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Dear Prayer Partners,

I have made 3 unsuccessful attempts to send this newsletter via email. This is my 4th attempt here in Kinshasa to communicate with you all. We are full of praise to the Lord Jesus Christ for the many victories He has given here in Congo. I have tried to share them, but apparently those thoughts have been sent into cyberspace. Therefore, we will recount them in depth when we get back to the US. One of those top priority praises is that we have all 3 vehicles we prayed for, and Radio Glory is back on the air. Hallelujah!

Because of the return of "Mama" or Radio Nkembo, Satan is VERY, VERY ANGRY. Please pray. The next thing you can do is pray. Then pray some more. The presence of Satan has been very real. He is exceedingly aggressive to discourage us this time, but he won't win. We know God can make sausage out of him. He is using men who are misrepresenting the government to attack us verbally and are asking taxes that do not apply to the mission. Yesterday was a day of roaring from the wicked lion who goes about seeking whom he may devour. Please pray. We are not afraid, but we are getting weary from the nonsensical accusations thrown at us by local men who consider themselves high ranking. Pray these men will move on to another post. Their usual stay in one locality is 3 years. They have a couple of years to go. Pray them out. We realize we are not fighting flesh and blood but principalities, powers, spirits of darkness, and wicked people in high places who hate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but whose lips claim to know Jesus. These men don't even have the form of godliness. Some have it, but deny its power; they don't even resemble Christians.

Our hands are raised in praise and adoration to the Lord. Keep raising your hands with us, and pray for Satan to be defeated. The 1200 professions made at Gungu recently, the fact that Pastor Mbuku has outlined 8 weeks of intensive evangelism in June, July, August, and September to far-reaching villages who are crying for our team to come, and the fact that Radio Glory is broadcasting 10 hours a day, 7 days a week thanks to Towers for Jesus, is creating a volatile reaction from the evil one.

The biggest heartache of this trip has been the fact that the trunk packed very carefully by Jim and Connie Hulse of Towers for Jesus not only arrived three weeks late, arriving at Nkara a day before Bob Meier and Jim Hulse had to leave, but the 3 power sources costing \$1,000 each were unwrapped from their thick bubble wrap and smashed in the middle, indented in other spots so as to mal align important connecting parts, and handled in such a way as to inflict purposeful damage so that the large 2500 watt transmitter brought back to the US by Jim Smith, repaired by Jim Hulse and another technician in Texas, and then brought out here again by Jim Hulse, could not be installed. That means that we can no longer broadcast to Angola, Kinshasa, Kenge, Kafumba, and

Kajiji, to name a few who are crying for their mama, Radio Nkembo, to return. We are thrilled that with the 250 watt transmitter we can broadcast a good distance, but we are heartbroken that our other listeners cannot be ministered to by our radio station at this time. Air France allowed this trunk to sit at the Paris Airport for 3 weeks despite numerous phone calls from Connie Hulse, emails, photos of the trunk, and our heartfelt prayers.

Thank you to those who have sent special gifts recently to help with the general fund, in which there is a serious shortfall, as well as the radio fund, due to a chartered flight from Kinshasa to get the “lost trunk” out to Nkara, the purchase of special parts for the large radio generator, extra labor costs for the Towers for Jesus Team, and DHL shipping of the schematics to Kinshasa before Jim and Bob left. I might add that Bob and Jim were invaluable. Tears come to my eyes when I think of all they did to bless the Lord and the people out here. They were away from their families for a month and worked in temps of 90 degrees in the direct sunlight most of that time. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Regarding the evil surrounding us that is so thick we can cut it with a knife, we claim Psalm 112:17 which says, “He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is firmly fixed, trusting, leaning on, and being confident in the Lord,” and Proverbs 19:23, “The reverent worshipful fear of the Lord leads to life, and he who has it rests satisfied; he cannot be visited with actual evil.”

Jim and Nancy Smith