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Dear Friends and Family,

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and are rested and ready for an exciting New Year. We are looking forward to what God has planned for MAF here in the Congo, in the weeks ahead and are praising Him for recent ministry blessings.

In December we had our annual Christmas service in the MAF hangar at the Ndolo airport. This is a combined effort by our national staff and they do a great job of putting together the service, and organizing Bible and literature distribution for the airport officials.



The song leader was Simeon Avuta, IT technician.



Pastor Salazaku, from our finance office gave the message.



Tshitshi brought his choir – one of our favorites!

Others participated in prayers, ushering, and handing out literature, soft drinks, and snacks. In all, we were able to give away 65 complete Bibles, as well as several copies of the Gospel of John and New Testaments.

Currently, Leta, from MAF's finance department, has been busy assisting in JESUS film showings in Kinshasa. MAF has also provided the transportation of an evangelistic team from Vanga to Nkara for an outreach project that included a projection of the JESUS film. This week MAF will help facilitate transportation and purchase supplies for a sports camp taking place in the Vanga area. We are excited about these opportunities to participate, above and beyond the regular transportation service provided by our planes.

When we were in the States last year we shared about the tremendous need for Bibles in many of the remote areas. With gifts provided by several of you, we were able to purchase 111 Bibles, which were distributed in the South Kwango area of Congo. Through the ministry of Tshitshi's wife, an evangelist with the Mennonite Church, these Bibles were placed in villages beyond the reach of most of modern society, places where pastors sometimes do not even have a complete Bible of their own.

So, we want to start out the New Year with our thanks for your faithful prayers and gifts that make each of these ministries possible. We may never know the lives that are touched through our aviation program, the JESUS film showings, or literature distribution, but we praise God for these opportunities to share His Word. Thank you for helping to sow the seeds!

Serving with you in the Congo,



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By the way...

If you wish to contribute directly to evangelistic outreaches or Bible purchases, you can send donations to MAF and designate that they are to go to our Africa Evangelism Project # 1712. Recently we were excited to learn that French Bibles have become available for only \$2 here in Kinshasa!