

Dear Family and Friends,

My computer did not work for most of the time on my last trip to DR Congo. I just sent out a short update yesterday but now I am sending out this one that is a bit longer. In this late night or early morning hour my computer is once again working. I do not know why but I am glad to be able to use it.

I am in the states for just a little while. I am hoping to return on September 29th if God provides the funds for the ticket. The ticket itself will cost around \$1700 and then I need another \$500 for the overnight stay in Kigali and the trip into DR Congo. I am planning to be home for Christmas but am looking at a longer stay time next year.

A lot happened during the 3 1/2 months I was in Bukavu, DR Congo this time. Tracy's Heart program is growing and growing. It is an exciting time to be working with Tracy's Heart. God is moving in a mighty way. We are seeing his hand as we reach out to many women who do not yet know Jesus as Savior. The evangelistic side of the program is growing and growing as we reach out further and further. With God leading we are seeing women becoming strong spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

The sawmill program is in the process of a new way of operating. We will be renting out our sawmill, operator, and 2 guards. By doing this we can begin building up funds for setting up our own business for seeking the boards. We have two possibilities. Please pray that the right one works out for us.

If any of you have a time in the next three weeks when I can give an update in person to your missions team please contact me at this e-mail or call 812-238-1826. Thank you so much for your prayer and financial support.

In the Tracy's Heart Center Program we have 2 outreach programs in areas further out of the city of Bukavu. One is at the Chai Church and the other is at the Camp Wezi Church. Each church has 20 women in the Tracy's Heart program. They have all now been taught basket weaving, flower making, tie-dying material, special event cooking, nutrition, how to use the Meringa tree, micro business principles, and how to work together. Most importantly is that they have been taught Bible lessons and how to evangelize the community. Because of the women in the program one church has 6 new women attending who are not Christians and the other church has 4. The women are actively working to bring others to Christ. We have 4 non-Christians in the program at the Center as well. All four of them have come to know Christ and will soon be baptized. We are praising God for each woman who is added to His Kingdom. Along with the great success rate of evangelism we are seeing a large rate of success in the businesses the women have started. The number of women we help through the Tracy's Heart Center programs is growing quickly. We now have 56 women in the programs. Forty of these women will soon be finished and forty more will take their places. The 16 women currently in the sewing program at the center are growing closer to God and each other. They are becoming excellent seamstresses and their faith and trust in God has really grown. They depend on each other and have learned the meaning of the Christian family. We are so thrilled with each of them and the difference they have allowed God to make in their lives. The picture below shows these women on the day they each received a Swahili Bible. Please pray with me that each woman hears God's message for her life and feels His love and faithfulness through reading His

Word. Thank you to each of you that have helped make the work of Tracy's Heart Center possible. Love, Brenda

