

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

November / December 2024 Deputation Update

Mark 6:31 "And he said unto them, **Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while:...**"

As our first year of deputation came to an end, we took time to reflect and praise The Lord for all He has done. It has been a year of growing in so many ways for us both, and we can see The Lord's leading hand in and through it all. Our last formal meeting was on December 1st, but that did not leave December any less busy as we focused on "sharpening our instruments" for this next year.



French Lessons:

In the DRC, the trade **language is French** and we have desired to begin formal lessons all year but struggled to find someone who was willing to work with our **ever-changing schedule!** While in North Carolina, we were able to connect with a **Christian School's French teacher.** We were both surprised when she did not hesitate to agree to tutor us. We were thus able to start during our "month of rest" which gave us a chance to really **focus and get the basics down.**

Tickets Booked:

WE HAVE TICKETS! When we came to the US in Nov. 2023, we still had return flights. The airline allowed us to book those for August 1, 2025 instead of letting them expire. We are very excited to have a **set date to head back to Africa.** Please be in prayer as many things **need to "fall in place"** before this date but we know we serve a **Great God** who knows what our tomorrow holds.

Christmas Season Festivities:

The festive season was spent with **many loved ones!** We were able to **host** Emily's family for **Thanksgiving** at Shepherds Bethel, the mission's housing where we stay, as well as an **international Christmas dinner** and for all the missionaries staying there too! We had food from **Italy, USA, Mexico, Togo and South Africa!** We all enjoyed many nights of laughter and story sharing. Sometimes being with ones who are also walking the same path as you really provides a different, yet necessary, form of **encouragement and fellowship.**



We concluded the celebration of Christmas with all of Emily's extended family and created life-long memories with her grandparents. It was **so refreshing** to see everyone and soak up these moments while we are able to, **as August is drawing close!**

We truly enjoyed our final two months of 2024 and as filled as December was, we are **very excited to get back on the road** and continue sharing **the great need for laborers in the Lord's harvest!**

Lastly, we would like to **specially thank you** for the love, kind words of encouragement and gifts showered upon us not only during this Christmas season **but all year long!** We are most humbled and **thankful to the Lord for you all.**

Au revoir! -See you soon!



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