

Change..

Whether it's technology or music or the church, one thing that is certain in our lives is change. This was especially true at Nuru Ya Mapendo in July.

Annual Conference was held in mid-July; this is when new appointments are made each year for the church. Our District Superintendent, Sylvain Ilunga, was appointed as a pastor to the Katuga Church on the west side of Lubumbashi effective August 5, 2018. Sylvain will be serving a church with a French-speaking service.

While the change will be good for Sylvain and his family, the timing was not optimal for our ministry in the Kasenga District. We felt that another 2-4 years remained to complete the work for the vision God had given to each of us for the Kasenga District.

Although the focus of our work may shift slightly due to the change, you can be assured that the work of NYM will continue in the Kasenga District. Our first goal is to work toward completion of the projects which are currently in-process.

A change in my ministry will be the care of two of Sylvain's sons, Sammy and Jeremie, who will live with me. Sammy is a high school senior and it is very difficult (and expensive) for him to transfer schools. Likewise, Jeremie is a high school junior and wants to complete his schooling in Kasenga.

Saying good-bye will be difficult in the next few days. Sylvain and I have worked closely together every day for 4 ½ years. Pray for Sylvain, for his family, and for me as we begin a new season of change.



(Celebrating the dedication of David's House, 2015)

And More Change!

With D.S. Sylvain's transfer, there is obviously a vacancy for a new District Superintendent in Kasenga. The new D.S. for our district will be Rev. Dickson Mwelwa who is being transferred from the Sakanya District (central DRC).

Pastor Dickson visited Kasenga July 19-20. He met with Pastor Sylvain to discuss the state of the district. He visited four churches in the Kasenga area. He met with Nuru Ya Mapendo, the delegates from the Jane Wise School, a group of local pastors, and some of the local district church leaders.



The final step of transition was to conduct mise et reprise, an inventory of what is being turned over to the new D.S. This includes a list of churches with a description of their condition/needs, an inventory of the office, and inventories of any district properties not part of a church.

Above is a photo of Pastor Sylvain and Pastor Dickson as they symbolically exchange places in the office of the District Superintendent. D.S. Dickson assumes his new responsibilities on August 5, 2018.

Eggs!



We're celebrating eggs this month! The number is growing every day and we're enjoying using and sharing eggs. Since many of our layers died in May/June (see previous newsletter), we're waiting to see if we will have enough to begin production outside NYM.

Production will peak about one year from now, then will slowly decline over the second year. At that time layers are usually sold for meat and a new clutch of chicks will be started.

Now that our hens are laying, we plan to start meat production again, so we can have both eggs and meat at Nuru Ya Mapendo. It's our goal to become fully self-sustainable.

Answered Prayers/Prayer Requests

- Praise for the renewal of my residence visa! After three months my passport is now in hand! Thank you to all who prayed.
- Pray for Pastor Sylvain as he begins work in his new pastorate in Lubumbashi. Pray for a smooth transition for his family.
- Pray for the new District Superintendent of our district as he assumes his new duties. There are many pastor vacancies to fill in our churches.
- Pray for God's guidance and direction for our work at NYM. We are in a season of waiting and prayer. Please pray with us.

School Desks

Lumber is being stockpiled in our container for sixty additional school desks at the Jane Wise primary/secondary school. Each desk seats 3-4 students.

We recently completed sanding and varnishing the thirty existing desks in the school. The interiors of the original classrooms were painted, and all the classrooms are now ready for the first day of school.

EVERYONE wants to attend the beautiful new school! Residents are coming to our doors asking to enroll their children before registration opens next month.

We plan to begin construction of the new desks within the next 7-10 days. Carpentry teams totaling eight workers will complete the desks in a month, just in time for the first week of school.



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What is Your Holy Disturbance?

A holy disturbance isn't necessarily a big thing. It doesn't have to be about revamping a bookstore or going to Haiti. It might be about a need in your neighborhood, a friend's predicament, or something that's being overlooked or neglected in your town or at your office. A holy disturbance is simply anything that troubles you because of the way it affects another person- whatever violates your sense of justice or touches your heart.

It's something that becomes so unsettling that you feel compelled to act. This is, of course, the reason that I am serving in Africa.

The "holy" in holy disturbance is God writing His message on your life. It is your willingness to act in the direction of being the gospel to others. It is you making something happen by being the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

So, what's God pointing out to you? What's your disturbance? What are you waiting for?

I'd like to share with you a blessing/prayer written by Craig Groeschel:

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and the exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, and starvation, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done...

Amen.



May God bless you, Jane

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