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Dear Ministry Partners,

This is the second part of a three part newsletter I am bringing before you to tell you in more depth the projects we are praying about and working towards in Congo.

How we long to transform our Bandundu Province of 18 million people, which covers an area of 60,000 square miles, or 250 miles north to south and 240 east to west. It contains many forests, plains, plentiful rivers; namely, the Kasai, Kwilu, Kwenge, and Kwango, and boasts rolling hills, dirt roads, and questionable bridges. Hundreds of villages are found in Bandundu with 500, 1,500, or over 5,000 inhabitants. Most are 3 to 5 miles apart. Chiefs lead the villages who are under a groupement (the chief of several villages), and he answers to the county government leader, who answers to the regional government, who answers to the province governor, who answers to the president of the country, at present, Joseph Kabila.

Bandundu is so strategic because of its location. If you go from east to west, you must go through Bandundu. It is a province rich in people, more than any other province in Congo. It has no minerals. Others have gold, silver, cobalt, uranium, diamonds, copper, 1/8 of the world's copper. So God gave this idea: Let Bandundu be known as the Province of the Bible. Let people say that Bandundu is rich in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the Creator and God's Word, the Bible.

We want **every hut in Bandundu** to have a Bible in their trade language of Kituba. Can they read in each hut or house? The answer is yes; somebody knows how to read. President Mobutu wanted everyone to read his propaganda, so schools were packed, and reading was taught. We are expecting 2009 to be the year of the Bible in Bandundu, when making it available at a reasonable price will cause every hut and home to have a Bible. We expect there to be 500,000 huts in Bandundu. Vehicles will be needed, and we are asking the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ to give us a helicopter, like a Robinson 44 to put down on the soccer field, which every village has. Bibles will change people. The Bible will change Bandundu and make it a spiritual prairie fire in Congo. Todd, our son, of Selah, has written our theme song, *Bandundu Bantu ya Bibla*—Bandundu, People of the Bible. It is heard everyday on Radio Nkembo, 89.0 on the FM dial. It reaches much of Bandundu, and the song has caught on in village after village.

If you want to hear it, Walmart, Target, and Borders carry it as well as Christian bookstores. You can find it on Selah's *Hiding Place* album. It is the life call of this project. The Bible is a life changer. It will change the province of Bandundu, God willing, and that will touch the Congo for God and many countries in Africa. We are asking people in America and Canada to give as they can. Each Bible will cost \$30 (the price just went up in Kinshasa) to buy, ship, and deliver. Believe it or not, the Kituba Bibles are printed in South Korea, put on a boat, and shipped to Congo. We need enough people giving to this massive undertaking of the Bible in Bandundu. Thirty dollars will help us buy a Bible, ship it into the bush, and distribute it to the hundreds of villages and thousands of huts and millions of people. How quickly we get the job done depends on how many catch the vision and give to light the Bandundu Province.

Any amount will help, but how good it will be to get 150, 500, 1,000, 10,000 and 50,000 dollar gifts. Pray for the vehicles, airplane, and helicopter that can help us do this. Much will be done on foot or on bikes. **The Bible changes people. Help change Bandundu.** Use Christmas as a time to give the Son of God a gift that cost you something that will give people in Africa a way to know and worship Christ. Help scatter the seed and change a province, which will influence a country. Radio Nkembo (Glory) will help people know their Bibles from Genesis to Revelation. Make a difference. One hundred per cent given will buy, ship, and deliver Bibles to Bandundu—we promise in Jesus' Name. It is His Word given by His servants in America and distributed by His servants in Bandundu, Congo, to people in Bandundu, Congo. **EVERY HUT A BIBLE!** If God's people give the amount needed, the Bibles will hit their target villages. Most villages will be thrilled to receive the Bibles. There may be exceptions, but our distributors are willing to win the Crown of Righteousness. For the Martyr's Crown they will gladly go. Amen and Amen.