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THE JOURNEY

We departed by bus from Inverness to Edinburgh on 16th July 2012 and Stayed overnight at the Airport Travel Lodge. On the way we were able to help a Christian girl from Latvia who was very distressed and was happy to receive prayer on the airport bus.

The next day we were up early and joined our flight to Brussels at 6.20am. After a short stop in Brussels we joined a flight to Kigali in Rwanda arriving at 8.30pm. Linda sat next to an American who had been an officer in the special forces and was now working for the American government. He had broken his back parachuting and was in some discomfort. He was a Christian and allowed us to pray for him. Linda gave him the title of a book which he said he would download.

We stayed overnight at the home of Elsie and Nicholas who have a guest house for shepherds/missionaries.

On 18th July, Wednesday we got up early and travelled to Bukavu, D R Congo which took six hours. We were met at the border by the church choir who followed us to our accommodation which was at the Swedish and Norwegian missions. They are next door to one another. The choir members were very much different than 2010 as many members had died in the fire in Sange when planting the seed June 2010.

OUR WORK IN D.R. CONGO

Bukavu

Thursday 19th July, was bible school teaching in the new large church. Jim taught on the healing power of the word of God. Many asked questions. Linda also spoke from John 14. Rested in the afternoon and in the evening Jim preached at the small Oasis church. He started on the book of Joshua with the theme 'claiming the land and the people for Christ'. The worship was very spiritual, and many received prayer for healing.

On the path leading from the Church which was quite hazardous, Linda fell in a water/sewage channel and Kashumbi twisted her ankle. In the evening we presented to Matthew and family the many presents we had brought out with us; they were overwhelmed.

Friday 20th July. In the morning we were again in the Bible School when Jim taught on the Word as the seed. The session concluded with the students being anointed with oil for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Before leaving U.K. Matthew had asked if it was possible for us to get him a KEYBOARD for the Church . Money was donated towards that, and after the Bible School, we went to buy a KEYBOARD. In the afternoon we enjoyed some rest in the glorious sunshine, and were fascinated by the variety of birds and the antics of the lizards.

In the evening we were back in the Oasis Church, where Jim preached from Psalm 46, taking it to be a Song of battle. Worship was again very spiritual and uplifting- A boy orphan, aged 15, part of Matthew's family has quite an amazing voice, and would give most of the contestants on the VOICE programme a run for the title. There was great excitement as Les presented the KEYBOARD to Matthew who received it on behalf of the Church.

Later that evening we met in the Norwegian Mission with some of the local Pastors.

Saturday 21st July. Graduation Day; We met in Matthew's new and larger Church where 14 of the 25 students were to graduate. Some city officials along with six Bishops were present. The worship was amazing. Jim preached from Mark Cpt, 4 ; the Parable of the Sower; encouraging the students to be sharing the Word humbly (as servants) (Micah 6 at 8) Also to sow in expectation remembering that the Word of God is sharper than a two edged sword ... Heb. Cpt. 4 .

For the actual ceremony we were attired in professors' robes and cap, which were loaned by the university for the occasion. That called for many photo shoots, especially with the students. To mark the occasion we presented each student with a pen with Celtic markings. Matthew received a pen and bookmark.

From there we went to Matthew's home for a meal and to meet with the children, and some of them were wearing the clothes we had gifted. We were joined by a local Bishop (Robert) and enjoyed a satisfying meal. After we had eaten the children got stuck into a large shared plate of beans and rice. We found Matthew and Kasumbi's home very basic, & humble, but with a sense of love and warmth.

From there we were back to base, with ten minutes to freshen up before going on to meet with the head of the Norwegian Church in D.R.Congo. His name is Joshua, and he shared with us about his work as a peacemaker, and how encouraged he was that we should visit DRC at such a troubled time. His friendship with, and appreciation of, Matthew's ministry was very evident.

