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The Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Psalm 130:5 “I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope”

The beginning of 2026 brought us to a new place in our ministry—a season of waiting, watching and pure amazement as we saw the Lord moving. We are often reminded that the Lord’s plans often look different from our own and also how blessed we are to be apart of His work. After many years of closed doors, we are now seeing a glimpse of the Lord’s workings within the DRC. **We pray this letter allows you to share in the excitement as we continue striving together.**

Visas –

We cannot fully express how grateful we are for your prayers, especially regarding our paperwork. Between the two of us, we require 6 visas, and as of today—praise the Lord—we have 5! Emily’s final visa is delayed, but we know that when God’s people pray, things happen! **Would you join us in praying daily for this final approval to come quickly?**

Among these are the visas allowing us to reside and minister in the DRC. For now, we are only able to enter as “tourists” and Shane’s visa must be renewed every 6 months in South Africa which is costly. In the past, to work in the DRC required an invitation from an established ministry—something that is harder to obtain. However, on our most recent trip, we discovered the **possibility to establish our own legal entity** to bring ourselves in under missionary status. In a place where many things are done outside official channels, we have chosen to follow order to honor the Lord. **While this process may require more time and resources, once completed, this will open the door for missionaries to join.**

While establishing this entity, we will be temporarily residing just 15 minutes across the board in northern Zambia. This allows us to enter the DRC on a weekly basis, keeping us actively involved in the growing ministry, working with the Congolese people and continue our language and culture lessons. **We are so thankful the Lord is allowing us to still reach those we have a burden for and pave a way for more to do the same.**

Scriptures –

We are deeply grateful to the ministries in South Africa that donated 1,500 New Testaments, 250 full Bibles, and 10 boxes filled with thousands of tracts. These have been loaded into our container, which will be shipped in the coming weeks. Having scripture to give truly adds to any ministry. **Pray with us for the process to ship another container in the future** filled with Bibles in English, French, and Swahili of which there is a great need as **well as for the first container to have a safe, smooth and quick journey** crossing 3 countries..

Emily’s Health –

Thank you sincerely for your continued prayers for Emily’s health. We were able to receive answers and treatment, and we’re so encouraged to **see her improving quickly.**

As we continue in this season of ministry, we are reminded daily that the Lord is unfolding His perfect plan. Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and support—each one is a vital part of what the Lord is doing. We are truly grateful to be striving together with you for the Lord’s work in the DRC!



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