

SHANE & EMILY TASKER MISSIONARIES TO The Democratic Republic of the Congo

July / August 2024 Deputation Update

Psalms 31:3 “For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.”

Deputation as a ministry is filled with excitement! You travel many miles, see new places, join many churches in their services and meet many new people from all over the world! As we continue on the deputation trail eight months in, we rely solely on the Lord, Who is our Rock and Fortress, and He continually and faithfully keeps on leading and guiding us. God has indeed done so these past two months as we've partnered with many great churches, met wonderful people and gained great insight into life and ministry in the DRC.



We have had the opportunity to be involved with a French church in the midwest that was filled with Congolese people and French speakers from other parts of the world. Through a translator, we were able to express our burden for their home country and how the Lord uses people from all over the world to reach the world. Their cry for the need for the Gospel to their towns, villages and family members intensified the burden the Lord has given us for the peoples of the Congo. One couple sat with us after church and through broken English, we were able to find their home villages using Google Maps and are praying the Lord opens the door for a church to be planted there.

We have also had the opportunity to meet a veteran missionary whose family has served in the Congo for three generations. He provided great insight into the legal framework of religious work in the Congo, the history of Baptist missions in the West of the Congo and the complexities of navigating tribal and cultural influences in ministries that remain.

While us husbands talked legalities, it was a blessing for Emily to hear from another wife about tips and tricks for life and homemaking in the Congo. Although it will have its challenges, knowing others who have already had success in life in the Congo, truly helps calm nerves that might come with a new ministry! After hours of asking questions and learning an assortment of information, we were able to take time and see photos and videos of time past, the houses the missionaries lived in and the churches that were planted. The information we gathered during this visit, will be invaluable as we continue to prepare for our future ministry in the South/East of the DRC!



The Lord continues to work, and we hear of others that are burdened for the Congolese people. We rejoice in this, and as the Lord leads and burdens the hearts of others, we ask that you would continue to pray for more laborers. As much as God prepares the missionary for the field, I do believe that He prepares the field for the missionary. It is imperative that we pray for open doors to be able to see Bible believing, Bible teaching and Bible preaching churches and ministries established in the Congo.

Lastly, these next three months are going to be very busy traveling many thousands of miles all over the country. Please lift us up in prayer for safety on the road, no air traffic delays and a clean bill of health while we share the great need that is in the Congo.

Prayer Request Updates:

Vehicle Tires - God blessed us by providing the funds to cover the tires and the work that went into changing them! He always answers exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think! The van is now running better than ever!

Shane's Visa Paperwork - After many months of prayer and waiting, we are ready to submit! We have given all documents to the lawyer and she is finalizing the last step! Please pray as the estimated time is 11 - 18 months. We serve a big God and are praying He intervenes, expedites and allows the file to fall into the right hands to approve the file with no further issues.

Finish Booking '24 - We are fully booked! The Lord has guided and opened doors to fill up 2024 and the beginning of 2025! We are excited to “keep on keeping on” and to see the partnerships the Lord is putting together.

DRC - Please pray as God is guiding us to the right location in the Congo.



STATES WE'VE
BEEN TO IN BLUE!

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