As we left we heard testimony that a lady who had great difficulty in her pregnancy had, after we prayed for her, given birth and has called the child Jim. We returned to base to find an invitation from a Congolese woman to attend a supper/prayer meeting. She had asked Ingerburg (who is in charge of the Norwegian Mission) to host the meeting. Nine of us met at 6.30pm, and were interested to find that among us 5 different nations were represented, (Congolese, Mexican, Norwegian, Scottish & Canadian) We had no electricity and no water, but a beautiful meal had been prepared and was presented, and enjoyed in the oil lamp light.

We sang some and Jim spoke from Psalm 77 which led us into a meaningful time of prayer. It had been a full day and we were glad to get our heads down.

Sunday 22nd July saw us back in the small Church in Bukavu for the second Graduation ceremony for another 5 students. Jim spoke of seeds sown in love. During the time of worship one Church member seemed overcome and Linda and Avril got around her and prayed for her. As soon as Linda's hand touched her she seemed to be delivered of something. Again we had to be attired in robes etc for the ceremony, and as before, presented the students with pens from Scotland. Here there was more of a family atmosphere, but none the less meaningful for all. It was a privilege to be present.

From there we went to pray for a business man by the name of Jeff. He had documents showing that he was owner of a house which he had paid a deposit on, but someone (who seemed to have favour with the governor of the area) was trying to take the house from Jeff. We

were late in eating that night, and then got packed for our journey next day.

Mwenga

Monday. 23rd July: Accompanied by the choir, and the KEY-BOARD who travelled by open truck, we left Bukavu at 9am heading for Mwenga. On the way we visited Jeff's business where Jim prayed for blessing , prosperity and protection.

On the way to Mwenga we came to a bridge over a swollen river which had been severely damaged, and a vehicle was stuck on it. Eventually some planks of wood and tree trunks were used to lift the vehicle and enable it to cross.

When it was our turn we had to leave the car and watch it be guided over the precarious temporary surface. We then had to follow on foot, with Congolese men helping the women negotiate the damaged girders and moveable logs. The truck carrying the choir was able to drive through the river safely. The tension was increased by the knowledge that it was an area where rebels were constantly active. There was some comfort in seeing Congolese soldiers watching from advantage points , and Pakistan troops from NATO mixing with the crowds.

Eventually we arrived safely at a nice Guest House owned by Jeff's brother. We were interested to learn that there was a conference in progress at the Guest House. It was for the parents of children who had been kidnapped and made into Rebel Soldiers. The parents were given the retreat to help them understand the state of mind of their children to help them be again integrated to their families and society. Jim had a bad experience by falling on the stairs at night and went up-side -down in the shower in the morning.

Tuesday 24th July. Despite being bruised and scarred, Jim preached powerfully on the MERCY OF GOD. We were encouraged to learn later that the Choir who spent the night in the Church had been given the same word. It wasn't surprising that at the end we had many men, women and children line up for 'ministry'.

Kamatuga

We were then off on our journey to Kamatuga, a two to three hour drive. On the way we encountered a severe thunder and lightning storm, with a down-pouring of rain, which made the roads even more hazardous. On the way Matthew's Cell phone was busy with word of

healings at Mwenga ;- two men healed of goitre;- two women in their mid-twenties who had experienced no periods were now menstruating.; - three people with sinusitis, healed. When we got to Kamatuga we learned that 50 people, 20 of them Jehovah Witnesses, had given their lives to the Lord. The local Pastor suggested that they be baptised on the Sunday but they didn't want to wait that long and were baptised on the Wednesday PRAISE THE LORD. We were booked in to the Roman Catholic Mission House where we had a candle lit supper before enjoying a welcome restful night.

Wednesday 25th July. The plan was for us to continue on to Kitutu, (about 2hr drive) after the meeting at Kamatuga, But owing to impassable road conditions that was not possible. However some pastors and members of their congregations, knowing the conditions, walked for two days and two nights from Kitutu to attend the meeting at Kamituga. With them were some orphans from the Jim Rettie orphanage care centre. We were told that some women who had been healed by the Lord at our visit in 2010 were present and It was so encouraging to see them stand or raise their hands in testimony to their healing.

