



HAPPENINGS.....The Hurst Family News

Dear Family and Friends,

We are transitioning to life here in America. Deputation is a crazy, chaotic time! One year is just long enough to need to settle in and not feel like you're "camping", but it's also just short enough to feel like settling in is a bit of a "pain". We are so grateful for the furnished missionary home that we are able to rent—it has made the transition much easier.

The kids are doing great—thank you so much for your prayers. This has by far been the easiest re-entry we've had, which is pretty amazing when you consider the ages of our kids!

Ben and Emily are involved in soccer—they're having to learn to play with shoes and shin guards, which has been difficult. They're used to playing barefoot, so they feel very awkward with all the "hardware" on. Abby is on a swim team and doing well.

Pat and I are busy setting up an "office", trying to get the printer to work, figuring out long distance service, etc. Thanks for your patience during these few months of settling in.

The other issue with deputation is that we have to talk about.....money! Deputation is a time when missionaries come home and renew support, raise more support if needed and raise prayer support.



At this point in our missionary career—having finished 3 terms, we weren't thinking we'd have a lot of added monthly support to raise. But moving to the Democratic Republic of the Congo has required a pretty significant increase in our monthly budget needs. The cost of living in Kinshasa (the capital) is very high and the work that we'll be doing demands more funds also.



Honestly, outside of our very first deputation, this is the most we've ever had to raise, so it feels a bit daunting. But we're trusting in God as we know that He has called us to return to the DRC. So, once again we're climbing up "pledge mountain".....but we have a great guide and we LOVE to climb!

How can you help?

- If you already support us, would you consider increasing your support by whatever amount you're able?
- If you don't support us, this is a great time to start!!! We have monthly pledges ranging from \$10/month to \$300/month and they all add up to helping us to meet our budget.
- If you've been sending in regular support but haven't filled out an official pledge form, could you please do so? Our headquarters only counts signed pledge forms when reviewing our support.
- We are currently booking services. If you're interested in having us for a service, please email us or call at (425) 823-3451.

THANK YOU so much for all you do—whether it's in financial support, prayer, a kind word, your emails, etc. We are so grateful for you and know that we couldn't do God's work in Africa without YOUR partnership!

*Pat, Suzanne, Ben
Abby & Emily*

PS—I will be sending out a "snail mail" newsletter within the next few weeks. In it there will be pledge forms that can be used, should you need one. Or follow this link to an on line pledge form. www.hurstsinfrica.com/HurstDonorForm.doc