

# ADVANCE...

By: Willie Hunter

## ***Serving Jesus With Joy...***

January, 2010, marks my 10th anniversary with Gospelink. What a blessing it has been to watch this ministry grow from three nations at that time to the eleven that we are serving in today. To see the ministry grow from under 100 sponsored preachers to over 1,100!

Of the many hats that I wear with Gospelink, the most exciting one for me is USA Director of Accountability and Leadership Development in Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Each year I travel to these two nations to meet with our leaders and with many of our national preachers. The trip is the highlight of my year, every year! When I am there I have to pinch myself to see if this is real or if it is a dream. I love what I do, and I want to share with you now a few pages out of my journal from a trip I just completed to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. So buckle your seat belt, and come with me to Africa!

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is a land of great



*A new village church started in the Congo D. R. during 2008 by Pastor Athanase Habimana*

contrast. The city of Goma, having been destroyed by a volcano in the 1950's and again in 2002, rests on several feet of hard lava rock. I have never seen another city like this one in the world.

It is a city of nearly 800,000 people. Situated on the outskirts of town there are several refugee camps. These camps were formed as a result of the rebels who are fighting each other in the mountain terrain in Southern and Northern Kivu. In the past ten years, over five million men, women, boys and girls have been killed by Hutu and Tutsi rebel gunfire or because of the inability

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*Gospelink was established for the purpose of advancing the gospel throughout the world. It is our belief that this objective can be best accomplished by assisting national preachers who are actively involved in church planting and discipleship. Through prayer and financial assistance national preachers are empowered, their evangelistic outreach is enhanced, and their church planting efforts are accelerated.*

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*National preachers who have been selected for assistance have met all the necessary initial requisites of accountability. Their financial needs have been evaluated. Their morals, reputation, and character are exemplary. Their doctrinal beliefs are sound and their training and ministry experience are verified.*

*Once assistance has been initiated through Gospelink, the national preacher must continue to meet all the ongoing requisites of accountability in order to maintain this assistance. Ministry reports are submitted systematically and on-site evaluations are regularly conducted by the regional directors and Gospelink USA representatives.*

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*The Widows' Church...all of these women lost their husbands in the rebel fighting...many were also raped by the same rebels*

to find food or proper medical care. The suffering here is beyond explanation.

For two days, I traveled with our national director to outlying villages, encouraging church members and Gospelink pastors. The views of Kivu Lake were breathtaking! The beauty is everywhere and there is not a boat on the whole lake, just gentle water and peaceful mountains. The mountains are lush with banana trees and other crops, as the rainy season started in early October.

The rainy season has made for some interesting roads. One road was completely washed away, and the government was in the process of rebuilding it. I was very thankful that we were driving a four-wheel drive vehicle on these slippery roads!

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 Pastor Antonio Fernando  
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On Tuesday, we drove about 120 kilometers to visit Pastor Kiana Boani of Bweremana Village. This pastor is supported by the small group that my wife and I are a part of at our church in Kansas City. What a joy it was to meet his whole family and to pray with them! Pastor Boani has served the Lord at Sayuni Church for the past eleven years. He has had church members raped and killed by the rebels who live in the mountains around his village. He started this rural village church with just six adults and now has 100 who attend regularly. Pastor Boani is currently starting five new churches and has been training five young men to be the pastors at each of these locations.

The biggest challenge for many Gospelink preachers is to obtain land for new churches. In small villages, this land can be

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*Pastor Boani with the five men he is training to oversee the new churches being started*

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## **THE NATIONAL PREACHER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

*...linking Christians in America with national preachers across the world*

### ***Why Gospelink helps national preachers...***

National preachers have many advantages in taking the gospel to their own people. Every national preacher sponsored through Gospelink has already been trained, has helped to establish at least one church, and is actively involved in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. Their morals, work ethic, spiritual reputation, and physical needs have all been verified. With monthly prayer and financial support, they will be able to increase their outreach and accelerate their church planting efforts.