Jim, continuing the Joshua theme spoke on Rahab the prostitute and how as she waited for her promised deliverance she trusted in the thin scarlet cord she was asked to hang from the window of her home in the wall of Jericho. He likened it to the thin red line that is woven through the history of God's people; representing the blood of Christ. Jim had brought with him thin scarlet cords for each of the team members, and, instead of laying hands on those who came forward for prayer, we touched them with the cords. The results were amazing. As people were touched by the cords many seemed to be delivered from some demon type influence.

The Church was then cleared of men, (except Les & Jim & Matthew) and Avril and Linda were invited to address the women; they both gave Spirit inspired messages. Some of the women gave thanks for what they received from Diana, Ruth and Hazel at the last visit, and for the benefit of the various projects.

About an hour after the meeting a Pastor arrived carrying a large clear plastic waste bag filled with jars and lotion type bottles and told us the following. A woman (R,C,) who practiced sorcery , was so under the influence of Satanic powers that she was persuaded to sacrifice six of her own children. Being touched by the cord she was convicted of

her Satanic sinfulness and wanted herself and her house cleared of all the things associated with her crafts. After prayer over the offending items the Pastor took them away to have them destroyed by fire. Such happenings are recorded in Acts Cpt. 19 when early converts brought their scrolls and artefacts to the Apostles to be destroyed by fire.

Throughout the latter part of the day there was a constant coming and going of Pastors and people expressing their appreciation of our coming to be with them and seeking further blessing. The most humbling was just at the end of the day a Pastor arrived from a place about 600 kilometres away. He and ten women from his congregation had walked for ten days and nights, through the most awful weather to be at the meeting. But they arrived too late. Yet he was content to receive a blessing which he would take to his people who were recovering, and being cared for in the Church before starting on the long walk back home. Les, as a personal gift gave 20 Bibles to the Church at Kamatuga. Since returning home we have learned that another twelve people have been tested by their doctors and have been given a clean bill of health.

On the practical side, we were encouraged to learn that the loan system started with our support was beginning to pay dividends and one person had been able to purchase a motor bike to use as a taxi to earn money, and others bought sewing machine to start small businesses.

Thursday 26th July. Up early to leave (7am) to travel back to Bukavu . Owing to the continued thunder and rain the roads were even worse. More than once we had to vacate the vehicle to lighten it as Matthew drove it through what could only be described a trenches of mud, with embankments on either side the height of the vehicle. Even then the vehicle got stuck a few times, and we were blessed by the help of many Congolese travellers.

Then there was that bridge. Not surprising, nothing had been done to improve its state, and again, guided, advised and helped by fellow travellers Matthew nursed the vehicle across with the team making it precariously on foot. Linda likened it to walking a tightrope. And so the normal six hour journey took about eight hours. But praise the Lord we arrived back safely. However, we learned that the truck carrying the choir had got stuck and the members, many of them very young were walking the last few miles. Later we learned that the truck got free and picked the choir up and took them home safely.

Avira

Friday 27th July. Got up early expecting to leave for Avira only to learn that the vehicle required some attention – not surprising. I expected it to be the suspension, which must be of tank standard, but it was the main brake cylinder and pads that needed replacing. That took most of the day, and though we enjoyed some rest and sunbathing we had the concern about travelling late in the day. During our wait, we were met by the director of Bukavu Hospital who is the only surgeon. He told us he had five doctors at the hospital which has 61 beds. He would welcome any Doctor/Nurse who would be willing to visit, help and share ideas. Leaving later than intended we in great haste set off for Avira.

In contrast to the other roads, these were exceptionally dry with sand inches deep making it like driving through snow. A bit tricky, especially at the corners with sheer drops into what seemed like mile deep gullies. However, at the times we dared open our eyes, we were blessed with the most spectacular scenery. With valleys sweeping down to silver mountain streams, and mountains soaring as to the heavens; it is a most beautiful country. Every now and again we would see locals trying to forage a living out of the hillside; like many other things in the Congo, it gives a new meaning to hill farming.

