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Revelation 3:8 "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."

The last few months have been filled with many unforeseen hurdles and difficult times. But even in seasons of feeling delayed and discouraged, we found that if we remain faithful and lean on the Lord's strength and His Word, He guides us through each day. Even with the delays, we have seen many exciting things in the works and great praises to share with you!

Ebola Outbreak:

We are grateful for the outpouring of concern for us with the current outbreak in the North East DRC. At the moment, we are thankful to say the outbreaks are over 1500 miles (2500 km) from where we serve. Although far, please do **pray for safety as well as for those affected.**

Emily's Visa:

For months, Emily has been locked in South Africa due to her visa still being in process. In hindsight, we are thankful the Lord led this way, as it allowed her to assist her family during this difficult time. Once her mother's medical care began, we called to get an update, and we were told it would take up to 2 years. Hearing that, our hearts sank, our knees bent, and we immediately asked for prayers! We are still praising the Lord, as **Emily's visa was granted the following day!** This was the last one we had been waiting for to allow her to finally move! Thank you to all who have prayed without ceasing. Our God answers prayer.

Container:

Our last few months have been hurdle after hurdle, but we were convinced our container would be a breeze. Sadly, we were very wrong! We were denied customs clearance and had to begin the appeal process through the commissioner. We were promised an answer "the next day" weeks ago, and most recently, we were told they need more time to discuss our case further and formulate the necessary paperwork. **Please be in prayer that we are approved quickly and able to ship the container!**

Bible Project:

We are working to ship a container full of scripture along with English and French translations. It will take time to gather all the paperwork, raise the funds (\$20,000), and secure the container while the Bibles are being printed. We are so thankful that 25% of the funds needed have already been provided! Also, a missionary who, with the help of Baring Precious Seed Global, had translated the New Testament into Swahili and has given us printing permission.

It's our deepest desire to also have the whole Bible printed in Swahili, but the printing rights are held by the Kenyan & Tanzanian Bible Societies. Many have attempted to gain these rights to no avail. Recently, Shane needed to be in Kenya for a separate situation and was able to approach the Kenyan Bible Society in person. He met a senior official, and we are currently in negotiations to obtain the rights. **Please do pray for the negotiations so we can be granted these rights, and if we need to purchase them, the Lord will provide those needed funds!**

Ministry:

The Bible Study in Sakania, DRC, is growing not only in numbers but also spiritually! The members are becoming more faithful, enjoying learning the Lord's Word and Bro. Gustave, the Congolese missionary we are working with, is doing a great job. We are so thankful the Lord is putting together His church. These believers will be a vital part in obtaining the paperwork, allowing us and others to gain residency and be established long-term.

We cannot thank you enough for your prayer, encouragement, and support. We know we are never in this alone, and there is an army behind us, with prayer and love holding the ropes! We would not be able to do this without you!



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