

# Shane & Emily Tasker missionaries to The Democratic Republic of the Congo

May / June 2024 Deputation Update

**Psalm 69:30** - "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving."

As deputation continues, we are making many new friends, connecting with many churches and the desire to reach the DRC sooner is growing stronger! Along route, we are experiencing God's blessings through His people, and with that, making the decision of what to share in this brief update harder! As we sat and reminisced over the past two months of May and June, we chose a few of our favorite memories! We pray these encourage you in all the Lord is doing and allows you to travel with us if only for a moment!

## Deputation Updates:

We are most excited to announce that the Lord has allowed us to **partner with** enough churches to account for **50% of our needed support!** He truly has guided our steps and we are **getting closer to reaching the field!**



May was spent in the North & East of the US. We covered many roads as we traveled from state to state for **a month full of meetings!** As we traveled to and from meetings, we had the opportunity to see and learn about US history. Between the **Pennsylvania Battlefields, Virginia's historical buildings and the breathtaking monuments around DC**, we were truly able to capture a small glimpse of what has shaped this country!

The times God has crossed our paths with people who have **ties to the DRC** has been amazing! We have met a mix of ones who have lived there, from there, or know of ones who are there. We can see where **God is preparing the way.** While in Virginia, we met a sweet family who used to live in the DRC. The couple is American and Ghanaian. We enjoyed many laughs and **gleaned from their experience in the DRC**, over a feast of Ghanaian food!



**The first week of June** we attended our 1st year of Candidate Training School at BIMl. Each day we covered a host of classes specific to deputation and guiding some thoughts on getting ready for the field. This was also a sweet time of fellowship with the staff, directors, many other missionaries!

On June 15, we **celebrated our 1 year anniversary!** We are thankful the Lord gave us a small break to reminisce on what an **adventure our 1st year has been!** From overseeing a missions ministry, moving into a 2010 minivan :), to starting full time deputation, the Lord has allowed this past year to be **as unique as our story!**

Although we are not quite used to the humidity in Alabama in the summer time, we had a wonderful time being able to be a part of the **VBS and Missions conference at Madison Baptist Church.** Captain Shane and 1st mate Emily really got into character for the pirate theme. In total, **93 children accepted Christ as their Savior**, 8 of those from our class! We rejoice and thank God for all those who labored tirelessly to make it a huge success, also, that **we could be a small part of the big work that God is doing there!**

## Prayer Request Updates:

**Vehicle** - After a few months of praying for success in finding the issue with our van, we thank the Lord that we were able to **finally have it fixed!** God had provided a gentleman from our sending church who owns the same vehicle, and did the repair work **without charge.** On top of that God provided in miraculous fashion to **supply the parts.** We praise the Lord for those who He used to be a blessing to us.

**Shane's Visa Paperwork** - All required documents have come in from South Africa and we are **almost ready to submit!** Due to timing of needing to extend the visitors/missionary visa through 2024, we are **waiting till September** to apply for the green card.

**God is still answering prayers! God is still touching hearts. God is still saving souls!**

## SUPPORT RAISED



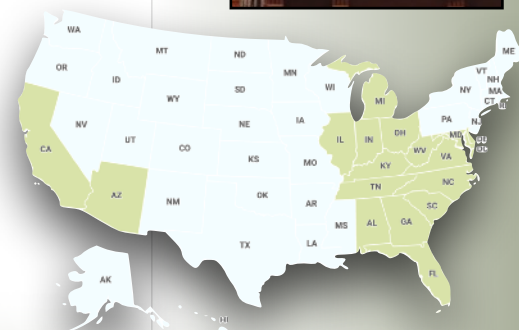
## PRAYER POINTS:

FINISH BOOKING  
24' AND FILL 25'

VEHICLE NEEDS  
NEW TIRES

SAFETY & HEALTH  
WHILE TRAVELING

LOST SOULS  
IN THE DRC!



STATES WE'VE  
BEEN TO IN GREEN!

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