Four hours later, we arrived safely at Avira only to learn that the Swedish Mission had allocated our rooms to accommodate a conference for Bishops from the Swedish Church. After some persuasive negotiations Matthew got us rooms with what was 'shake down' facilities with mattresses on the floor and make shift mozzie nets. He and Kashumbi had to sleep in the kitchen.

Saturday 28th July. This was to be a day for practical things; At the early part Linda and Avril went for a walk within the grounds of the mission house, and came across what is known as the 'waiting area'. A covered circular area with seats and roof. A young man came to speak to them (Kelly) and told them that he was charge hand at the garage, and said that they pray in the waiting area every morning before starting work.

From there we went to the soap factory to show Avril that side of the Oasis Church work. During this time Matthew had received a message from his group at Dodoma in Tanzania to say that whilst they

were praying they had received a word that the people from Scotland were like Joshua. We were greatly encouraged by that. All the time Matthew was getting messages about healings ;- at Kamatuga two women healed of HIV – three husbands received Jesus and been baptised .

We went on to visit what is known as the Kaliba project. We saw what two years ago was a piece of waste land is now a 3 hectre area comprising of rice fields. We were told that during a rainy time when the lake flooded the workers took from the irrigation trenches in the rice fields, 20 kilos of fish; how wonderful is that? Matthew also showed us the building erected to house a Rice Machine which would enable them to treat their own rice ready for the market. We also visited a Rice Machine working nearby.

The plan is that money generated from the rice project would help care for the 200 orphans in the area, and build a Church, foundation already prepared, with 4,000 bricks to hand. He also plans to have a school for the orphans. Matthew is very forward looking and plans to have a restaurant for all the local workers in the rice fields and at the rice machines.

Those of you who have come with us alongside Matthew with the resources made over the last two years will surely be encouraged by the investment. We also saw the pig project and got photos of the piglets.

Sunday 29th July. We began our day at the Oasis Church at Avira. The last time we were there it consisted of a tarpaulin tied to tree branches, now there is a Church building, with some work still to be done on the roof. But there was a good congregation. Pastors from other Churches came to hear the Word; one came all the way from Mwenga. Jim spoke again about Joshua, linking his message to St. Mark Cpt. 4; v 35 -41, with the text “ Come let us go over to the other side. Because we had to go on to Kaliba, we had time only to give a general blessing for healing.

Kaliba

At Kaliba we were met by a huge crowd, including Pastors from various Churches and Christian organisations; each introduced themselves. All the orphans were there and, as it was an open air meeting people passing stopped to hear the message. Jim’s message from

Joshua led into the healing power of Jesus, with Linda giving testimony to healing of a woman with an issue of blood. Les also shared a message on the Resurrection Power.

Again we were pushing on because there was the laying of the foundation cornerstone of the new Church to be attended to, but we had time for some ministries. As a result we witnessed two immediate healings;- a woman who had curvature of the upper part of her spine, and was haunched over was set free with her back straight. A Pastor who came in limping badly received the laying on of hands from Jim and was healed, and in amazement kept swinging his leg to prove it. Later, we learned that 20 people received healing including 5 children. God is good....

We then all proceeded to the foundation of the new Church where , with the reading of Scripture and prayer, and great rejoicing Jim laid the foundation stone. With what we had seen on Saturday, and experienced on Sunday, Kaliba was a memorable experience.

Exhausted, we returned to base at Avira. There Matthew was met by a large delegation from the Avira Church, who were having some difficulty with their Pastor. More than once during the evening Matthew with weary voice said to Jim, "Who would be a leader?" There was however a consolation in that the Bishops' conference had ended and instead of the kitchen he and Kashumbi had a room to themselves; God is good.

To Sange

Monday 30th July. Our plan was to conduct a Meeting at Sange Mapera, and then travel to Bukavu in preparation for departing for Kigali on Tuesday morning.

