

Robert & Esther Marsh Congo Chronicle, January – March 2005

Dear Partners in Christ,

We had a week long conference the end of January, had pastors and deacons from all over Congo, as far as Eastern Congo, some traveling for weeks to get to Kinshasa. Pastor Mike DeVries from Colorado (Flatirons Baptist Church) was the keynote speaker, and what a blessing, both to me and to the pastors. Pray that these messages will challenge these pastors to serve God.

We had our baptism on the 13th of March 2005, we thank the Lord that we had some hard rains, the men in the church rigged up something to catch water, this way they were able to fill the baptistery. We had a total of five people for baptism. Two teens; one of the teens came under conviction during a message that I preached, received Christ as savior at home, and the other teen was Winnie who is living with us, she was saved after a message my father-in-law (Mark Grings) preached. Two, 11 year olds; one was lead to the Lord by her father after an evangelistic out reach we had at church; the other boy was saved during Sunday school hour: lead to the Lord by his Sunday school teacher David Gode. The Lady was saved 1996 but never was baptized.

David Gode is doing a wonderful job with our Sunday school; we have been averaging 45 children. We are thanking the Lord for this renewed effort for Sunday school as we have always battled to get someone who is able and willing to work with the children.

We are still in the building process. We have made 1000 bricks with which we have started the construction of the remaining 3 class rooms and school office that needs to be built.

The days are flying by for us. Our planned move to Lubumbashi is still on track. Our car arrived in Lubumbashi last week. In the light of our move we are seeing national men take positions that I was holding. Pastor Ngonga was asked to be Director of the Bible school and he accepted. Mr. Mubuka Mondele was asked to join as third national teacher. Dan Grings is still teaching. Pray concerning, the right man, to pastor at Sanga Mamba Baptist church.

Things you can prayer for:

- Pray for the Sanga Mamba church, in these last few months that they will be able to call the right man.
- The building at Sanga Mamba – need finance to complete the project before leaving.
- The finishing up of school for our children. Also future wisdom for future schooling plans.
- Packing and handing over responsibilities to others.
- I will be driving to South Africa from Lubumbashi mid May this year. I will be attending two mission conferences.
- I will Start Swahili lesson in April.

In Christ

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