



*“A curtain had fallen. It was the end of one life. There was no sadness because of the ending, none at all. There were both the hesitancy and expectancy you feel when you have a knock on an unknown door. You do not know who will open it, or what you will see on the other side.” -- Elisabeth Elliot*

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1.) The weight and meaning of this scripture became ever more apparent in the last couple of months. As many of you know, Amethyst and I made the decision to leave Overland Missions.

Our decision came after much deliberation. Overland Missions has been a blessing to us and we appreciate the vision Phil & Sharon possess in reaching large areas of unreached and neglected people throughout the world. After discussing our current situation with many elders and counselors it became more and more apparent that God was leading us in our current direction.

What does this mean? *“Therefore have I set my face like flint,”* were the words of Isaiah. We hold fast to those words for Congo. We have put our hand to the plow and we aren't turning back. As of now, Amethyst and I are missionaries sent out under her home church, Calvary Christian Center in Inverness, FL. They will serve as our spiritual and financial covering.

So what does our day to day life look like? My (Andrew) day is spent learning Swahili for at least 2 hours daily, communicating with key contacts in the Congo, writing detailed administrative documents for future plans and broadening our relationship with other ministries. We understand more and more that this work in the Congo will take more than just Amethyst and Andrew but a vast team of individuals who are called accordingly to the vision. This includes everyone on their knees, on the field, or in the corporate workplace making money for missions.

Most importantly we realize that there's a battle that MUST be waged before setting our feet on Congolese soil again. That battle is prayer. An elder once told us, *“Deep prayer equals a deep move of God. Shallow prayer equals a shallow move of God.”*



There is a battle yet to be won. It's a prayer battle. Over the winter, join us in praying for the people of the DRC. Pray for the believers who live in a constant battle. Pray for the ignorant that they will be told. Pray for us as missionaries that we will do our job according to God's purpose and not our own . . . - Amethyst



It seems a long ways off but May will come before we know it. We're already planning our next trip. As we've travelled this past summer and have experienced life in the DRC, now we have an idea of what to expect and can make more informed decisions. We plan on taking some people with extensive missions experience to help minister in outreaches/conferences and aid in the launching of long-term ministry plans/objectives.

The upcoming summer is also strategic because it's our first large scale financial investment into the Congo. Given the need for adequate and safe transportation, our goal is to purchase two four-wheel drive (4WD) vehicles. These vehicles will aid in accessing over 50,000 people with spiritual aid and humanitarian assistance. To raise the money we have an exciting event coming up in April. We'll leak the details as they're finalized.

Also, we'd like to extend our thankfulness and gratitude to our prayer and financial supporters. You sow sacrificially into us and the ministry God is preparing us to do in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Thank you for your continued support with our transition. As Calvary Christian Center does not do direct deposit, we know that it can be easy to forget to send your monthly donations. We all can be forgetful. Please consider putting a memo on your refrigerator or make a reoccurring reminder in your phone or e-mail system.

If for some reason you are having some financial difficulties and it is too much to continue partnering financially we understand. Please call us and let us know, we don't want you to be overburdened and God wants all of us to give out of joy: not compulsion.

Some of you have considered partnering with us in the past but were unable to commit. It is our hope to raise our monthly support by \$500 before January. Would you prayerfully consider helping us meet our financial need? Give us a call with what God leads you to do.

Thanks for taking time out of your busy schedule to read this. For some this letter might be the only correspondence we have with you, others we see you several times a week. Regardless, we appreciate all of you and thank you for your prayers and support. Thank you for believing in us and our vision to impact and minister to the unreached and neglected people of Democratic Republic of Congo.

Blessings,



**Andrew & Amethyst**

P.S. Give us a call or drop us a line. We'd love to hear what you're doing and we'd love to come into agreement and pray with you.