On the way to Sange we saw some more of the Oasis Churches projects; fields of rice and potatoes, and another pig project.

We also saw the burned out shell of the tanker which in 2010 overturned, and exploded killing 300 people, many of them Church members, including Matthew's father.

It was to be a united meeting with the Sange Rutanga congregation, but not many came from there, But we were again joined by some Pastors; one coming from as far a Goma. It seemed that many of the families here were extremely poor but there was an amazing sense of the Holy Spirit in the time of worship. Jim sensed a deep sadness

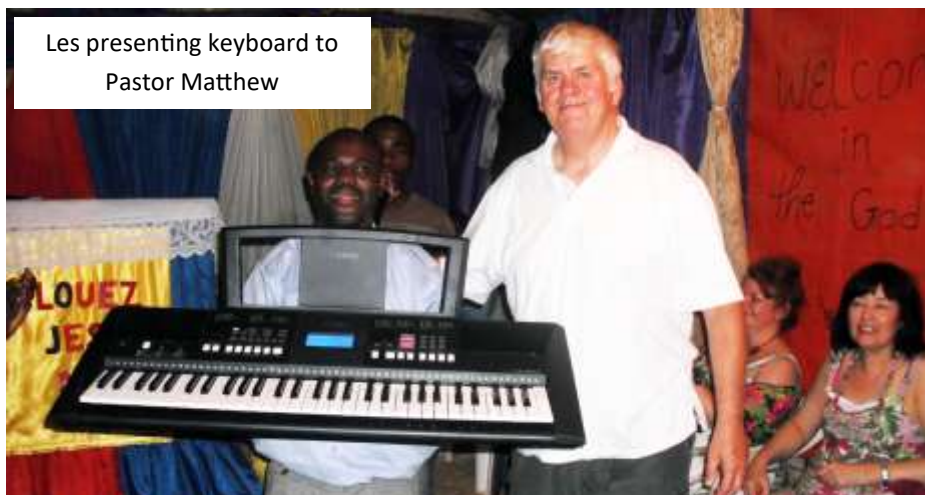
Jim at the Norwegian Mission



Bible School



Les presenting keyboard to
Pastor Matthew



Graduation Day



The Bridge



Graduation Day



The Bridge





Pigs



Chainsaw from the President

among the people. He spoke on the subject of Joshua under the ministry of Moses, and how he learned to trust God in the most dark and difficult times. Trusting in His power to get the job done. He also spoke from Luke 13 v; 10 – 13 – the woman who was kept bent double by Satan for 18yrs, and by the healing power of Jesus was set free.

We would have wanted to spend more time with the people of Sange, but there was again a sense of haste for us to get going. As we reached the main road we were met by a large crowd of people who were obviously in heated dispute about something. It turned out to be a tribal dispute regarding who was to be the next chief of the area; whether he should be Burundian or Congolese. The previous one who was Burandian had died recently. We were informed that in their anger they had closed the main road leading to Bukavu, and Matthew felt it was safer to return to Avira, and wait for the road to be opened.

At that time we got an encouraging Word;- With your help I can advance against a troop, with my God I can scale a wall. 2 Sam. V; 22 – 30. We could only wait the opportunity. It was late at night that we learned that the army and police had cleared the road. Our concern was how we were to get to Bukavu (4hrs) to collect the rest of our luggage, and travel to Kigali (6hrs) in time for our 6.30pm check in for our flight home. Matthew's answer was for us to leave at 5am, do the 4hr journey in 3hrs, have a quick turn about at Bukavu, and do the 6hr journey in 5hrs. at that point I think most of the team just switched off, and gave it all over to our dear Lord to prevail and provide.