Because the Lord's return is drawing closer and the unfinished task remains so extensive, would you pray about what part you might have in helping one of these national preachers advance the gospel in their area of the world? Whatever they accomplish will be fruit that abounds to your account, also.

### ***How Gospelink helps national preachers...***

Gospelink seeks to secure five sponsorships for each national preacher: three Ministry Sponsorships (\$35 per month each), one Outreach Sponsorship (\$25 per month), and one Training Sponsorship (\$15 per month).

The Ministry Sponsorship funds are used to help the preacher with the basic needs of his family, such as food, clothing, shelter, medicine, and his children's education. The Outreach Sponsorship funds are used to assist the preacher in evangelism and in providing outreach materials, such as, Bibles and tracts. The Training Sponsorship funds are used to help cover the costs of national and regional training opportunities and to provide study materials and curriculum. Please look over the profiles of the preachers (located on pages 6 and 7) and pray about your involvement.

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***How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?  
And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?  
And how shall they hear without a preacher?  
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?***

**Romans 10:14,15**



## JOSEPH FAMILY

**Congo D. R.  
(Northern Kivu Region)**

Pastor: Ndagijimana  
Spouse: N'Ndikubwimana

Child 1: Yamfashije  
Child 2: Denise  
Child 3: Emmanuel

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

I was born into a pagan family and my parents didn't attend church. Following after my parents, I grew up as a drinker. I also used drugs, lied, fought, violated girls, and did many other bad things. I married a girl because I had violated her. Not far from our house was a church. One day, they were singing with guitars. I told my wife I wanted to go there, and she said she would accompany me, though she did not really believe I would go. After the singing, the pastor preached a message that spoke to my heart. When the pastor called for people to confess their sins, I talked to the church about my life and asked forgiveness from God. Then, I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Since that day my life has changed. I abandoned my former life of drinking, adultery, stealing, lying, and fighting. My life is filled with peace. I love my family.

My wife, N'Ndikubwimana, was also born into a pagan family. She was involved in many sins such as drinking, pride, slander, and sexual immorality. This was her life when she married me. When we attended church together, and she heard the message and began to weep and confess her sins. When the pastor asked for people to repent of their sins, N'Ndikubwimana responded along with me. She also received Christ as her Lord and Savior. It was a day of salvation for both of us. Her life changed in many ways. My wife hungered for God's Word. She abandoned her former life and began to serve God.

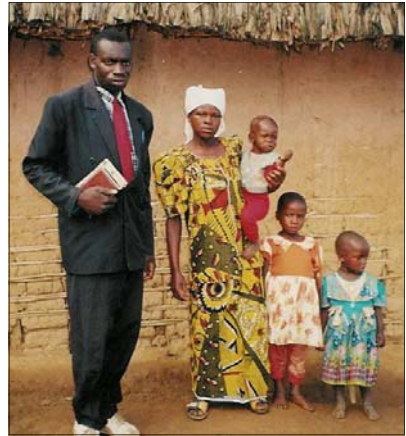
I began very quickly to be involved in my church by teaching and evangelizing. After receiving training for the ministry, I gave myself to God for His service. I now have a new life of loving people and showing mercy. God has truly called me to serve Him with all my life.

**Sponsorships needed: 3 Ministry; 1 Outreach; 1 Training**

## MUSUBIRA FAMILY

**Congo D. R.  
(Northern Kivu Region)**

Pastor: Shirimitima  
Spouse: Maombi  
Child 1: Musika  
Child 2: Manizabayo  
Child 3: Reponse



### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

My father passed away when I was a young boy. During my childhood, I was a pagan like my mother. I followed her example of wrong doing. It was difficult for me to discover what was right or wrong, so I became consumed with drinking. One day my friend invited me to go to church with him. I accepted his invitation and went with him. The Word of God that the preacher spoke touched my heart. When the preacher invited people to repent, I knelt down to ask for forgiveness and accept Jesus as my Savior. After becoming a Christian, my life changed. I have peace in my heart and fear nothing except my Lord.

