

# In His Hands

(Isaiah 49:16)



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Dear Friends and Family,

A belated Happy New Year everyone! We thank the Lord for his grace towards us during 2015 and bless Him for all that we've been able to share together both face-to-face and from afar. We shared many joys and sorrows together and we felt more connected than before to you, friends and family!

One of the ominous challenges for 2015 was the deadline to replace the prop at its 6 year life-limit. This was a significant one-time project so it was encouraging to close 2015 on December 31 with installation of a new propeller. **We are thankful for the Lord's continued provision for AMB** and continue to pray for the Lord to open doors to more affordable service to the community. We are currently facing a significant increase in our overflight permit costs for Gabon.



*Jean & Nicholas - Lebamba runway maintenance team that helped me with the installation.*

2016 began with a small New Year's party and a few days later, a busy flight schedule! After years of work in a crowded facility, the Bongolo eye clinic received significant funding for construction of a new eye center. Three containers full of building materials arrived the end of 2015. January and February were busy months as I shuttled teams to Bongolo and back to Libreville to erect the new Bongolo Eye Center building! **Please pray for this project to advance and for wisdom for those supervising the work.**



Bintou coordinated the reception for the ground-breaking dedication which was held in the current eye clinic. It was a great time...just a bit cozy.



*Thank you Jason, Lavon and many others!*

**We also praise the Lord that an inter-church committee for Bible translation and literacy in Gabon has been formed!** Pastor Jean-Marc, the lead Bible translator for the Nzebi project here at Bongolo is the committee chairman and is passionate and experienced in this domain.

He recently invited me to meet with a listening group formed by members of an association for the blind. The SD card/MP3 player was locally purchased in Gabon and the audio Bible in Nzebi came from SIL-Cameroon. **This group has a passion to reach out to their blind brothers and sisters using the audio Bible. Please pray for them and for wisdom on how to best encourage them.**



*Learning by feel to use the "X-Bass" Player*

Amidst the many joys and opportunities, we continue to grieve the loss of a child and pray for God's provision. Thank you so much for your many encouraging and comforting words. We were again reminded that at times, when we feel the most alone, we discover that we are not alone. We know that you continue to pray with us. Thank you.

### **Praise and Prayer Summary**

#### **Praises:**

- The establishment of an inter-church Bible translation committee.
- Opportunities to share the Lord - recently with some US embassy staff.
- God's provision for Aviation Medicale de Bongolo with a new prop.
- The Lord's presence and comfort.

#### **Prayer:**

- Bintou and I as we continue to heal, experience new joy and learn to trust the Lord with everything.
- For God to bless us with a healthy second pregnancy.
- Bintou's heavy schedule at the ophthalmology clinic as well as a full reading schedule.
- The Bongolo team prayer retreat from March 4-6.

By His strength alone,  
Rob & Bintou

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