

In His Hands

(Isaiah 49:16)



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Dear Family, Partners and Friends,

God is answering prayer and we need prayer so we have worked to get another update ready!

When Rob and I moved from Cameroon to Gabon, the aviation program home base also moved from Libreville to Bongolo Hospital. Some 10 years earlier, Dr. Thompson, the Bongolo Hospital director, had built, by faith, a hangar structure – “If you build it, they will come.” Moving the airplane base to Bongolo was not only a fulfillment of Dr. Thompson’s vision for that little hangar he had built years before, **but also God’s provision for Rob and my ministry together!**

A huge advantage of moving the airplane to Bongolo was that it could be housed in a hangar instead of sitting on the ramp in Libreville in the weather and tropical sun. One of the recommendations during [Mission Safety International’s](#) (MSI) audit was the “outstanding” need for a place to store the flammable barrels of fuel outside of the hangar and away from the airplane! Over the past two years, we’ve been waiting for God’s provision for this need and **are excited to share with you that last month unexpectedly, the aviation program was able to buy a good used 40’ container!** Thank you, Lord!



Thank you Bongolo Hospital maintenance team for managing the unloading!

The goal of the ophthalmology residency I am currently in is to train African medical doctors to provide high quality eye care with the goal of winning people to Christ. Those of us on staff have been praying for an opportunity to talk to Gabonese medical students about the Ophthalmology Residency Program. Recently God opened a door for Dr. Wendy (head of the Ophthalmology Department) and me to meet with medical students in Libreville. Most of the medical students were Christians and left challenged to offer their medical skills to God to transform people's lives physically AND spiritually! **Praise God with us for the seeds that were planted in these medical students and that it will result in some being accepted into the Residency program at Bongolo.**



The inter-church committee for Bible translation in Gabon, born from the fruit of Rob's collaboration with multiple partners, had a great seminar on Bible translation the month of June. **The great news of that seminar (consisting of workshops and training) is that the committee adopted seven language Bible translation projects in Gabon!** After so many years with so little Bible translation, this is a huge step in the revitalization of Bible translation and an amazing answer to prayer!



One of the seven (Yipunu) language teams and trainers

As we close, we need to update you on my naturalization process. We are working with an immigration attorney who recommended that we return to the USA before November to maintain my “Green Card” while the naturalization paperwork is process. **Please pray that my Social Security number would be granted and for my citizenship paperwork to be approved and processed quickly.** When things are a little more definite regarding our trip, we will update you with an itinerary.

PRAISES

- Safe and active flight schedule for AMB this month and the new fuel container.
- Bintou passed her comprehensive 1st year exam and is a second year resident.
- Fruitful meetings and collaboration in Bible translation.
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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Put our faith and confidence in God’s presence and power every second regardless of circumstances.
- Wisdom and added strength for Rob with new responsibilities and for God to provide additional aviation support, especially in the area of maintenance.
- Health and strength for Bintou in the ophthalmology residency program as she takes on more responsibilities moving into her second year of residency.
- Preparation and provision for our trip to the US this fall

By His strength alone,
Rob & Bintou

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