

So much has happened while I have been here this time. I have spent a lot of time at Tracy's Heart Center. I spent a lot of time working on the sawmill project and I have spent a lot of time working with the church leaders. When I add all this time together I wonder where all the time came from! God has been good and much has been accomplished during my time here. I leave on June 26 and arrive in Chicago on June 27. I plan to return for another two and one half months in September. Living and working in DR Congo is very stressful and difficult. I need to return home to the states to see my family and rest so I can return again. I have been doing the work of 2 or maybe even 3 missionaries since Ed's death. With the help of some of the Congolese Christians God has made it possible. I am learning a lot more about the culture and how everything has to work here.

Tracy's Heart is growing and progressing as always. The center has become well known as one of the best women's programs in the city. God is making it famous to His glory.

The sawmill project is extremely difficult here but progress has been made. The potential is great for this business. The possibility for corruption is also great. God is showing me how to set it all up and get it running smoothly without the corruption. Please pray that God continues to give me the wisdom to see this project through.

Sandy and Ben Wiggs were here for two weeks. The Congolese really appreciated all they were able to do. We are all hoping they return again next year. The blade sharpener and tooth setter for the sawmill blades is now being used. Three men were trained to use these machines. While Sandy was here we did clinics at Tracy's Heart Center for some of the women and children. Most of them are feeling better now. Greencastle Christian Church sent enough money with Sandy to buy each mama in the program a new Bible. For most of them this is the first Bible they have owned.



I also gave a new Bible to my night watchman, Jean Marie. It is the first Bible he as owned as well. He began reading it immediately and four hours later he was still reading. He was reading by the light of the outside lights on the house. Not good to

read by but he would not stop. He kept asking me if I knew that Jesus said this or that. Very precious to see him soak in the Word of God and cherish each word.

I celebrated my 60th birthday here in Congo. My good friends, JP and Esperance took Dawn Baird and me out to dinner at the new hotel in town. It was a beautiful evening. We stood on a balcony above the lake and watch a big boat come in. I had a lot of fun and it was a good day.



I will be in an office with the church leaders on Tuesday and Thursday of this week so we can work on church issues and the sawmill project. On Wednesday I am teaching at Tracy's Heart and will be there again on Friday. On Sunday I am speaking in one of our churches. Next Tuesday morning I will teach at the ladies group at the church just up the road from my house. In between all this I will have people here at the house to see me. It is good to have work to do but I know the time will go by too quickly. Please pray that God will give me extra strength to get everything done that he wants done before I leave for the states. As always, thank you so much for your prayer and financial support. Love, Brenda