

March 2007

Dear Prayer Partners,

It is Saturday night, four days before we leave for Congo on March 21. The office has just been cleared of 8 packed trunks, with another 7 waiting to be filled with among other things material which will be distributed to the 30 Sunday Schools with over 3,000 children being ministered to each week. Last December, when our beautiful twin granddaughters turned 4, they invited their birthday guests to bring toys for the children of Congo instead of for themselves. After the party attendees went home that evening, Angie and Todd brought the girls downstairs to see the large array of presents their guests had brought for us to take to Africa. As the truth of where all the goodies were going that they normally would have received set it, Ellie put her hands on her hips and declared, "What did I did?" This week, after Ellie's twin, Abby, was asked where she lived, she replied, "I live with my people . . . in the Congo!" Amazing what impressions are being made on these young minds.

We are also taking outfits for the evangelism team, canning jars and lids with which to can meat for the Bible school students, 100 solar radios, an injector pump, hospital plans, tools, batteries, supplies for the Women's Literacy Center, film, food, clothes for our orphans supplied by dear friends, and a transmitter for Radio Glory. Please pray for the 2500 watt transmitter that has been very challenging to repair. Hulses of Towers For Jesus drove it all the way to Texas today to a source very familiar with this transmitter to get it repaired. Because the tower has been struck by lightning, no broadcasting is being done. Founder and Director of Towers For Jesus, Jim Hulse, and teammate, Bob Meier, will be joining us in April to do the necessary repairs to get Radio Glory back on the air. Please pray for this serious undertaking.

Your prayers are coveted as well for making the most of our time in Congo in regard to clearing land for the first wing of the hospital. Pray that the backhoe will function well. Forms will be made for making tens of thousands of cement blocks needed by the team coming out in July and August of 2008 to put up one of the hospital buildings. Evangelism, staff meetings, teaching in the Bible school as well as in the Women's Literacy Center, and serious prayer meetings are also on the agenda.

Thank you for your gifts for vehicles. So far, \$26,000 has come in and \$2,000 more is pledged. A total of \$36,000 will provide us with two vehicles plus all documents necessary to go with them. Join us in prayer for the remaining need of \$10,000.

Grateful as we are for these much needed modes of transport, we need more prayer for the general fund which is very low. Out of this fund come salaries for a staff of 110 in Congo, medicines for the dispensary, fuel for evangelism, fuel for work, food for the Bible school students living on site, Bible school supplies, Sunday School supplies, MAF flights, mission supplies, shipping of the goods listed above, customs, Women's Literacy Center needs, building supplies, and stateside operating expenses.

We look to Him who promises to supply our every need and say with the psalmist, "O God, display Your might and strengthen what You have wrought for us!" Unleash your power, Lord. Unleash your power. "Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock; You Who sit enthroned upon the cherubim of the ark of the covenant shine forth." Yes, Lord, SHINE FORTH.