

The WAM Report

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Mbote na bino!!

Lingala for hello

everyone!

UPCOMING PLANS

So Mike and Wendy, when are you going back to Congo?

Because continued instability in many areas of Congo make it inadvisable to travel and conduct surveys outside of the city, we have decided to stay here in Waxhaw, NC until after a computer conference in November. Pray with us for peace in Congo both political peace and the peace only God can give.

Currently there are two Wycliffe families in Congo's port city of Pointe Noire. This Summer several more families plan to also set up house in Pointe Noire until they can move back to the capital city of Brazzaville. Please pray for these families as they travel. Please pray also for the leaders of Congo and the rebuilding process. If you received the Spring issue of the Wycliffe publication *In Other Words*, you saw some of the pictures of the devastation the war has left. The story was entitled *Grace in the midst of Crisis* written about our friends Ken and Nancy Sanders.

Do your prayers matter?

A young missionary doctor was speaking at a church in America one night. He told of traveling each month out to the closest town to pick up supplies for the little medical station where he worked in Africa. The trip out of the jungle took two days. He would start out early in the morning, set up camp in the jungle for the night and arrive in the town the next day. On one trip as he approached the town, he came across some men fighting. He bandaged up the man who was wounded and continued into town, got his supplies and began his return trip to the mission station again spending the night in the jungle. A month later he made the same trip and while he was in town, the man whom he had helped spoke with him. He told the missionary that he and his friends had watched him leave town and followed him into the jungle planning to rob and kill him when he made camp for the night. But when they got to his campsite, they saw that there were now fifteen men with him and so their attack was discouraged.

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Short term plans - Our plans for the summer include helping with a vacation Bible school in Pennsylvania and one here in Waxhaw. If David has his way, we'll be visiting the Columbia zoo again, and traveling out to Iowa to visit Wendy's family before we leave the States in November.

At this point in the missionary's story, a man in the back of the church stood up and called out, "Excuse me, but when it's nighttime over there is it daytime here?" The missionary answered yes. The man then asked when this had occurred and the missionary told him the date. The man said, "The day you were in the jungle, that morning I was loading my golf clubs in my car getting ready to go play when I felt a great burden to pray for you. The burden was so great I felt I needed to share it with other men in the church." Then the man said, "Would all those men who were contacted and prayed please stand up."

Can you guess how many men were standing? **Fifteen men!!**

**Please never doubt if your prayers really count,
they do make a difference!**

Praises:

- A fun time with Wendy's parents who visited us here at JAARS for a week
- David, our very fun 2 year old. He never ceases to amaze us with the things he is learning and doing! "I do it myself" is becoming a frequent part of his vocabulary.

Prayer Requests:

- Safety of our friends and colleagues working in Pointe Noire, the second largest city in Congo
- Peace and stability in Congo
- Help and healing for Wendy's back once again
- Another pregnancy soon

Restartup Project Update

As you may remember from our last newsletter, because all of our things were stolen during the war in Congo, a fund has been created to help us purchase all the necessary things for when we arrive in Congo such as refrigerator, stove, beds, table, chairs etc. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please make the check out to Wycliffe Bible Translators and include a separate note saying that you would like the gift to go towards the **Michael and Wendy Buchanan Restartup project #71302119**. Please use the Wycliffe address found in the lower right hand corner.

We currently have approximately 35% of the needed startup funds for setting up our house in Congo. Thank you for your generous gifts. We have been encouraged by the outpouring of love which we have experienced.

Change of Address: the address on our last newsletter was incorrect. This is the correct BOX NUMBER, sorry for the confusion!

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