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

The last two months have been so full of new opportunities and experiences! Before we knew it, we had finally laid eyes on the DRC, meet the people we so desire to reach and started our new life there. What a rush of emotions when our feet first hit the ground!

First Steps Down

In September, we flew to Lubumbashi, DRC. This is a city of roughly 4 million people. The city was bustling and full of life. We spent the week with a growing church plant and their local Pastor. The Lord really used this week to help guide us and on the last day we met with a man who just began a ministry in a village called Sakania and extended the invite to visit his family.

The Village



Sakania is a rural village resting in the Congo Pedicle. A village with community wells, scarce electricity, dirt bricks with thatch roofs homes and almost no knowledge of the TRUE gospel. Each day was spent walking dirt roads meeting the locals. We would ask about the village, tell about the Bible Study and share the Gospel. Some would listen but had their own beliefs, some would want to know more and some would be angry as we spoke about Christ. Through these interactions our hearts broke as we realized how deep the strongholds Satan has in this village. If we heard it once, we heard it a million times. “What do you mean it is free? I went to the witch doctor and had to pay. My pastor makes me pay. I’ve never heard this before!”

Years of darkness..brought to light

We were brought to tears as a lady’s face lit up brighter with each verse that was read and explained. After accepting Christ as her savior, she explained that she is in her 70’s, been a catholic her whole life and never heard about salvation. She was only visiting for a few days and asked us to return with a bible for her to own and tell her whole family about Christ. Just before this an older man from Zambia spotted us and chased us down yelling to ask if he could have Shane’s bible as he has never had his own. Of course we gave it to him but to think there are so many in this world who have never even held the Word of God, it’s heartbreaking.



Connected through trials



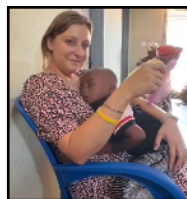
Another precious moment was the connection between Emily and a grieving wife over their shared fertility struggles. Over the last few years, Emily and I have been down a road of struggling with fertility which led Emily to study it in the Bible. Little did we know that those late nights of tears and digging through scripture would become the platform for this lady to receive Christ. As Emily shared verse after verse and showed her that all those witch doctors who had promised her the world, only to take her money, had no control of the womb. Only God opens and closes the womb and He is the WAY, TRUTH and LIFE! Seeing her accept Christ was a moment all heaven rejoiced and one that we treasure. This is a testament that God can use all situations to His glory!

Looking Ahead

Hopefully through this glimpse of our weeks there, you felt the excitement with us of the opportunity laid out before us! Please do pray as Shane’s visa has now expired and we will be applying for a new one in South Africa, as we continue to look for a home and as we begin the process of establishing the ministry legally in the country. While this is a process all on its own, we know if all is done right in the Lord’s eyes, He will guide and provide!

It is such a joy to be apart of God’s work together! Thank you for your faithful prayer and support. Seeing lives already being impacted is an account to your faithfulness in reaching Congo for Christ.

À Bientôt!



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