

October 29, 2020

Dear Friends and Partners of C4C (Compassion for Congo),

One night in September, after working hard all day on our solar project, the entire staff fell into a deep sleep. While they slept, members of the military climbed the wall, unlocked the gate from within and rolled our van out into the darkness. We hoped for a few days to recover it but soon realized it was long gone! Probably sold in another city somewhere! Everyone was a little stunned by that loss because the mission station is 6 miles from town and miles from public transportation. We have lots of children to take to school, doctors and church. We asked you to pray with us about this need back on September 17th. Thank you for those prayers and the outpouring of love directed our way!

In faith that God (who orders our steps and supplies all our needs) would answer those prayers, we began to build better security for the Mission Station. We decided to build a place for the new van that we were praying for. We shared those plans about a month ago and sent a few pictures. We began work on a welded iron garage at that time. Our welder finished it a few weeks ago and it was ready for the vehicle God would provide. (a little paint might be nice though)

At the same time we started the work of adding over two feet of height to the wall. We had intended to top the wall with broken glass but discovered that the really determined thieves would just throw a tarp or blanket on the glass and climb over. We needed something a little more painful to deter our local burglars. Our welder made this:

In a time of worldwide tribulation and fear God has acted to show us His sovereign love and care. When it seemed very unlikely that there would be extra money for these things God put it on the hearts of many people to help us. All the money we needed to pay for these added security measures was provided by your generous gifts. We are exceedingly grateful and really in awe of all the prayers, expressions of love and support.

About a month went by without transportation. Covid had shut down the schools so the children did not need to walk several miles a day while we were without a van. One day, as I was considering how much money we still would need to purchase a van, I suddenly realized that if we spent every penny we had available we could buy one right then. I must confess that I was fearful to do that, but then suddenly remembered something I had told many adoptive parents in years past..."God has a lot of money!" So we bundled up what we had and sent it to Didier. He was able to purchase a much nicer van than we could have ever imagined. It is bigger and just exactly what we needed for the work of caring for our churches and orphans in Lubumbashi.

In the week following the decision to spend what we had and trust God to provide, many totally unexpected gifts poured in. I wanted to wait to have a little extra money, but God wanted me to trust Him to continue to provide for His work in Congo. God really does have a lot of money and He is generous and kind to His children. These are just some of the many physical provisions and blessings that you prayed for and gave toward. We want to give Glory to Christ for using so many of you to provide for His children in Congo. We are grateful to each of you who prayed for our needs and gave.

But... there have been great spiritual blessings during this past year as well. The churches continue to grow in number and in love for Christ. We have begun our 4th church in town. There are many young men who would like to be trained to preach and pastor. Pray for us to find a way to do that.

And my personal favorite blessing: Last year one of our pastors had a spiritual crisis and left his church, his family and even the city. We did not know where he was for a long time. At the beginning of this year he came back and humbled himself before the Lord and confessed his sin publicly before the churches. He is presently on spiritual probation and is proving to have real repentance. He is faithful to attend church and even serve in small ways. His family is reunited and their joy is obvious, but are homeless and living in the laundry room we built at the mission station. The extra money you give to feed the hungry is also feeding this family. God is kind to His children even in their weakness and failure. The whole church is rejoicing over this one brother's restoration.

WHAT NEEDS DO WE STILL HAVE?

Many in Congo are living with irrational fears about the Covid. Satan has captured their hearts with anxiety and fear! In fact he has enslaved our entire world with panic and fear. 85 million people live in Congo and they have recorded only 350 deaths so far and yet the country is in all out panic and suffering needless famine. Who could bring such spiritual fear on the entire earth? Only a powerful spirit being like God or Satan and God insists that He has not "given us a spirit of fear, but of a sound mind!" **II Tim. 1:7**. So dear friends...Remember that God rules His creation and He loves you. He proved His love at the Cross when He gave His one and only Son to die for your sins and transform you from a spiritual orphan into a child of the Living God. Don't fear what the world fears. Trust in God and pray for one another. The churches in Congo meet every day to pray and they pray every day for America and for you.

Our mission walls needs a coat of stucco to protect the bricks from the pouring equatorial rains.

We have 41 children in Christian School. Pray with us for the provision of \$45 each month for their tuition.

Two of our children have graduated from High School this year and need to go on to higher learning. College is still a path to a life sustaining job in Congo. Pray for two sponsors for our two recent graduates.

You can give to any of these needs through [PayPal](#) or send a check made out to Community Bible Church. Just put Congo or C4C in the memo. Our address is:

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May God grant you all His peace and joy during the approaching holidays. May He provide for you physically, emotionally and spiritually and may God have mercy on Congo, on America and on the whole world.

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