than willing to go. Think of what power your dollar releases as you lay it on the altar! "Not that I seek or am eager for your gift, but I do seek and am eager for the fruit which increases to your credit—the harvest of blessings that is accumulating to your account," Phil 4:17. Look at this thrilling promise in Psalm 112:9 "He has distributed freely—he has given to the poor and needy—his righteousness, uprightness, and right standing with God endures forever." It doesn't get any better than that!

Servants of the Mighty God,

P. S. We will be leaving on March 21, and what a delight and thrill it would be to our hearts and to the hearts of the people on our staff in Congo if we could announce to them that the Lord has provided through His people in America and that all three trucks could be purchased during the month of April!