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We (Murray & Joy) together with Alphonse (one of our workers), have just returned from a very quick trip to Lwanza and Pweto. We had a number of objectives on this trip.

1. Deliver a new operating table to our hospital at Kabyasha. The old one had lost its hydraulics for moving up and down so a new one was required and we were able to deliver it on our way through.
2. We also transported Doctor Nadege and her little girl back to Luanza where Nadege works with her husband Jean Claude. Nadege had traveled to Kinshasa for her mother's funeral so we were able to give her a lift back.
3. Install some new batteries on the new solar system at Luanza. Some of the old batteries we had reused were not in top order so we were able to replace them with new ones.
4. The main reason for our trip was to repair the water system at Chamfubu (Pweto) Hospital. This hospital has not had water for about 6 years requiring people to walk to the river about 1 km to get water. This has been a serious disadvantage for our hospital so to have the water supply restored should mean we are able to attract many more patients. The water is pumped up from the river by a hydraulic pump that was needing repair. We needed to get some new parts for it and repair some of the old parts but that should be done now and we are hopeful that water will start flowing this week. We also had to repair the 1 kilometer pipe that runs from the pump up the hill to the water tower and then on to the hospital. We took plumbing parts and taps and dyes to fix the pipe and worked with the maintenance guys at the hospital showing them how to fix the pipes so the water can flow. We fixed the whole length to the tower and have now sent up more parts to fix the supply to the hospital.
5. We also took text books for teachers to 3 high schools on the way up and bibles to 4 locations for sale.

Since we last wrote our visitors Geoff & Carol Anne Paynter have returned to NZ having spent 10 weeks in DRC helping teach the *Living the Gospel* course and installing a solar power unit for Lwanza Hospital. This new solar power unit will provide 24 hour power to our operating theatres and recovery wards. We are very thankful for their work both in producing the course material and now in the funding and installing this solar power unit.

Our visitors left and we acquired two one month old puppies that are needed to help our old dog in guard duties at the house CDLA owns here in Lubumbashi. These little guys are very cute but require quite a bit of looking after. They are doing really well and growing really quickly.

We have started distribution of the 10,000 bibles we received to places near and far for sale. We are selling the bibles for just \$5USD each which is very cheap to help people be able to afford them. Thanks to the generosity of Everyday Publications (Canada) we are able to source these bibles very cheaply. We were however hit with a bill of \$7400 for customs here in Congo even though the bibles were supposed to be exonerated and not need to pay customs. The \$5 we are charging should allow us to recoup enough money to purchase and transport more bibles so we are excited to be able to get them out to people. We have already sent out and sold a lot of bibles.

We arrived back home Sunday afternoon, then Murray had Monday to prepare and Tuesday left with a team of 7 other for a place called Bukama, where the next conference is to be held. Today is a preparation day and the conference starts tomorrow and runs for 4 days. Murray reports there are already large numbers of people arriving some of whom have traveled long distances to get to the conference. Please pray for the next 4 days of conference that the teaching will impact people as to how we should be Living the Gospel.

Blessings
Joy & Murray