

March, 2009

Dear Ministry Partners,

Well, here we are in Congo. The long trip to South Africa was uneventful. We brought 16 trunks of solar-powered radios, new radio equipment, tools, Bible school supplies, etc. Two hundred students, graduate pastors, professors, staff, and Literacy Center women awaited us at our airstrip, which we call "O'Hairy."

The actual fun of digging in our heels has begun. Imagine your home not having been lived in at least by you for over a year. The creepy crawlers have squatted until now, and cleaning and reorganizing has taken its share of time.

The Bible Institutes on the mission campuses of Nkara and Iwungu are flourishing. Everyone is talking about the reunion scheduled to begin on March 15, and at this point staff is beginning to put together the week of exegetical teaching, meals, housing, menus, the purchasing of mats upon which to sleep, rounding up the mamas who will cook enormous amounts of goat, beef, fish salted to the point of brine, pasty luku, greens, squash seeds, peanuts, bread, coffee, and tea, (they love tea and coffee in their sugar and milk), and silkworms (great protein). Please keep praying we can get 300 scholarships for this week of meetings. Each scholarship of \$35 provides all of the above for our graduates who need to be refreshed in the Lord.

The staff of 110 always have issues intertribally so we love to mix them up rather than hire people from only one tribe. Since loyalty is equated with godliness no matter what the cost, it's better to have a variety of tribes from whom you pull your work staff. That way, the truth is told—eventually. Please pray.

Graduation for 2008 will take place the week of the reunion as well. Since we did not make it to Congo last year, they have patiently waited for us as a gesture of honor. There will be men, and women from both schools. Radio Glory is going full steam, and the Women's Literacy Center is contintuin to lend itself to the task of transforming minds of beautiful women held in bondage by ignorance.

All in all, we are so blessed and pumped!

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