

Upcoming Services

November 6th

a.m. Harbor Life Church
Gig Harbor, WA
p.m. Christian Life Center
Port Orchard, WA

November 12-13th

Loon Lake AG
Loon Lake, WA

November 20th

a.m. New Life Assembly
Spokane Valley, WA
p.m. Mt. View AG
Spokane, WA

November 27th

a.m. St. Maries AG
St. Maries, ID
p.m. Lake City AG
Medical Lake, WA

December 4th

Valley AG
Spokane, WA

December 11th

Coeur D'Alene AG
Coeur D'Alene, ID

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Missionaries to the Republic of Congo

THE CONGO CONNECTION

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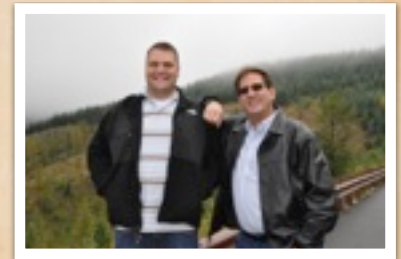
Happy Holidays

As the holidays approach know that we are thankful for each and every church and individual who supports us in prayer and giving. Enjoy this season with friends and family as you give thanks and celebrate the birth of Christ. There's an old African proverb that has become near and dear to us during this time of itineration which says, "If you wish to go quickly, go alone. If you wish to go far, go together." Michelle and I strongly believe that because you're a part of our ministry we will "go far" and see great things that the Lord has for the Congo!

TEAM CONGO...

In October we were excited to finally meet the Dickinsons, the missionaries we will be joining in the Congo. After serving the past 18 years alone in the Congo it's exciting to know that God is forming a dynamic team to continue the work in Congo.

a better understanding of the ministry awaiting us in the Congo!



After hours of talking, laughing and building a life-long relationship we walked away with a greater sense of urgency to get to the Congo and



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Goal:

\$7,637.03

\$61,680 Cash

Left to Raise:

\$1,500 Monthly

\$16,000 Cash



Prayer Requests

*Please pray the remainder of our budget will be in by this December, Only \$1,500 left!

*As we put our home up for rent, pray for great renters.

*We are working on Visa applications, student applications for language school and arrangements for shipping a container! This can be difficult, pray these details comes easy.

Our Work in the Congo

As we get closer to the Congo our work is becoming more evident. Our ministry will be three-fold and consist of:

Reaching the Lost: The church in Point Noire has been the model of what the rest of the country needs from its churches. After 15 years the church has over 600 people who regularly attend and is home to the nation's Bible Institute. We hope to duplicate this ministry model throughout the country starting in Brazzaville.

Training Pastors: More than 50 pastors have come out of the Bible Institute which was pioneered in '99 by the Dickinsons. Currently it is the only place of training for new pastors in the Congo. Our long-term plan is to start a Bible School extension in Brazzaville 332 miles inland. We hope to see the construction of this facility in the near future. We will be able to teach new pastors as they prepare for the ministry.

Helping Girls in Danger: Nouvelles Creations is a school that trains young ladies who have never been to school and are at great risk. It's our hope to establish this ministry in Brazzaville as an outreach to these at-risk young ladies. Michelle will help teach these girls basic literacy, math and a career.

MBIKA... A CONGO FAVORITE!!

Missionaries get to try many different types of foods...some good, others not so good. We asked for a favorite from the Congo and here is the results:

Mbika... This is a paste-like dish that is made from, believe it or not, the ground-up inner part of the zucchini squash seed. They painstakingly separate each squash seed, take out the inner part and grind it in a meat grinder. It makes a mushy paste that is cooked in a tomato and smoked fish sauce. There are two ways to make it, one as a more liquid paste that comes

out something like thick oatmeal or wrapped up in a leaf and set on a grill to cook or hung from a tripod over a fire. This one comes out more like cheese and is usually cut in slices. Those in the Republic of Congo tends to make the first version, but we look forward to trying both!

