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Yes it is time for us to traverse the pond and head back to the US for some time of rest and relaxation. We are very much looking forward to visiting with you, our family and friends. We would love to share a meal with you, or simply spend some time sharing with you about our mission and our lives here in Congo. So, mark your calendars. We will arrive in Norfolk Va on **June 25** and leave the US on **October 28**.

With the passing in March of Cindy's dad, Don Brew, we are making this trip a bit of an extended stay so that we can help sort through his house and prepare it for sale or rent. We will have **Celebration of Life** service for **Don** on **July 9** in Chesapeake VA. We will put out more information on Facebook or by newsletter as the time draws nearer. We also need to get our finances and bookkeeping rearranged, as Don was looking after all of that for us.

Technology is getting better, but teleportation still is not a reality in our lives. Thus we are forced to rely on air travel to get us to the States and back. We will be traveling through Brussels as usual. We had difficulty finding an affordable fare, especially in the wake of the attacks on the airport in Brussels. As we were searching to book our tickets online, we were finding fares disappearing, or increasing, before our very eyes. It was quite frustrating, more so than normal. We found a respectable fare, tried to book, and our credit card would not go through. We called the airlines and they informed us that the fare had increased an additional \$1600! No thank you! So we prayed for guidance and favor and waited a while. Finally we settled for a round trip fare of \$3617.92 for the both of us. Still expensive, but it always is. If you would be inclined to bless us with a bit of assistance with this cost, we would greatly appreciate it. Please see our **"Support"** section for information.

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Potty Talk

Maybe you have been wondering what the latest renovation project has been at MPH Guesthouse. Well, I will tell you. Since arriving in 2010, we have renovated all of the downstairs dorm rooms to contain private baths. That gives us eight Executive Rooms. This eliminated the need for the common hallway bathroom that was previously shared by these rooms. What do you do with an unused bathroom? You turn it into rentable lodging.

So you may ask how you turn a bathroom with two shower stalls, one bathtub, three toilets, one long trough-style urinal, and five sinks into an "Executive-style" habitat? Oh, did I mention that the room directly above is the common bathroom for the men's dorm hall, which is leaking through the ceiling



Dorm Bathroom after some demolition



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and walls anytime someone takes a shower or flushes a toilet? Let me explain this process to you. First step is to go back to November 2012 and begin renovating the upstairs bathroom to get the leaks stopped.

Demolition is the primary task. Tear down the "chase" walls to expose the...wait!! What is this?! Oh, well that explains a lot. The drainage pipes in the walls servicing the upstairs are made of Eternit (fiber cement. Guess what the fiber is. Hint...it begins with "A" and ends in "sbestos".) These pipes have baseball size holes in them allowing water to run outside the pipes and get into the walls and ceiling. Other pipes are PVC but not connected well. So we demo the downstairs bathroom, knowing it is a "future" project and complete the renovation of the upstairs dorm bathroom.

Fast forward to present day. A little more demolition and re-piping are necessary. Remove unnecessary toilet pipes, because only one toilet is needed. Replace most of the old rusting galvanized pipe with PVC and add in shutoff valves. Using block and mortar, we build new chase walls to hide any plumbing pipes and chisel channels in the block walls to add electrical for lighting, outlets, fan and air conditioning. Replace the frosted windows with clear glass to allow clients to look out upon the vast greenery of the MPH yard. Tile the floors and the walls of the bathroom and shower. Then lots of fresh paint is added to the walls and ceiling. Moulding to edge the door frames is not purchased, it is made. More painting and varnishing is required.

The project is almost complete. Finishing touches like bathroom fixtures, mirrors and accessories will be done this next week. Curtains, bedding and all the soft touches will also be done within the next couple of weeks. Then, "Voila!" We have a room where there was no room. That is how it is done! Now you know.

