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Glory Hallelujah!

If you are seated, stand up. If you are standing, raise your hands toward heaven and praise God with us for a glory hallelujah month! Thank you, thank you, thank you for giving so well that all students at our Laban Bible Institutes could return in October and be well fed this first trimester. The students send their appreciation and joy in not having to miss out on classes this fall.

Secondly, the October 12 benefit concert and the October 23 Create Hope for the Congo benefit brought in enough money to get caught up on salaries for our 130 member staff in Congo; plus funds were given by Selah for fuel for radio broadcasting, Bibles for Bandundu, meds for our dispensary, evangelism trips to hand out the Bibles, and money to set aside for future fresh water wells.

The presence of God was so real at the Create Hope for the Congo benefit on October 23, we are still feeling the afterglow. Hearts were stirred, and Jesus was high and lifted up. He inhabits the praises of His people, which causes incredible joy, peace, healing, and unity. Praise You, Lord! Those of you who attended, we want to encourage your hearts. We know how depressed Detroit is economically, and yet you gave hilariously and, in so doing, are meeting needs in Africa that will enable Laban Ministries to continue to take care of its staff and to minister to those perishing without Christ through our Bible training centers, through the Women's Literacy School, through evangelism, and through Radio Glory. In fact, Pastor Kapem, Academic Dean at Iwungu just completed 4 days of evangelizing in 2 villages with 400 professions of faith. Nkara evangelism team headed up by Pastor Mbuku held crusades near the government center of Bulungu with great response as well.

Prayer requests: Pray for the continuing monthly needs of Laban in these uncertain days. Pray for our staff: for continued courage, fidelity, and determination to appropriate the grace of God to face life in a country with no infrastructure. Pray that we can get back in late January. In fact, we are planning to call you personally on December 9 and update you regarding plans for this trip in January to Congo.

Options of giving are now being offered in the form of credit card donations using Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Discover. Enclosed is our newly designed investment envelope with all the details on the inside for monthly giving or one time gifts using a credit card.

The Laban Mission Campus has not been affected by the recent surge in the long-standing tribal conflicts between the Hutus and Tutsis on the eastern coast of Congo. Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. May you continue to captivate us, Lord; may our awe of you never wane.