Tuesday 31st July;- 5am and we are on our way. At the trouble spot we encountered truck loads of army and police packing up after what must have been their night vigil. We saw signs of how the crowd had set fire to the road using branches and wood . We arrived at Bukavu about 8.30. With just time for re-packing our bags and saying farewell to our host and staff at the Norwegian Hostel, we were again on our way. After an aggravating delay at the Rwanda border crossing, we, at speed, greater than the road conditions warranted , set off for Kigali. With only one brief roadside comfort break, and to get some cool fruit drinks we just kept going.

We arrived at Kigali airport just after 6.30pm, where Jim became violently sick. The sickness continued on board the flight to Brussels, and developed into a severe bout of diarrhoea which lasted with most of the team for ten days. Thanks be to God we are mostly recovered.

LOOKING BACK

So, what was it all about? Well, firstly it was a great encouragement to the people that we made the visit, and many were blessed by our ministry. We want to thank Diana for her faithfulness in keeping you informed of our progress, and for your many prayers from which we drew strength and encouragement; THANK YOU ALL.

We were greatly assured that the resources we made available to Matthew over the last two years have been invested wisely and effectively. Thank you for your contribution towards that. It gives us confidence to look with Matthew at other projects.

We were able to give Bibles to some of the students and others for use in the Bible School. We were able to give 1,000 items of children's clothes and 50 pairs of shoes to the orphanage at Kitutu. Having discussed with Matthew, how it was to be used, we were able to leave with him \$2,300.

Thanks again to those of you who generously supported our mission.

Finally, when I get all the photos together, I will prepare a visual presentation of our experience.

NEWS FROM CONGO

LATE NEWS;- Matthew 's E mail today says ' that encouraged by our visit he has 75 students enrolled for the new Bible School Class. God is good. Amen

9th August 2012

My beloved father pastor James. Yes we are very happy this morning and we continue to pray for you all we hope you are all well and God continues to bless you and fortify your heart.

This morning i received 20 people.-- 7 from Kamituga,10 from Musumba and 3 from Kitutu. they have received the call from God to come to study the word of God at our Bible school here at Bukavu. When I saw these people very tired, from one week on the way walking with great hungry for the word of God, there were many tears in my eyes, Some church members have accept them to live in their houses. Jeff, (a business man whom we prayed for) gave 3 Mattresses for them and Bishop Joshua of Norwegian Mission helped with another 3 Mattresses.

I have been blessed with many testimonies and my heart has been comforted. It confirms for me that really, your trip in Africa was in God's will. I remember you so much and our times together and the times of our separation before we arrive at Kigali Airport.last time. let God continue to bless you and to make you prosper in all you do. send our love to all, tell them that we love them and we continue to expect to hear from them.
God bless you.

20th Aug 2012

Dear beloved father pastor James. yes thank you so much for your message i am very comforted reading it. i just arrived now this morning from kitutu much rain and the road is very bad and , causing many difficulties on the way but in all i have been encouraged to see what God continues to do after your departure.

We transported the roofing sheets from Kamatuga to Kitutu by foot. On the way we had to cross one village about 170 km from Kamituga called Musumba where the people of that city are the amazed peoples these peoples have attend ours meetings at Kamituga and in their village a great thing happened. We found that in the village every house people have put the red cord in their windows, and there people welcomed me with great joys they thought that you had come with me again . And I heard that one person had lost 7 of his teeth in a motor accident about 3 years ago but he had attended the conference at Kamituga and you have prayer for him and put on him a red cord. He arrived at his home and went to sleep. In the Morning he had recouped all his 7 teeth Glory to God.

The people helped us to transport 100 sheets from there until kitutu. We had Good times with them at our crusade and we have baptized at that times 91 persons. When we have arrived at kitutu we build our Center i will send the photo soon. I have paid about 1000 Dollars for 100 sheets + transport from Bukavu. i have paid the worker about 150\$ and i have paid the clothes and shoes for the children costing about 250\$.. HELP TO MICROLOAN PROJECT 500\$. i have paid for another 5 pigs for 100\$.