My wife, Maombi, was also born into a pagan family where idolatry was practiced. Even as a young girl, she was involved in drinking and fornication. But God had a plan for her. One day she followed some girls to church. Maombi sat in the back, watching and listening to the singing and preaching. God touched her heart, and she decided to welcome Jesus into her life. After her salvation, God brought peace into her heart and gave her freedom from her past sins. She has no need to look back to the things of her former life. Now Maombi is a faithful Christian committed to God's ministry.

After my salvation, I began to witness to people about the Lord. As I began to involve myself in prayer groups, Sunday teachings, and reading the Scriptures, I started to grow as a disciple of Christ. I quickly became involved in teaching, evangelizing, and working as a counselor for the youth in my church. When I recognized that God was calling me to serve Him with all my life, I went to Bible College for further training. In serving God, it's my desire to see wonders accomplished for His glory.

**Sponsorships needed: 3 Ministry; 1 Outreach; 1 Training**



purchased for \$300 to \$600. However, this relatively small amount of money puts building a permanent building out of reach for many of our pastors. Please pray for the safety of this dear family and for God's blessings to continue to fall on them.

Next, we traveled farther into the bush to visit Pastor Emmanuel Sibomana, who lives in Karuba Village. This village is up a steep mountain and has beautiful vistas. Pastor Sibomana has been in this village for the last year, having been forced to flee his previous home because of rebel fighting. Before he left, his sixteen year old son was captured and forced to fight for almost five months in the ongoing battle in the mountains.

Pastor Sibomana is building a new church and already has seventeen members and nearly twenty children coming to the Sunday services which are held in a rented house. This pastor is married and has seven children and one orphan living in this simple house. I enjoyed a meal of chicken and rice while visiting with his family. At the worship service in the church, I preached a simple message about the lessons we can learn from the pencil, applying it to our lives and our need for Jesus. At the end of the message, twelve people received Jesus as their Savior. On the way back to Goma town, we passed a truck filled with Tutsi rebels, but fortunately, they did



*(Above) The Goma Volcano has destroyed the city of Goma twice during the past 50 years. The entire city is covered with volcanic rock.*

*(Below) A little child is resting on some lava rock in the city of Goma*



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nothing to us. God was protecting us through many prayers!

After returning through Goma town, we continued traveling to Kibumba village, near the Rwanda border. Again the scenery was spectacular! Contrastingly, this village is filled with dark black soil and many different types of food were growing everywhere...onions, corn, artichokes, carrots. It looked like the Garden of Eden!

There, we visited a church filled with widows and violated women. Upon arriving at the church, the women were singing and dancing around our vehicle. Their praises to God were simply amazing! No instruments, just beautiful faces and voices worshipping the King of Kings. Later, I was told that they were singing about the war and the struggles they have faced but also about the protection of God upon their lives.

I shared a message from Psalm 139 entitled, *Who Are You?* I reminded them that the Lord loves them and that He never stops thinking of them and working for their good! After the service was over, fifteen people accepted Jesus as their Savior!

When the service concluded, we enjoyed a wonderful meal of chicken and spinach with the leaders of the church. Then, I was allowed to interview four of the widows and pray with them. Two of the them had been recently raped, while the other two

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Marissa Kean  
Pastor Lubaba Wa Kapoya  
Democratic Republic of Congo

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Linda Wheatley  
Pastor Jacob Kugwile  
Tanzania

had lost their husbands in rebel gunfire. I tried to speak comforting words to them and to pray for them in a powerful way.

The long journey back to Goma, coupled with the rough, wet roads, was exhausting but worth every minute. It is a joy to serve the Lord!

