In spite of recent challenges our team has decided that now is the time we must press on sharing Christ in the Congo. Our team of Evangelists working under the direction of Pastor Msafiri Mtenzi are still preaching, bringing new converts to Christ and strengthening our new believers. We are not surprised to see such trials and many missionaries have gone through greater trials than even these. Paul, Daniel with his three friends, and the faithful ones mentioned in the book of Hebrews are some Biblical examples that give us courage. In May we were given an eviction notice and forced to leave our property, but since that time God has taken good care of our staff and we have continued to press the battle on to the front. We work under the authority of Christ the Son of the Living God and we believe the gates of Hell cannot prevail against us (Matt. 16:16-18). Please pray for us in the following two ways: 1. Continue to lift up our team in prayer that God may grant us courage for the battle. 2. Praise God, that we have a strong possibility of returning to the property and pray that He will open the doors for this to happen quickly.

Keith Mosier
President
For years Congo Frontline Missions (CFM) had a desire to reach the province of Equator with our message of hope. Early this year was the right time to move in the fast growing city of Bumba.

It is a city of diversity, including a wide variety of churches. Bumba is home to five different tribes, the major one being the Budza. Although the territory of Bumba was started 1930, Bumba existed since the late eighteenth century as a fishing village. The population is about 450,000 in the city itself, but includes another million people in the surrounding territory. Bumba is 650 km (almost 400 miles) from Kisangani city by road. Catholics missionaries were the first to arrive in Bumba in the year 1902, but The Adventist church didn’t reach Bumba until 2007. It is actually the last and smallest church so far. The number of church members remained almost the same since 2007, being around 30, until January this year when CFM sent a team to start work. Seminars, revival meetings, mini training sessions have revived the members of the church.

Today we have eight church planters working in different dark villages near Bumba city. We praise God that the membership has now leaped to 201. As we were count villages, we find that only 14 of 355 villages in the territory have been reached by the 3 Angels’ messages-and these are nearer to Kisangani. The goal for CFM evangelism school is to train more members to facilitate reaching the far away villages that are not accessible by roads and to provide more Bibles. The arrival of our new Land cruiser double cab pickup is highly appreciated. It is a tool that allows us to reach even more jungle people.

Yaliombe Village

Amid challenges CFM is facing, Jesus continues to work marvelously in Bumba territory
By Pr Msafiri Mtenzi, Trainer and Evangelism Coordinator

In the year 2010, Blese Mtunga felt a call to work for Jesus as church planter. He is a married young man with 3 children. One year later, he heard about CFM Evangelism School and decided to join. He was trained for two months and went back home to Mbandaka city which is about 1250km (750 miles) from Kisangani. He continued practicing what he learned in school. January this year, CFM called him to minister in a village called Yaliombe in Bumba territory. At first, he was not accepted by the villagers because they saw him as a heretic pastor. Most of his teachings were against what they formally knew. Blese opened the Bible before them. They were amazed at what God wanted them to do. Most of them never had a copy of the Bible-including a number of other pastors. After working hard for four months, 29 were baptized in the Name of “The Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.” Yaliombe company is growing stronger every day, and soon it will become a church. The members are eager to share their new faith. Let us pray that God will open the way for other villages to be reached before Jesus comes the second time.
Rejoicing in the Lord

By Pr Msafiri Mtenzi, Trainer and Evangelism Coordinator

Two months have passed since we were forced to leave our Congo Frontline Missions campus after losing the court case in Kisangani court by fraud. I was blessed yesterday when I toured the campus once again. It is safe and secure so far. A few words of encouragement and appreciation helped the police guards to open the gate for me. (They were ordered never to allow anybody to enter).

“Thank you so much for guarding our things. I know you are guarding in behalf of the new owner Mr. Mukandama, but in reality you are guarding our things. I am sure, the angels of God are guarding with you,” I told them.

“Thanks a lot sir, you are very kind,” they replied.

“What would you like us to do for you?” they inquired.

“I would like to take a short tour.”

Then I was able to tour the campus and take all the photos I wanted.

Thinking back… the day we left the campus was the saddest day in my life. We were mercilessly evicted from our homes like we were deadly criminals. It was the special police force that helped the court to engineer the process. I saw tear gas bombs, heavy guns, shields and knives. Children were crying, but nobody cared. Our possessions were thrown back and forth as if they had no value and some were broken. I solemnly asked our people never to resist because I saw the police were ready for war. We let them do what they wanted as we watched painfully. It was as if I was in a nightmare. That day we could not get any human help. We made calls to all we knew who might help, but we did not receive any positive response. Nobody was available to help us. It was sad.

“Is this the answer we are getting from God after praying for over five years,” we wondered? Some doubted. Witnessing our campus taken was a shocking experience. I saw the hopes of many of our workers crushed down. It was as if the Glory of God had departed!

I called some of our workers for the prayer meeting. I read Habakkuk 3: 16-18 (Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: 18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation).

I urged our workers to keep trusting in God. We worked until after midnight to find places for our workers to spend the night in the city of Kisangani.

In spite of these tests of faith, God blessed the work. Our church building team built 3 One Day Church structures in the Lowa station. We conducted 13 evangelistic efforts over a short period of time and baptized 175 people! We conducted mini evangelism training in Bumba Equator province. We have visited churches in newly started areas. We also had time to think for the future. I would like to thank the team here in Kisangani for the unity we had in spite of all the trials that came. Thanks to Jesus who gave us hope and courage to move forward.

Currently, the Lord has opened the way for us to open negotiations for a settlement with those who took the property from us. We are hopeful that we will soon be able to reach an agreement with them and obtain a clean title to our beloved campus once more. Please keep your prayers ascending for this to happen.
Current Needs

- Water well pumps: $1,000 each
- Church planter support - $95 per month
- Bibles - $11 each
- Radio station 2015 - $18,000 ($9,100 received to date)
- Sponsor evangelism or agriculture students- $120 each
- Water Wells- $6,000 each

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Our Mission

Congo Frontline Missions is a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, dedicated to bringing a message of hope and salvation to the war torn Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). We plan to do this through preaching, teaching, and medical missionary work.

The DRC is a country ripe for the harvest, having been troubled by instability for many years. The last 10 years of war is a reminder to all who live here of how much peace is needed. Who better to turn to than the one who said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you." By God's grace we are daily bringing the gospel of peace to this war torn country.