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TEA TIME A SMASHING SUCCESS!

Our first ever Ladies Tea Time held on January 30 was attended by 170 women. Tickets were sold out two weeks ahead of time, and over \$6,000 was raised for the Women's Literacy Center in Congo!!! Once again, you thrill our hearts with your amazing enablement to continue to create hope for the Congo.

GEARING UP FOR CONGO

Ps. 82:3,4 says "Do justice to the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and poor. Deliver the poor and needy; rescue them out of the hand of the needy." These sobering verses along with Proverbs 31:8, exhort us to "open your mouth for those who are unable to speak for themselves; for the rights of all who are left desolate and defenseless." For more than 70 years, Laban Ministries has been speaking up for the poor and oppressed. They are nestled in our hearts.

Now it is time to gear up for our next trip to Congo on June 2. Obviously, funding and prayer are essential to our going. Informing you in advance is critical because you are the ones who help make that happen time after time. You are an amazing bunch! We are so humbled that each time we go, you step up to the plate and enable us to carry out the ministry God has called us to fulfill. We are seeking God's face and, like Moses, imploring the Lord to go with us, to go before us, and to be our rear Guard. Without His empowerment, we are foolish to go because of the obstacles, challenges, demonic encounters and Goliaths awaiting us there. Your prayers are a life line. We sensed such power recently during Jim's surgery, which he has come through very well. There was no cancer, and his prognosis is very good!!!

We will be gone 5 months and are looking forward to the Lord meeting the awaiting challenges. Believe us when we tell you that you are a vital link in this ministry. You are ministering to souls who are lost and dead spiritually and are on their way to a burning hell. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for continuing to rescue them with us through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.