



Dear friends and family,

As you're reading this, we are on our way to the Democratic Republic of Congo. We've had tremendous favor in casting our vision before pastoral staffs, church congregations and influential business owners. Sometimes things don't move quite as fast as we'd like but that's part of character building. God has been our comforter and encourager, our light unto the path before us.

In the last two weeks almost all of our remaining funds have come in for our trip to the DR Congo. What a relief! In order to enter the country we needed a letter of invitation, notarized in the DRC and sent to the USA. It took almost two months to get our letter of invite notarized and sent to us. It has also taken about that long to make arrangements with our contacts. After jumping that hurdle and paying almost \$300 for a two month visa we still were at risk of not being approved on time. However, just in the last two weeks we've finalized our travel arrangements and our visas are approved!

As we write this newsletter, our emotions cannot be described. We've been through three months of raising our support. This process included working through church impersonal bureaucratic systems, spilling our hearts on peoples coffee tables for a simple, "I'll pray about it," and of course encountering the glazed over looks of individuals who just can't think that big.

Yet the real work has only begun. When we step foot on Congolese soil, what are we to expect? Only God knows. What are we to do? Be Jesus to a people who've known nothing but war, poverty and hatred for the last how many years. What about our safety? We know that no power or principality can be formed against us.

The truth is not a lot in life has made sense since we started the itinerary path as missionaries, but we've learned that when the truth of God's word meets faith, it changes facts.

When we touchdown on the tarmac in Kigali, Rwanda we'll take a bus ride to the Congolese border. There, by the grace of God, we'll enter without any problems and settle into our six-week home away from home. This is the first of many short-term trips before moving long-term.

A call for corporate fasting. . .

Fasting means to go without something. This is in many ways a lost art in American culture. However, the bible directs Christ followers to do this regularly.

Andrew and I want to challenge you, our supporters to embark on a corporate fast on Mondays of every week.

If it's possible, push back the plate and substitute your food for the Word of God and prayer.

Pray for breakthrough in the Democratic Republic of Congo:

- *Declare peace in the region*
- *Pray for laborers to be sent*
- *Pray for miracles, sign and wonders to prevail over curses and superstitions*
- *Pray for the local body that they would examine themselves and stay faithful to the word*
- *Pray for opened doors and supernatural favor with the government*
- *Pray for the safety of all workers in Nord-Kivu, DRC province*

Want to learn more about fasting?

Read The Hidden Power of Prayer and Fasting by Mahesh Chavda

Our number one priority is to share Christ with anyone and everyone we encounter: encouraging indigenous church leaders and creating a relationship with them. These church leaders are the lifeline to the region; they know the languages and the villages. Creating relationships are key to beginning a continuing work.



We will also spend a lot of time visiting local humanitarian organizations in the area (at this point we have found no purely evangelistic organization in the entire region.) We intend to visit the refugee camps and share Christ through serving purified drinking water (a rare commodity in a displaced refugee camp.) Andrew has been invited to speak at several indigenous churches and also speak at a pastor's conference.

We also need to scout points of interest around the city of Goma. This is important information for future trips, especially because we plan on bringing teams. We will learn how far into the bush we could go for ministry, as these are uncharted areas due to the war. On our down time, we will embark on prayer walks around the area, lifting up the people and declaring righteousness in the nation.

Our prayer is not to have one day go to waste. We want to be doing new things, meeting new people and see signs and wonders flow every day. There are few sureties in this trip, but we do know God wouldn't have brought us this far without reason. We will abide in Him and work the harvest.

Thank you all who have helped to make this vision a reality with your financial and prayer support. It wouldn't be possible without you. Please know that this is only the beginning. You have sown into a long-term vision that needs your long-term support. We cannot stress how important this first trip is. We need your prayers more than ever. We also strongly encourage you to fast during these two months for the ministry.

Prayer warriors step up to the plate, if you can host a corporate prayer meeting with friends and family. Do it. You are our lifeline and we need your diligence.

We will be submitting video updates from the field on www.the-roths.weebly.com under "updates". ***If you don't know what to pray for*** visit our "prayer" page on the site. We have also listed a few bullets on this newsletter. We encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and pray passionately heeding upon the Holy Spirit asking Him to give you word's of knowledge so that you may know exactly what to pray for at the given time. Pray as if your own soul were hanging in the balance of heaven and hell. Why? Because that's exactly what's happening in the DR Congo.



Blessings,

Andrew & Amethyst