



u ALMOST 600 PEOPLE ATTENDED AIRPORT ASSEMBLY OF GOD ON SUNDAY!



u WE VISITED BEINE BEACH CHURCH AND THE TCHIMBAMBA CHURCH, BOTH CHURCH PLANTS OF AIRPORT ASSEMBLY.



u THE TEAM LAID BLOCK FOR 2 ROOMS, BUILT A HANGAR, LAID PAVER STONES, AND WALLPAPERED 2 DORM ROOMS.

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“So then, just as you received Christ as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7

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When I think of my trip to the Republic of the Congo, I think of Moses and the burning bush. For me, the Congo trip was my burning bush experience (Exodus 3) – God wanted to get my attention and is calling me to a deeper relationship with Him. **What may God be calling you to do? Maybe He too wants to get your attention.** Hopefully He won't have to fly you half way around the world to do it...

Being in Pointe Noire allowed me to see what it is like to live under God's power and His calling. This is a daily reality for our host missionaries Gary & Janice Dickinson and Congolese Pastors Sosten, Olivie, and Arnaught. God is changing people's lives in the Congo – He is delivering people of demon possession, healing relationships, changing people's hearts, and daily providing for them. Last year Airport Assembly of God



in Pointe Noire took in \$87,000 in tithes and offerings – this in a nation where 70% of the population lives under the poverty line. Why? Because tithing works. **God works. He will deliver what He promises.**



Me in front of Airport A/G

POWER OF PRAYER

In addition to seeing what it looks like to live under God's power, the Congolese taught me how to pray. There is a saying in the Congo, “if your neighbors can't hear you, you must not be praying loud enough.” And boy, the whole community must be able to hear them – there might be 20 people in the church praying, but it sounds like 100! But it isn't just loud praying, it is fervent praying. Why don't I pray like that? I can, and I will. **Because the same God who is moving in the Congo can move here in the U.S.**



Leondryne w/sewing project

Leondryne: Left and forgotten in DROC... *but not by God!*

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!" Isaiah 43:1

One of the most memorable stories from the trip was that of Leondryne, one of the young girls at Janice's women's center. Leondryne is a 19 year old student at the school who had only been there for 1 week before our team came. Even though she is smiling in the picture above, Leondryne's father had left her and her siblings in the Democratic Republic of the Congo while he returned to Pointe Noire and tried to forget about his family. When people at the church found out he had left his family in the lurch, they demanded he bring Leondryne back to Pointe Noire or he would be exposed before the whole church.

As Leondryne had just arrived at the center, she was extremely shy and wouldn't even look Janice in the face when she spoke. But one day, Pastor Hanson, one of our team members, came into the school to take a break from the construction work. He was humming a popular Congolese Christian song and all of the sudden, you heard a gorgeous voice singing the words of the song. It was Leondryne. Even though she had been abandoned by her earthly father, she had not been abandoned by her heavenly Father who made sure she knew every word to that song.

So God knows exactly where you are at too. He knew where Leondryne was, and He knew why He had me go to the Congo. It was during the Wednesday night service at the

Tchimbamba Church that an altar call was given for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I knew I had to go up as this was something I had been seeking but was frustrated by in the past (Acts 2:4). During the altar call God touched my life and the lives of many Congolese who were pouring their hearts out at the altar. And even though I did not get baptized in the Holy Spirit that night, I know it is something I need and something I will now daily seek Him for.

Just as Moses realized the ground he was standing on was holy, so too do I realize that God's power and hand is upon my life. He is looking to pour into me, an earthen clay pot (2 Cor. 4:7), His power and His spirit so that I may mightily be used of Him here on this earth. **And, like Moses, I am not going to ignore the call that God has for my life. Are you?**

One of Christ's earthen vessels,

SHANNAH

WORK PROJECTS: Building for Jesus



During the day, our team was involved in various construction projects around Airport Assembly. From our time in the Congo, we:

- Wallpapered 2 dorm rooms & part of cafeteria
- Built a hangar at women's center
- Laid block for 2 rooms
- Laid paving stones at Bible School



"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people."

Acts 2:17



2009 Congo Missions