

## The Congo Challenge

Can you imagine driving a 4WD truck into a hole so deep that the water in this hole floods the engine compartment and carries a stick up into the fan that then punctures a hole in the radiator. Well that exactly what happened to Mubanga & Andre. See photos attached. Even more troublesome is that you are 540km from home base, in the bush. What do you do next!? Answer? You remove the broken parts. Load them on a motor bike and travel the 540 km to get repairs done and spare parts. Andre will leave Lubumbashi tomorrow with all the parts to effect the needed repairs.

The good news is the truck was on its return from Mulongo hospital having transported 5 tons of medical supplies to meet the needs of the cholera out-break.

The next challenge is that a storm in Mitwaba, which is the site of one of our hospitals, had destroyed 4 Solar panels on the hospital power system! This hospital is on the same route through to where the truck is awaiting Andre's return. For this reason Andre is taking panels and tools etc with one of the 4WD Land Cruisers and will drop them at the Mitwaba hospital so he can do the needed repairs once the truck is fixed.

We are grateful for the skills and perseverance of Andre & Mubanga in resolving such difficult problems. Please remember to pray for them as they grind their way back home.

## Disturbing report from Ben

Yesterday there was an unrest situation in Lubumbashi. The rebels called Mai-Mai have entered the city and the army and the police came to confront them. People died. The official version given by the authorities is that four rebels died and three policemen. But other sources say that several people died and others were wounded. We saw in front of our office on the road a Land Cruiser of the Police filled with corpses.

We ask for your prayers. God bless you.

Ben

