By Tammy Mosier

It was a beautiful evening with a cool breeze. Of course, anytime it is cool out, it is very beautiful to us here in Congo. Keith got Caleb on the front of the motorcycle with Shiloh behind him. I climbed on behind Shiloh. My mother, who is visiting from America, waived goodbye with Anna in her arms. We rounded bend after bend on the bumpy road. Some of the bumps lifted me right off the seat, as Keith yelled back, “No extra charge for the thrills!” We were excited to be getting out to visit our friends and give them some Bible lessons.

Our friend Mama Tete lives just a few kilometers away and greeted us with open arms. She immediately asked, “Where have you been? It’s been too long since we last saw you!”

“Yes, it has been too long” we replied, “How is your family doing? I see your husband is still gone at work!” We talked for a while about the bricks they were making and other events in the neighborhood. We also inquired about the book *The Great Controversy* we’d given them last year, just to see if they’d been reading it.

After visiting a while, we pulled out a Bible lesson to leave with them, and she said “Oh, I already have that one! Papa Lay has been dropping them off and we enjoy reading them.” We were happy to find out that one of our church members was already active in sharing the drop off Bible lessons! These are our new Congo Swahili lessons that arrived just last summer on a container from America. So, after praying with them, we started home.

We visited others neighbors on the way home, finding that they too had been receiving the lessons. The small group we started years ago in the nearby village of Batiambale has grown so much! I remember when we would walk to church and meet with half a dozen people under a Mango tree. Now, each Sabbath their One Day church with bamboo walls is filled with happy singing families who love Jesus and are looking for His soon return.

Sometimes we can get so busy with managing the business of our ministry and taking care of the needs of over 70 Bible workers and other volunteers that we become emotionally drained. I find it energizing when we personally take time to go out and talk to our friends about Jesus. As I see how the Spirit of God is working in the hearts of those around us, I think back to when we worshiped under the Mango tree in Batiambale Village. I can say that God’s promise is true “Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.”

Ecclesiastes 11:1
It was Sabbath morning. The Sabbath bag was packed the day before, the food was made, and water bottles filled. Now all we needed to do was feed our three children, and get them dressed and ready go. Today was a very special Sabbath. Keith was going to baptize 18 people who loved Jesus and wanted to commit the rest of their lives to serving Him.

As we drove to the church at Bayangene, 45km (27 miles) to the north, there were palm branches and flowers to welcome us. The church was decorated beautifully with wild flowers. They graciously ushered our whole family to the front as they always do. It’s a bit scary to be placed where all eyes can see how well (or how poorly) my three children behave. The children are learning to do well in church, though. The biggest problem is actually when the dear little ones say, “Mom, I need to go to the bathroom.” This happened 2 or 3 times. On one of our trips in and out of the church Caleb cut his hand on a piece of bamboo. After many tears, he went to sleep and slept right through the sermon!

The church was packed to over its full capacity. Everyone was singing joyously and enthusiastically with all their hearts. We heard three presenters who shared from the Bible with many songs between. As I sat there for 3 hours watching and listening, I noticed a huge number of youth. These young people were singing and listening with deep interest. It appeared to me that this was the highlight of their week—Sabbath. They were not playing on their phones waiting for the service to be over, but were deeply involved with what was
happening. In fact, it was the youth that sang several special musical selections. When it was time to go to the baptism, we squeezed all 18 baptismal candidates into the Land Cruiser! I sat up front with Keith driving, Shiloh beside me on the seat, Anna on my lap and Caleb standing between my legs leaning towards me. Keith baptized the youngest first. She was 9 years old. I almost started crying as I watched him baptize one teenager after another, all with joy on their faces. Some were older as well, but all were looking forward to that wonderful day when Jesus will come again to this old world and take them home to be with Him. Revelation 22:11 says “Behold, I come quickly: and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

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**Busombo Thomas**

By Pastor Msafiri Mtenzi, CFM Evangelism Coordinator

Busombo Thomas is a successful church planter. He used to drink liquor a lot before he made the decision for Jesus Christ. One evening he went out to a place to drink liquor. By midnight he was very drunk to the point of forgetting everything. Instead of going home he went to the graveyard, where he spent the night. His wife looked for him in vain.

The next day Busombo was shocked to find himself in the graveyard. The Holy Spirit spoke strongly to him. He realized his wretched condition and decided to follow Jesus. Shortly after that he was baptized. Two months later his church choose him—among many people—to come to Kisangani to attend the evangelism training which was conducted by Congo Frontline Missions. After the training, Thomas was selected to be among the first 15 people hired by CFM to work as church planters in the jungle.

The first place he was sent to work was the village of Bengamisa where he worked for few months. Later the Holy Spirit led him to work in the next village called Bayangene. The Lord opened the way for him and 45 people were baptized. Bayangene company grew stronger and was finally organized as a church. Soon after that, Busombo was moved to another place to continue preaching for Jesus. After working for CFM for six years, Busombo is now going back to his home village to help his people advance the work of God.

It is amazing how God can uplift His people when they decide to follow Him. God took Busombo from being a drunk in the graveyard to a gospel worker. We thank God for CFM’s evangelism school, training many lay people and encouraging them reach the towns and villages in the Congo River Basin. This year CFM is planing to training more men and women for the gospel ministry. Let us pray that God will continue to provide the necessary funds to make CFM school thrive.

When we look at the Bible we find other unlikely candidates called to work for God. Amos raised sheep, not a particularly “spiritual” job; yet he became a channel of God’s message to other people. Our job may not make us feel spiritual or successful, but it is vital work if we are in the place God wants us to be. God can work through us to do extraordinary work, no matter how ordinary our occupation. Even if you aren’t a trained theologian, you can take part in doing God’s work.
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