

School Desks

Nuru Ya Mapendo has been buzzing in August and September! Belt sanders, rotary saws, and other machines have been working six days a week to plane, cut and sand lumber for 60 school desks for the first Methodist school in the District. They are built by hand and each desk seats 3 elementary students.

For the nearly 300 students enrolled in the Jane Wise Primary/Secondary School, the beautiful new desks are a wonderful complement to the new classrooms. Children from all over Kasenga are so excited to be a part of the new school.

As you begin the new school year as a teacher- or are a parent sending your precious young ones to school- say a prayer for the students and teachers at the new school in Kasenga. We pray that all who attend will be blessed, learning and growing in Christ, giving glory to God through their joy and success.



Meet Jeremie & Sammy

Sammy & Jeremie Ilunga are a new part of my ministry at NYM. The third and fourth sons of Rev. Sylvain Ilunga are living with me to complete their education in Kasenga.

Sammy, age 17, is a senior. He is pursuing technology studies this year and wants to study Information Mgt. in college.

Jeremie, age 15, is a junior and concentrating in the sciences. Jeremie is passionate about becoming a doctor and willing to pursue up to ten years of additional education to achieve his goal!

Both boys are very active in the church. Together they teach JPC Cadets (elementary age Youth for Christ) and occasionally lead the choir for that age group. Both are members of two choirs: 1) the traditional men's choir which uses African drums and dance, and 2) a mixed choir of young people who sing more contemporary French and Swahili music.

Sammy and Jeremie speak French and Swahili fluently and can converse in Kiluba and Bemba. They speak English pretty well, and are excited for the opportunity to increase their English skills and vocabulary at "Grandma's" house.



Jeremie & Sammy

Answered Prayers/Prayer Requests

- Answered prayer- Pastor Sylvain is doing well in his new pastorate in Lubumbashi. He thanks you for your prayers and asks you to continue praying for his ministry.
- Pray for the new District Superintendent (Dickson Mwelwa) as he assumes his new duties. There are many pastor vacancies to fill in our churches. His first week had a bumpy start; two pastors resigned their pastorates!
- Pray that God would provide the means to support the family of D.S. Dickson. Our new DS has a family of 12 children and there are four to enroll in school this year (about \$400 expenses). The pay for the D.S. in our district is only \$35-50 per month because there is no level pay scale and no set salaries for pastors in the DRC.
- 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.
- We praise God that He is smoothing the way for completion of some of our projects. We met with the contractor last week for another phase of work at the Galilee Church and construction will begin at the end of this month.



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Agriculture



Pineapple- A few years ago I planted some pineapple crowns to see if we could grow pineapples at NYM. Patience has paid off, and we have fruit producing on two plants. I imagine it seems silly to everyone in the USA to get excited about this (since you can just pick one up at the store), but there are no pineapples at all in our area. We're anxiously waiting to try the fruits of our labor!

Heard Any Good Sermons Lately?



When I'm in Kasenga, I speak French 95% of the time. Sermons at church, however, are preached in Swahili and Bemba. My vocabulary grows all the time in Swahili, but I'm still not proficient enough to understand an entire sermon. Many missionaries face the challenge of understanding sermons in a different language. Have you heard a good sermon lately? Perhaps at your home church? Or while visiting a different church during business or on vacation? Send me a few notes from the sermon you enjoyed; I'd love to enjoy it with you! (Send to: nuruyamapendo@yahoo.com)

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Praise- the Answer to Everything

“What, can Jesus meet my need? Yes, and more than meet it. No matter how intricate my path, how difficult my service; no matter how sad my bereavement, how far away my loved ones; no matter how helpless I am, how deep are my soul yearnings- Jesus can meet all. All, and more than meet.” -Hudson Taylor

I must be honest. I was really feeling down and discouraged in late July. Pastor Sylvain had been re-assigned to Lubumbashi (four hours away), the arrival of the new D.S. was postponed several weeks, and I was feeling Satan creeping in all around me. There were several days where things were going terribly wrong at NYM, for no reason. Pastors in the district (without a leader) were trying to take matters into their own hands and were causing chaos and confusion. The staff and I began earnestly praying for NYM and the district, but something still seemed to be missing.

One Saturday morning at 4:30 a.m., I was on the road in Kasenga saying good-bye to Sylvain’s family and praying for the journey to their new home. Weeks before, I had scheduled a one-day prayer retreat on this same date. (Sylvain’s departure date had changed several times and was not scheduled for this day.) Since I was up early anyway, I decided to begin my retreat.

I began my day with praise, both in music and prayer. I was enjoying it so much, I continued for several hours. I was able to focus on God and all he has done rather than my own feelings and problems. My heart became much lighter. I was able to continue my retreat with joy and continually praised Him for each truth He revealed to me that day.

Praising God is a high privilege and a way to partner with God to drive back the darkness we may be feeling. It expresses our fellowship with God. There is power in praise! There is a saying in Congo, “When you receive a good thing, say thank you.” We can’t keep quiet about all the good things God has done for us. Our thanks not only honor God, but it also opens our hearts and hands. When we say, “thank you”, we can’t hold on to our lives as tightly. When we look to God with our praise, our eyes are not focused on ourselves and our daily pursuits. Now matter how you are feeling or what your circumstances are, just praise God!



Blessings, Jane

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