

Dear Family and Friends,

I am back in Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo. God is good and I had very good and safe travels. The trip went very smoothly with everything arriving with me. Praise God. Now I am in the process of adjusting to the time change. I am awake at night and very sleepy through the day.

The work began in earnest last Friday. I made a trip to Tracy's Heart Center. It was wonderful to be able to greet the women there. We had a good time together. As usual there is more work to be done than I have hours in the day but it makes the day go by quickly. I returned to Tracy's Heart on Monday. We did a lot of talking so I could catch up on how everything went while I was in the states. I was also able to discuss some plans for the future, which I will be sharing in the next update about Tracy's Heart.

As usual the water and electricity have been scarce since I arrived. Rainy season has not yet begun so I am sure it will all improve in time. At the moment I have water and lights. What a blessing. The water tank is a back up for me but it only pumps water into the house when the power is on. I am thankful for the generator and the two gas burners I have.

Today, Tuesday September 16, 2014, I was at the office of the church leaders. I will be there every Tuesday and Thursday while I am here. Dawn Baird went with me today. She shared a vision God has given her for helping to bring unity to the churches. When God first told Ed to return to Congo he also told him the purpose of our return to the mission field. That purpose was to help bring unity among the churches and to help build their faith. Shortly before Ed died our Congo team discussed how to proceed with this mandate from God. Ed and Bob Baird made some plans to do some traveling and teaching to many of the churches in our group. Before that plan could be initiated Ed went home to Jesus. It has become clear through prayer and discussion that God is still telling us to teach the same message. Together with the church leaders Dawn Baird and I will begin visiting the churches. Dawn will speak about the vision she has received for building unity and I will teach on the need for faith in God and what he can do. I will be picking up where Ed left off. I believe strongly that God has given me the same mandate that he gave Ed. So along with working with Tracy's Heart and the sawmill I will be teaching about trusting God and having enough faith to do as he has asked us to do. Please pray that God will give me the spiritual and physical strength I will need to keep up with this schedule. It has been a great day and I truly enjoyed working with the Congolese. God showed he is leading us and will walk with us through all of this.

For those of you who have been concerned there are no reports of Ebola being near us. It is west side of the country but that is a long way away from us. Every time there has been an outbreak it has not reached us. I have no reason to believe it will reach here this time either but I appreciate the concern and prayers. I will write more later. God bless each of you. Love, Brenda