

Update from Brenda Buell Heart For Central Africa Serving in DR Congo

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Let the work begin! As usual the very next day after arriving in Bukavu, DR Congo I began meeting with people. I was able to greet several people but also was able to get caught up on all the work. I spent 8 hours in conference with the church leaders and leaders of the sawmill project. I will have a separate report on that.

I find that I am staying in my house alone. There are two night watchmen outside guarding the house and several people in and out of the house all day so I am never really alone. On Friday night after a particularly long and busy day I decided that I needed to watch something I would not need to think much about. I brought some DVDs of series from television I was able to purchase these at a very low price at Disc Replay. The one I chose was Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman thinking there would not be anything to make me uneasy at night. The episode I was watching had some conflict between the soldiers and the indians. War was imminent and the indians were putting on the war paint. As I watched I suddenly heard drums! It startled me because it sounded like I was surrounded by the indians. As it turned out the sound of the drums was coming from my neighbors and not the show I was watching. Good timing on their part though. They played the drums until past 3:00 am. So far tonight the drums are quiet so I know the indians are not coming.

It is good to be back. I have had a good time visiting with all my friends. There is a lot of work to do so I will not have any problem keeping busy. Friday I am traveling to a Mudaka, one of our

churches. Bybecca and I will be teaching a seminar on the uses of the Moringa tree. They have planted several of them in the Mudaka area but do not know what to do with them. Then on Sunday I will be traveling with the Executive Committee, church leaders, and their wives to Chaninpanzi, If you remember that is the church in the mountains where I spread Ed's ashes. We will have the same driver as last time because he is very experienced but this time he will be driving my vehicle. It is a Nissan Patrol and has 4-wheel drive. All of us are happy about this arrangement. The last trip was a bit dangerous but an adventure all the same. I am hoping for a calmer trip out there this time. I have been asked to speak at other churches so my schedule is filling up quickly.

Please continue to pray for me as I encourage, teach, help, and travel here in DR Congo. God is good and he has brought me here. i have no doubt he is taking care of me. Without your financial and prayer support I would not be here helping the people of DR Congo as God directs. I pray you each enjoyed a very blessed Easter. I know I continue to rejoice in the resurrection of my Lord Jesus Christ. God bless each of you. Love, Brenda