



*Noela's Notes*

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*Julie's Jottings*

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Dear prayer partners:

Perhaps you have been wondering why we haven't sent prayer points and updates this year. The situation in NE DRC and in Manzali in particular has become very complicated and we are both reminded of an elderly missionary friend who was based in this area for 60 years who said "we will never get inside the head of an African Congolese" We definitely agree with him after our many years of working in that area .

As you know over the years we have had the privilege of working with many different languages groups in that area and thank God for such a privilege. It was 22 years ago that we became involved with the work in Manzali area as you may recall approx 300 children were left without parents due to a terrible massacre in the area where we often based. This resulted in the commencement of the sponsorship program and our involvement, in particular financially with the school working closely with our Congolese friends.

We do not understand all that has recently happened but the Headmaster who was not a good man was dismissed having caused many problems indeed. However, he still lives in the area and we are not familiar with the new headmaster of the Manzali school. **SaaSita** who has also worked at the school for many years was Primary Principal and looked after the activities of children who were sponsored. These children also had an activity on Saturday. Along with his wife who worked in the onsite medical clinic, both have been dismissed and the situation has become rather complex now.

We would value your prayers for this situation where many are affected **Way** has advised that "The Administrative secretary of CE39 will visit Manzali this week to meet with church elders, teachers and SaaSita to clarify issues". Please pray in particular for our dearest friend **Acira** who has been so faithful in leadership and care. He is not so well and mostly lives in Bunia even though their home is in Oicha near Manzali and wants to return when he gets medical clearance..

Praise the Lord for **Way Alege** who is helping with the Manzali situation and will continue to help in the absence of Acira. Last week Way met with the militiamen who arrested him on Feb 9th and now has their assurance they won't harm anyone involved with the reforestation project. Please pray especially for the security of workers as last week a number of people were killed and 7 Pygmies killed close to Komanda as ADF have attacked villages resulting in more Pygmy families seeking refuge at Komanda. Reports and prayer points for the Pygmy projects in which **Way** and his son **Shalom** are involved are posted on our website: [www.wordnworks.org](http://www.wordnworks.org) We certainly value your prayers as we are in regular contact with workers in DR of C and need God's wisdom and discernment for our responses.

Thank you for joining us in being "workers together with God" as we seek to make Him known  
With warm Christian greetings

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