



Dunn's Do'ins Congo MPH Mission



Whatcha Been Up To Lately?

Well, let's see. The first part of 2017, MPH Guesthouse has seen an uncomfortably low number of guests. With the continuing political uncertainties, tensions, and slow processing of visas, it has been difficult for guests to make the decision to come to Congo. We have had many guests cancel their trips because their visas didn't get processed in the timeframe that would have allowed them to continue with their plans. We have also had several cancellations due to visas not being issued at all.



Thankfully, we have had several conferences to keep MPH revenue coming in. We hosted three bible translation conferences with Wycliffe Associates containing 35 people for two weeks at a time, during which, they worked on translating the Bible into 15 local dialects. We were also pleased to have the Family Medicine doctor's residency program from the Congo Protestant University (UPC) stay with us for a couple of weeks, while they studied and took exams. Due to the situations of unrest in the central region of the Kasai, IMCK Hospital brought their board to MPH for their annual meeting this year.

We do not know what the second half of the year has in store, but we are expecting it to be much the same as last year. The current government is supposed to step down by the end of the year and elections are supposed to take place. We have witnessed evidence that voter registration has been happening in Kinshasa and other parts of the country. We hope that this is a sign for a positive and peaceful transition of power for 2018. Please keep praying for Congo, MPH, and us.



Penguin at Boulder Beach, South Africa

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In other news, on 14 May 2017, we moved into the NEW International Protestant Church of Kinshasa (IPCK). On 7 May, we had the final service at the old location of Kalina Church, 1915, IPCK or whatever you may have called it in your day. The old church served the English speaking congregation well for over 100 years, but the Lord instructed us to pull up our tent pegs and He led us to a new location. IPCK is now located on a parcel behind the Protestant Cathedral and UPC.



Phase one of our new building is complete. The second phase consisting of the Sunday school classrooms and a temporary bathroom will begin shortly. Then the third phase of the Pastor’s office, bathrooms, kitchen and garden patio will take place. If you would like to donate to the IPCK building fund, please contact us and we will give you the information.

Traveling

In April, we went to Cape Town, South Africa for some medical tests, Passover, and Easter. We spent some of our time doing the tourist thing. We went out to Robben Island and witnessed a bit of world history. We also traveled up the Cape and saw a lot of ostriches, antelope and penguins. Mainly, we spent time with friends and had some much needed relaxation.



While in S.A., Cindy needed to have emergency gall bladder surgery. We are very thankful that it was diagnosed and treatment available so rapidly, even if it was a surprise. Health care in S.A. is much less expensive, and praise God that we have insurance to cover us overseas.

We will be making our annual trip to the US in July and August. We are hoping to see many of our friends and family. We will travel to OR for a TASOK reunion, and Clay will go to WI to visit with family. Most of our time will be in VA dealing with our annual medical checkups.

As you know, traveling to, and within, the US is very expensive, so all contributions are appreciated and welcomed. Blessings to you all.

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