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Dear prayer friends,

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Petrus 1:3

I write this on Good Friday and we remember the death of Jesus on the cross. He died for our sins and when we put our hope in Him, it is a living hope in which we live because Jesus Christ has risen again from death. And we will celebrate this on Sunday. Jesus is risen indeed.



I will celebrate Easter in The Netherlands, where I arrived Tuesday morning. A friend picked me up and brought me to the place where I will be in quarantine. I will stay here for a month (and then another month with my parents), of which ten days in 'quarantine', what with the beautiful weather is not a punishment at all. I enjoyed the rest, the sun, and a book. Someone from cell group came with a flower arrangement. Very pretty. And there are also people who did or are willing to go grocery shopping for me. I am very grateful for this.



CECA 20 General Assembly

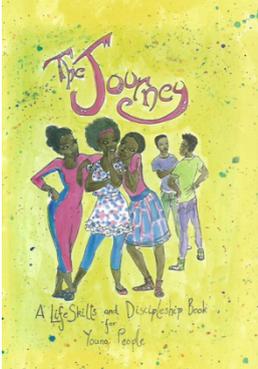
These meetings took place in Dungu in February and I was a delegate from the missionaries in Adi district. We took the bus. And travel by bus in Congo always knows its hassles. On the way to Dungu we had a heated motor and we got stuck in a ditch near Faradje. On the way back we almost hit a Landcruiser that went to the right just before the bus, and ... when it was already dark the window shattered into millions of pieces just where I was sitting. Probably boys standing next to the road had thrown a stone. I was alright.



The meetings were for evaluation and went well. The first two days I was free, not belonging to the organizational committee. It gave me an opportunity to take two afternoons to teach some delegates and local Christians about HIV and AIDS. I explained about the 'Channels of Hope' workshop and picked some lessons that I could briefly explain. Also I was able to visit a woman with HIV who was hospitalized with complications with a deaconess.

AIDS Awareness Program

We have made a planning and would like to organize three 'Channels of Hope' workshops this year starting in June (when I am back in Congo), if the finances have been provided. Where these workshops will take place, we don't know yet, but during the General Assembly in Dungu I was invited to come to Kisangani to do the workshop.



The work on the translation and editing of 'Choosing Hope' continues.

Margaret and I are translating a book for the young people, 'The Journey'. In French we plan to give it the title 'Our Journey' (Notre Voyage), a journey from adolescence into adulthood. We are about halfway, but last week our flash drive crashed. Panic. What could we do now? When I came through Arua, I was able to receive all the original chapters from the author, who put them on a new flash drive.



Also we are still doing the HIV testing together during ante-natal clinics.

Bethsaida

This year we support 30 children, under who is a boy from Oicha. He is in fourth year secondary school and option agronomy. Also we have in Adi itself four new kids taken into the project, of whom the oldest two were still in primary school in the beginning of the sponsoring while they were 18 and 16 years old. Because of the closure of the schools due to covid-19 we have decided that they would start with practical training. Bondela started to study car mechanics since the beginning of March (the chairman of our board worked very hard on this together with Ayila), and his sister Grace started in February learning to be a tailor. Both are loving it.



- Praise God for the resurrection of Jesus;
- Praise God for temporary housing and health (two negative covid-19 tests);
- Thank God for his protection on the road and at home;
- Thank for the help of Ayila and Margaret; pray for them;
- Thank for the two presentations about 'Channels of Hope' in Dungu; and the visit to the hospital;
- Thank for the General Assembly of CECA;
- Pray that it will be possible for me to be vaccinated when I am in The Netherlands;
- Thank that my parents are both completely vaccinated and that they are doing well.

God's richest blessings,

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