



# Dunn's Do'ins Congo MPH Mission



## Happy New Year!

It is not yet April, so we are allowed to greet you with "Happy New Year!" As the year begins for us in the Democratic Republic of Congo, we rejoice that the long awaited elections have finally been realized! There has been a transfer of power, transparency unknown, with very little violence. The new president is Felix Tshisekedi who is from the central part of Congo. We feel that the population accepts him and is pleased that there has been a change. We pray that he will surround himself with God-following advisors, who will help him to make a positive difference for the people of Congo. We have already seen that he is attempting to weed out the past corruption from governmental offices. As we say here, "*On va voir.*", "We will see."

## Incoming Supplies

It has been a while since we have had access to a container coming this way from the US to bring us supplies. We normally travel with excess baggage containing supplies we purchase while on furlough. This works okay for smaller items, but there comes a time when we need to bring in ten foot lengths of plumbing pipe and laundry appliances. These do not fit in footlockers. The good news is that we have been allowed to add some items to a container headed for Congo. In this container we have purchased the following supplies which cannot be purchased in Congo or hand-carried:

- One each Maytag Commercial Washer and Dryer, freight...\$1790.00
- Lengths of PVC Hot/Cold plumbing pipe, welded wire screening...\$436.00
- John Deere riding mower parts (tires, cables, wheel assemblies)...\$540.00

We have put **\$2766.00** for these purchases on our personal credit card. We do not expect to be reimbursed by MPH until the purchases have arrived into the building, several months in the future. Then there is the fact that MPH coffers are low, so there could be a longer wait. With the political uncertainty over the last several years in Congo, MPH client reservations have been at about 60% of normal, causing the cashflow to dwindle. **Would you consider making a separate donation for MPH supplies to our ministry?** You can do so through the Appointment Congo link located above. **Note: If you make a donation to help us recuperate our finances, please send us a personal email (found in the Contact Us: block) to let us know how much, and for what you would like to support.** This will allow us to alter our reimbursement request to MPH. We, as well as MPH, greatly appreciate your consideration in helping us to continue quality service to our guests.

To support our mission, send funds to:

**Appointment Congo**  
**PO Box 98764**  
**Raleigh, NC 27624**

Make checks payable to:

**Appointment Congo**

Designate for:

**Dunn-MPH Guesthouse**

or give online at:

[appointmentcongo.org](http://appointmentcongo.org)

In 2018, we had 8 pieces of baggage!



## Coming To America

We have just celebrated our **9th anniversary** of ministry at MPH Guesthouse. Amazing! Our daily life in Kinshasa is often extremely challenging. It is easy to fall into the trap of self doubt and fatigue. *“Are we making a difference?” “Why is it so frustrating?” “There has to be a better way!”* Then, we get a chance to step back and God shows us the bigger picture of the lives we touch by the ministry of the guest house. The lives of our employees, whom we assist with education, healthcare and, simply, a job. The lives of our clientele, who come here to make their own

difference doing their ministry in this country. The lives of our fellow colleagues here in Congo, to whom we give, and from whom we receive, support and encouragement. The Lord continues to remind us, though others, that we are making His difference! So, we keep it up.

It is that time of year again for you to mark your calendars and save the dates. We have booked our tickets for furlough to the US for **07 July until 01 September, 2019**. We are hoping to see many of you this trip. We are considering driving from Virginia to Wisconsin this time, so maybe we can visit you on the way? Of course, we are planning on attending the Congo Connections Luncheon in Montreat, NC in August. If you are interested in having us share our ministry with your small group, or church, please contact us and we can make arrangements.

Not surprisingly, the increasing airfare prices have burdened our finances once again. It seems like we just get “caught up” and it happens again. **This year our best ticket prices from Kinshasa to Norfolk VA totaled \$4064.00!** Ouch!! With our normal donation income, it will take about four months to recover, not including the additional expenses we will incur by being in America. Please note that our travel to and from the US is not reimbursed by MPH, so this is all on us. We use our furlough in the US for our annual medical appointments, visiting family, fundraising from churches and friends and, most importantly, to take a deep breath for a few weeks. This period of rest is a very crucial part of



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08 mars 2019  
Clay gave the ladies pagnes!

our mental, and physical health. That said, we still want to socialize and share a meal with you, our dear readers and supporters. **If you could help us to come “home” for a bit, it would be a blessing to us.** We know in all things, the Lord will provide that which He desires for us.

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