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Harvey Holiday Highlights  
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*Dear Family & Friends,*

Greetings from Perry, New York! We want to celebrate what God has been doing in our lives and ministry, and thank you for your support. Won't you take a few minutes to read about *where* we've been, *how* we're doing, our *plans* for the future, and our current *needs*?

### Home Assignment

We've been in the US on a one-year home assignment since July 18, 2006. After spending a week on Long Island at Granny Harvey's Beach (aka Smith Point County Park), we bought, renovated, and moved into Becky's parents' home in August. Then we hit the road in the Harvey RV, logging a zillion miles through December, trying to catch up with you.

### A Newborn Baby

"How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he brings." But then he makes a grimace, and stuff starts leaking out the sides of the diaper! Major problems started surfacing at Congo's Pioneer Christian Hospital in September. Critical labor, quality of care, and administrative issues desperately needed attention, as this newborn mission hospital struggled for survival.

### A Relay Race

When we left Congo for home assignment, we weren't able to hand over the baton securely to those who came after us (due to health problems, missed communications, and other factors beyond our control). Things sort of got off the cinder track, across the parking lot, and into the woods, transforming the relay race into a cross-country marathon. Joe counted it a privilege to go back to Congo with a work team for 3 weeks in January to clear up misunderstandings, finish unfinished business, and make good on some intentions. By the time the J-team (*J* for *Jay, John & January*) got there, Dr. Wolff, Gottfried Michel, and Sarah Speer had already brought the baton back to the track. So then we just had to make sure it got passed on securely to Dr. John Loge as interim medical director. Thanks to God's grace and the enormous efforts of the entire team, including our partner mission HCJB and the many invaluable short-term missionaries that have come and gone, the race is on! The baby is starting to crawl. Soon the hospital will be "walking and leaping and praising God."<sup>2</sup> And maybe someday we'll be able to do away with the diapers!

### Another Analogy

Pioneer Christian Hospital has been, and will continue to be, a fruitful vineyard. Father God trims the branches to prepare the vine to produce more fruit in the future. Grape juice anyone? As the Apostle Paul said of his ministry, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."<sup>3</sup> In our case we planted, but when it came time for our partners to water, it was dry season and Apollos



Preaching in PA



J-team member John Gay visits Dr. Wolff in OR#2

<sup>1</sup> from "Because He Lives" by Bill & Gloria Gaither

<sup>2</sup> Acts 3:8

<sup>3</sup> 1 Corinthians 3:6

had to walk five miles uphill in the heat to a small stream to get the water and carry it back in broken buckets. (Come to think of it, planting was hard work too.) So now we have a baby running a relay race to water a vineyard. Hopefully we won't break down before our analogies do.

### Our Container has Arrived!

After 11 months at sea, in ports, on trains, and on a barge stuck on sandbars in the Congo River, our container finally arrived in Impfondo in February. Also in February, after 8 months in limbo, the hospital's statutes and bylaws were finally approved by the labor office. Thanks for praying!

### Family News

Our girls are attending Harvey Christian Academy (our home-away-from-home school) again this year, while Noah is going to kindergarten at Genesee Country Christian School--when we're in town.

**Olivia** is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. She's looking forward to getting her driver's permit in July. We've started thinking about her going away to college, so we're not in total denial. She's taking a Spanish class at Genesee Community College, and enjoys it. She also enjoys babysitting, writing, acting, directing her own films, and working as an apprentice in the horsemanship program at Briar Creek Ranch.



Our Harvey Girls



Noah's first day of school

**Claire** is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She's first in her class and in a class all her own, all at the same time. She and Joe enjoyed a special father/daughter event this year to celebrate her turning 13. She loves anything to do with horses (especially riding them).

**Isabelle** is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Becky & Joe fight over helping her with math because we still understand it. She's very sensitive, thorough, and helpful. Her drawings of horses are impressive.

