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Dear prayer partners:

As always, we appreciate your prayerful interest and care.

These have been very difficult weeks for our Congolese friends particularly with the rebel attack on **Shaurimoya** and **Ataloholu** villages where so much had been invested in time, expense, training and sharing in the lives of many pygmies. We thank God indeed for Way Alege and his son Shalom who have worked tirelessly in extremely dangerous conditions to relocate surviving pygmies. Added to their tasks has been burying several pygmies who have died as a result of starvation. This past week **Lolwa** mission station was attacked and more pygmies have been transported to Komanda which is already overcrowded and lacking sufficient food, shelter and sanitation.

Thank you for praying re the problem with the headmaster of the Manzali secondary school. He has been dismissed but still living in the area and cannot be trusted. However, SaaSita continues to follow up the sponsored children as able while part time teaching at another school. Sadly with all that is happening, there are more and more orphaned children.

Noela has settled well into her new accommodation with her sister even though still needing to dispose of audio equipment and accumulated paperwork. There is continual communication with those in DR of Congo who keep us updated.

Julie has been kept busy with tradesmen repairing damage caused by a white ant invasion. However, our 65year old home is still a wonderful provision and we are very grateful for it.

Our warmest greetings to all

Noela & Julie

PRAYSE FOR...

Answers to prayer

- **Protection and evacuation of workers and teachers from Ataloholu** prior to rebel attack on village and are temporarily relocated in Bunia
- **Safety of 149 pygmies** who fled the area and now have been relocated in the “secure town” of Komanda 75 kms south of Bunia
- **Untiring work of Way and his son Shalom** who negotiate with authorities on behalf of Pygmies and who have the respect of officials and pygmies
- **Improvement in Acira’s health** with new medication and treatment
- **Temporary replacement of headmaster for Manzali Secondary school** following the dismissal of the former headmaster
- **Provision of a teaching position for SaaSita** in another school until it is considered safe for him to return to Manzali school
- **Gedeon’s change of employment** but still planning to try for Pilot licence
- **Jacque** (Gedeon’s wife) continues with a special diet and reports **improvement** in her health

PRAY FOR...

- **Wisdom and safety for Way & Shalom** as they **negotiates with officials** to ensure security, shelter, food, sanitation/health care for almost **600 Pygmies** (problem with discrimination as many of the recently evacuated pygmies from other areas have moral issues and more disruptive). In addition to problems with corruption with handling “AID”. Food that is provided isn’t the “norm” for pygmies who are selling and buying other things and still going hungry.
- **Teachers** to go and live in the camp to have **spiritual input** into the lives of many from **Shaurimoya** and **Ataloholu** who were scheduled to be baptized end of April
- **Acira & Berocan** in Bunia for past 9 months – hoping to return to **Oicha in June**
- **SaaSita** as he assists Acira in locating the sponsored children who are enrolled in the Manzali schools – a number have moved to other area
- **Radio Outreach** with the pre-recorded programs being played regularly
- **Manzali Medical workers** who are faithfully serving the community and for **A replacement** of the **head nurse** who died whilst visiting her village
- **Gedeon** who has been in Australia for **3 years** without success in getting a visa application for his family to join him – needs wisdom as to his **future**
- ❖ **Wisdom and discernment** for us that we might continue to be sensitive to the Lord’s leading and be obedient to His directions especially in allocating funds
- ❖ **DISTRIBUTION of audio recordings, outreach through radio and website** www.wordnworks.org that MANY will come to faith in Christ and believers challenged and encouraged in their daily lives



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