NOW peoples are very happy and enjoyed the work. God continue to manifested his self and touch many people ,from different areas from Kamituga /Many have received healing. 12 peoples who have received healing and have been tested by the Doctor, they have been healed from Diabetes and, we are with them here at Bukavu with their results from the Doctor ,one woman who have 5 children every times she have been operated to get Baby now after your prayer she have Gave birth to Baby Normal no operation we thank God for all those.

10th Sept 2012

Dear beloved father Rev James. thank you so much for your loving letter full of love and many encouragements. We feel Good and we are very encouraged by it. thank you once again for your good teach-

ings i have printed it and it help us so much in our Bible school i have been teaching it and we have been blessed thank you for it.

Concerning the Ministry, everything went very well and people continue to be encouraged with the wonderful things where God has used you powerfully. Many reports every day come from everywhere you met with people, this encourages us so much. Now our churches seem too small because of people coming. Many who come we have baptized, and there are many other people everywhere in our churches and God's Name is glorified.

2nd Oct 2012

My beloved father pastor James. Jambo,,,,,,,,, Yes :thank you so much for your loving letter i am very blessed to read it, all the student of our Bible school have been reading all those chapter and verses that you have sent to them in your last teachings i have translated it to them ahahaha. We had a Good time in our 4 Bible schools today reading the word of God from you, God bless you so much we bless him again for new students in all we have 139 students God is Good.

Another side we are here at bukavu with all ours Pastors , 1 from Kiliba Sange and 2 Uvira Kamituga musumba mwenga and Kitutu Ngando we have met here together so that we can plan what we can spend our blessing of money you left. After we plan everything together we will spent money like this .

- 1). Our priority is a Rice Machine we will travel to Tanzania with Pastor of Kamituga next week to pay the rice Machine there and to pay the shipment for everything to Uvira from there and we will transport it to Kiliba.
- 2). We have Paid 10.000 bricks for our building at Kilba and started to build i will send the photo soon.
- 3). We have paid 25 bag of cement to get started our building at Sange Mapera because there we have every thing for the building.
- 4). we have paid for 70 sheet for our church of Kamituga and Ngando.
- 5). we have paid for about 50 Bibles for our bible school.
- 6). we have paid rent of land where we will build the church and Bible school at Bukavu. All this I report and I will send the photo to show the people who gave the money to trust us in future when they give money.
- 7). We have paid for 10 Pigs, at Kamituga this will help us for the building of new church there because until now all our churches be-

come too small. God is Good. we thank you so much for this great help to us.

Please continue to pray for us so that God will continue to open other door for us. we love you and we ask God to bless you in all . God bless the Christian healing Ministries of Highland. God bless all the fellowship member God bless you all. let us continue to trust together and when you will arrive here again you will see the fruit of your work. God bless. Pastor Matthew Wilondja your Beloved son

26th Nov 2012

Matthew reported that rebellious soldiers had raided Bukavu, and ransacked houses and violated women. He and Kashumbi, and their daughters fled and spent a week living in a Church with nothing but the clothes they stood in. His neighbour and friend, Joseph, had his son killed by the raiding soldiers.

12th Dec 2012

Dear my beloved father pastor James.

God is Good we praise our God for this message . Last day in our night prayer we have asked God to confirm to us if you are really healed because we have missed you. About one week in asking ourselves if it can be illness to death God sent the Answer from your letter that you are wonderful well . This is Answer from our God we praise him and worship him for his mercy to us day by day.

After reading this teaching i have translated it and this morning I have printed some copies to send to ours churches. The students of Bible school will be in Christmas vacation from today night, they will be back to their homes; many from Kamituga Mwenga Musumba and Kitutu will be back today, I will share with them this morning the word of God, and to wish them a Merry Christmas, and good journey, they will take with them the teachings and some of the experience that we have had in time we spent together. God continue to do a great things .

24th Jan 2013

Matthew reported that the President of D.R. Congo had heard of the good work of the Oasis Bible School, and invited Matthew to travel to Kinshasa to meet him. The distance is 2000km, and the cost of the flight is £900. In response to Matthew's appeal for help, we, in faith, sent the cost of the flight.

