## GREAT COMMISSION SUPPORT MINISTRY Spring - 2012

## "Blessed are the Peacemakers... (Mt. 5:9)"

I was greatly encouraged by this short video by an Israeli "peacemaker" who has launched a wonderful internet outreach to his neighboring country Iran. Let's pray for his success and for peace in the Middle East. https://youtu.be/mYjuUoEivbE

## Dental Training for Missions - Congo

I (Gerry) was privileged to go to Congo, Central Africa for three full weeks to teach primary dental care. My host, Dr. Luc Mulimbalimba had one of his workers take some video. So, I thought I'd combine it with some of mine with a few photos. I hope you find it interesting.

https://vimeo.com/41116123

Dr. Luc directs M.H.C.D. "Mission in Health Care & Development." <a href="http://www.mbcdafrica.com">http://www.mbcdafrica.com</a> He has been elected Member of Parliament. He and his wife Delice operate a hospital in the capital of Kinshasa and two dispensaries (Luvungi and Uvira). They run 12-14 smaller health posts in the region and two radio stations. (I spoke on the radio about 4-5 times, teaching dental health and sharing briefly about God's love and Jesus' death on the cross for all humanity. They also run feeding programs, orphanages, seed distribution etc. In fact they do many things.

I trained five students in filling teeth (using the A.R.T. technique) and two were introduced to dental extractions. Two additional students were taught A.R.T by one of the other students. Interestingly, one of my students is a major in the Congolese army. They all seemed very motivated to help their people. It was an honor and joy for me to train them.

I was told there was just one dentist in the whole district and that dental services were, for the most part, non-existent. What a blessing this training can be. I was invited by Dr. Luc to return and partner with his mission to start an official dental school in Congo. Please pray for God's guidance in this possibility.

The people of Congo have greatly suffered as a result of conflict, violence, disease, and poverty. I had one older lady, who I treated, who has outlived her eight children and her husband. Can you imagine? Four sons were killed in one day in the Rwandan war. She has no one to care for her in her old age. You can see the pain in her face. I treated another lady who lost five children.

"Oh God - Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. May you greatly bless these ladies and all those who have suffered so much in this land. I thank you for your wonderful promises in the Beatitudes to bless all those who mourn, are hungry and poor. (Lu 6:20-21)."

## FAMILY NEWS

Our oldest daughter Renee and her husband Azarja are leaving for fulltime missions to South Africa next month. They have two daughters, Elliora (4 ½) and Ester (2½).

Azarja will serve as a pilot with Mercy Air with whom they have made a three-year commitment. Renee, a science teacher, will home school and perhaps assist in teaching other missionary children in the community. Here are a couple of videos about their ministry. Would you please pray for them?

https://vimeo.com/40785343 (abridged 4 min version) https://vimeo.com/38283673 (complete 20 min version)

Nicole, our youngest (22), will be getting married May 10<sup>th</sup> to Mr. Paul Petrarca, a local Brownsville boy (24) who loves the Lord. We thank God for him and look forward to sending you photos in our next letter.

We are thankful to each one who partners with us in this ministry. You are a great blessing to us and to those whose lives are being touched by the love of our Father.

Love & Blessings, Gerry & Denise



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