



HAPPENINGS.....The Hurst Family News

Dear Family and Friends,

Happy New Year!! The beginning of a new year brings about a new focus for us, as missionaries on deputation. **Suddenly 2007 is "the year we go to Congo"**. Our mentality changes drastically. Instead of "settling in", we're now very intent on "leaving." There is a lot to accomplish before we leave, mainly in the area of finances.

For us to be able to leave for Congo this summer, as scheduled, we need to raise several thousand dollars, above what was previously raised, in monthly support.

Many factors come into play in the making of a missionary budget, but for us the reasons for our monthly support increase are the incredible needs and challenges of living and working in the Congo.

Having the required financial resources to go to the field is an area that can be difficult to talk about, but this is the practical side of missions that we can't avoid.



Simply put....

We are in desperate need of more financial partners if we are to go to Congo in August.

How can you help?

- ***We would love to meet with you!*** We still have some openings to meet with pastors, missions committees, small groups—basically anyone who is interested in hearing about the ministry in the Congo. Please contact us via the contact info listed below if you're interested in scheduling us for a service or meeting.
- ***By making a monthly pledge.*** Pledges come in all shapes and sizes, from churches and individuals. We have pledges from \$10 up to \$350 a month. The Lord uses them all to help us to meet our budget. If you're interested in making a pledge;
 - ⇒ Click [HERE](#) to a link that has a pledge form. This form can be printed, filled out and mailed to the address at the top of the form.
 - ⇒ Or you can send us an email to us, via our contact information listed below. We would be happy to help you.
 - ⇒ There will be a pledge form in our next newsletter mailing.
- ***By filling out a pledge form if you haven't done so.*** If you have been sending money in on a regular basis, but have never filled out a pledge form, please take the time to do so now. Our headquarters only counts ***signed pledge forms*** before we are authorized to leave for the mission field.
- If you already support us, ***would you please consider a cost of living increase in your pledge?*** If you do make a change in your pledge amount, a new pledge form, with the new, total amount needs to be filled out and sent in.
- ***Make a one time cash offering.*** All cash offerings, unless otherwise specified, go directly into our work funds and are used for various ministry projects that we are involved in. Click [HERE](#) to make an on line contribution. Or send a check, made out to AGWM and marked "**for Pat Hurst, account #290733**" to:
AGWM
1445 N. Boonville Ave.
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Though deputation is a time of stress and challenges as we try to have a "normal" life for one year here in the U.S., along with raising the required missions funds, we are enjoying this year immensely. God has blessed us in many ways.

We Are Thankful.....

- ◆ For relatively smooth presidential elections in Congo.
- ◆ For the positive U.S. experience this furlough has been for our family.

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- ◆ For good health during cold and flu season.
- ◆ For SNOW!!! A rare experience for our kids!
- ◆ For the privilege to serve God in Africa.
- ◆ For YOU



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Thank you so much for your partnership!! God bless you!!