This is an excerpt from his report on the visit;- After an hour I was called to the President's Office, and he expressed thanks to the Oasis Churches for helping the Congolese people; especially the widows and orphans, and the young men at the Bible School. He said that my Annual Report was a blessing to him. I talked to him about the Christian Fellowship of Healing for Highlands, led by James Rettie , man of God who has been chosen by God to bring the fire of healing to D.R. Congo. I showed him the many testimonies of the many people who have been healed from this 'Ministry' and all the effort that you and your team have made to get so many things for the Congo, including the ticket for me to fly to meet him.

I showed him the picture of the James Rettie centre at Kitutu, and he was pleased, and he promised to invite you one day, officially, to minister and pray for the sick and preach the fire of healing from our God. At the same time I made him aware of the difficulties we have, and he promised help . We received many medicines, clothes and uniforms, books and pens and many other things for children. Also, we received 5 Chain Saws , each costing about 2000\$ and 3 hectares of woodland with trees to cut down for the building of churches. I was invited to preach in two Churches and spoke of forgiveness and love. My trip was blessed, thank you for standing with us. .. Pastor Matthew Wilondja your beloved son.

TESTIMONY

From your last visit in DR Congo ,the testimonies continue to come.-- the pastor from Musumba told me that his sister have about 17 years of marriage but no children but now he expect baby in 5 months we bless the wonderful name of our God.

LETTERS FROM OUR CHURCHES

1. the Letter from Kamituga says that God have added 15 years in your life, like Kings Hezekiah,.
2. the Letter from Sange say that God have paid James Rettie the rewards of the Congo Trip and he can not Die.
3. the Letter from Musumba say James can not Die before all ours promises from God have been accomplished.
4. the Letter from Kiliba say that we have received the rice Machine from Him, now we want to give people food. We need to Share food

for 5000 people ,and have 12 tonnes of rice in ours stock before James die we need James come again to eat the fruit of his work.

5. letter from our Center at Kitutu say that we haven't any parent .That we know our parent is Rev James Rettie, we have lost ours Biological parent but God has sent to us his servant to be our real father. God can not allow to us to be orphans again. We are waiting and expecting from him some Christmas Gifts so that we can rejoice like other children who have their parents.

6. the Oasis Church at Bukavu say that every day we play the Keyboard your days will be added and renewed day by day and to be a young man, we will again be together..

We cannot finish this letter without thanking you so much for your standing with us in your prayer and your great love that you and your team continue to show to us. God himself will pay you. send our love and greetings to all. Pastor Matthew your Beloved brother in Jesus

WHAT NOW?

Oasis Bible School.

Since our visits to D.R.C. the intake of students has gone through the roof- 175 last term. At the request of Matthew, I continue to resource the School by sending fortnightly teachings. To help with costs of printing and ink etc, and for BIBLES for the students, I made an appeal, and was able to send a little money to help with that. But at the recent Graduation, I was made aware of the shortage of BIBLES for the students – even note books. When there we saw some students using scraps of paper to take notes.

We would welcome donations towards providing bibles for the students.

Transport

On our visits to D.R.C. we have the cost of hiring a vehicle, costing - \$250 per day and we have had in mind for some time the possibility of providing Matthew with a vehicle, which would be a major help to him in his work and a favourable source of income. The vehicle we hire belongs to a fellow Bishop, and from hiring out the vehicle he is able to finance the building of Churches. So, such a vehicle, would be a great help to Matthew, and would greatly reduce our costs on future

visits. The cost of a vehicle suitable for the Congo terrain is in the region of \$17000. Donations towards such a vehicle would be most welcome.

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Vehicle for Oasis Churches, D.R.Congo

Cost of suitable vehicle is \$17,000 £11,000

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By bank transfer - Please pay to "Christian Fellowship of Healing No2". Acc number 0601948102, Sort Code 80-91-26, and include "vehicle" in the Reference.

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