*These trips to Africa are always life changing! If you have not yet been on a Gospelink mission trip, pray about joining one in 2010. Trips are planned to Africa, Asia, and Europe. Call for more details (434-485-7007).*



*(Top) Gospelink preachers from the Kivu Region in DRC (Bottom) Pastor Boani and Willie Hunter at Sayuni Church in Bweremana Village*

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to those who have begun  
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Pastor Can Nguyen  
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## THE CURRENT NEED

*...unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask*

### Church Plots in Congo D.R.

Gospelink preachers in the Democratic Republic of Congo are starting new churches constantly! One of their biggest challenges is to obtain a plot of land for the church building. In the rural areas, a church plot can be purchased for \$300.00 to \$600.00. Once a plot has been purchased the church really starts to grow as the local people see the church as a permanent part of the community. As the church grows, members give of their resources to buy wood, nails and roofing sheets to construct a building. If you would like to give a gift of any amount to help a Gospelink preacher in the DRC purchase a church plot, complete [page 15](#).

### Goats for Widows

Because of ten years of rebel fighting in the Democratic Republic of Congo, many husbands have been killed or have been forced to fight in the rebel armies. This has left multiple widows to care for their children without the help of their husbands. With no jobs, and no money, their children do not go to school and each day is a struggle just to stay alive. If a widow is given a female goat (at a cost of \$50.00),



*(Top) A church plot in a rural village like this one costs less than \$600. (Above) Provide a goat for a widow in Congo D.R. for \$50 and change her life drastically. (Below) With a \$25 bag of seeds a Christian farmer can grow food for his family and help his church.*



this can change her life. The goat provides milk for her children, while the offspring of the goat can be sold to provide a continuing source of income for the widow's family. If you would like to change the direction of a widow's life by providing her with a goat, complete [page 15](#).

**Seeds of Life**

The black soil in the Kivu's of the Democratic Republic of Congo is fertile land for growing many foods. But, church members of Gospelink preachers in these rural villages need seeds to put into this rich soil. The harvest will feed their family and provide them with an income to help support their pastor and church. A large bag of seeds for planting corn, soybeans, rice, etc...can be purchased in the local markets for about \$25. While that does not seem like a lot of money to us, it's more than one month of wages for many village laborers. If you would like to provide a Christian farmer (who is a member of a church started by a Gospelink preacher) with some seeds, complete [page 15](#).

**Orphan Sponsorships**

Orphan sponsorships are available through Gospelink. These sponsorships are \$30.00 per month. Sponsors will receive biographical information on the orphan they sponsor, as well as a quarterly letter. If you would

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**to those who have given to the**  
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like to assist an orphan with a sponsorship, complete page 15.

### **New Testaments and Tracts**

Gospel tracts and New Testaments are needed for the many African outreach venues scheduled for 2010. To save funds, these outreach materials will be purchased in the USA (in bulk) and shipped overseas.

The cost to purchase one gospel tract, ship it to Africa, and distribute it locally is about 12 cents.

The cost to purchase one New Testament, ship it to Africa, and distribute it locally is about \$2.50.

Thousands of gospel tracts and New Testaments are needed. To help, complete page 15.

### **Student Scholarships Needed**

The International Bible College has enrolled an additional 12 students. Funds are needed to offset some of the costs for their food, supplies, and books. About \$5,500 is needed for 2010. To help, complete page 15.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Will your church conduct a Vacation Bible School in 2010? If so, will the children be collecting funds for a mission project? Gospelink has a number of international projects for children. Would you talk to the VBS leadership at your church about helping with one of these projects? If you would like more information, complete page 15.

## **Many Thanks...**

**to those who have given to  
two or more projects in  
*The Current Need:***

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- 01. Help Buy a Church Plot in Congo D.R. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 02. Help Buy a Goat for a Widow Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 03. Help Buy Seeds for Christian Farmers Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 04. Hunger Relief Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 05. Preachers' Contingency Fund Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 06. Preachers' Widows Fund Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 07. New Testaments (for outreach) Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 08. Gospel Tracts (for outreach) Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 09. Wherever Needed Most Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me with information about helping with a **2010 Vacation Bible School mission project.**

**I want to help an orphan with a sponsorship of \$30.00 per month**, beginning in the month of \_\_\_\_\_. Please send me my sponsor materials. My preference is a: **GIRL / BOY**

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