**Noah** turned 6 in February. He's a boy. We're trying to bring him up. He loves routine, rules, and boundaries, so he can experiment with them. He loves jumping on trampolines or just jumping, and asks a lot of questions.

**Becky** feels better when she gets to do her morning exercise routine at Curves® for Women. She enjoys teaching our children, and making our house a home. We don't need to say anything about her age, but she's getting used to things being blurry close up.

**Joe** is wondering where he can find Straight Lines for Men. Furlough food hasn't done much for his forty-year-old figure! He has started working on a book about his life to date, and hopes to finish a first draft before we return to Congo in August.

**Becky's Mom** moved into a residential nursing center near Perry in March. Her memory impairment has increased significantly since Dad Jones was promoted to glory in August '05. Mom seems to be adjusting well to her new home, and enjoys her many visitors. Our kids especially enjoy visiting on Bingo night. We are very grateful for Aunt Gini, who had Mom for an extended visit this past year; and for Becky's sister and brother as we've worked through this process together.



With Mom Jones at Aunt Gini's

A **Harvey Family Reunion** was held at Pine-Brook Conference Center Thanksgiving weekend. Joe's Mom, 3 brothers, 4 sisters, in-loves, cousins, aunts, uncles, and most of his 38 nieces and nephews were there. All 98 of us tried to hold still and keep our eyes open for a mob photo wearing color-coordinated t-shirts in the late-autumn early



When 8 was enough



Granny Harvey with 34 of her 38 grandchildren

morning sun. News that nephews Stephen & Seth were seriously injured in a pre-dawn single-car accident a mile from the family homestead on Long Island in February sent us all for a loop. We are very grateful they are recovering, and are praying for them to embrace God's working in their lives.

### So, How are we doing?

While our journey has been rocky and we've been weary at times, there's not enough ink in the printer to even begin to list all the blessings and joys we have experienced along the way. For example: we've been consistently overwhelmed by the incredible support we've received from people like you! It seems that whenever we talk about what God is doing in Congo, people get excited and want to join with us in this effort! Thank you for affording us this privilege of serving God and the Congolese people.

### What about the Future?

All too quickly our time in the US is coming to an end. We are planning to return to Congo in mid-August 2007. Our major objectives for this next term are:

1. To strengthen the hospital's *chaplaincy, church-planting and discipleship-training* program.
2. To develop a life-changing *HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment* program.
3. To launch a government-approved *nurses' training* program.
4. To start a local *Christian radio station*.



Future nursing school?

Our niece Maribeth Harvey is planning to join us for the Fall Semester of her high school senior year. We are looking forward to having family with us in Congo once again, as it's been over 3 years since Granny Harvey's last visit.

### Thank you for your Support.

Thank you for praying. Thank you for helping in many practical ways. Thank you for your gifts and encouragement. We appreciate you. We love you. We know that without your help, we wouldn't be able to continue this ministry, and Pioneer Christian Hospital wouldn't be operating today. We thank you. The hospital staff thanks you. Our patients and their families thank you. *Thank you!*

### What are our Current Needs?

**We need your prayers.** Believe it or not, there are a number of forces at work that don't want the ministry of Pioneer Christian Hospital to succeed! Pray with us for the battle that rages on for the hearts and souls and very lives of the people we seek to serve. Pray that the government makes good on the president's written promise to establish a deed for the hospital property. Pray that the government trade school moves out of the 8 buildings they are using by the end of the current school year. Pray for our relationship with Congolese churches. Please also pray for God's provision in the following areas:

#### Critical personnel needs:

- ✦ *Teacher or teacher's aide* for the 2007-8 school year to help teach MK's (missionary kids) in Impfondo (in English).
- ✦ *Correspondence assistants* to help us stay in touch with our supporters.

- ✠ Also urgently needed at PCH: *nurses, administrative assistant/grant writer, personnel director, full-time hospital chaplain and radio station manager.*

**Work teams** of up to 6 people to come for 2-4 weeks at a time to help renovate 8 buildings for the nursing school and radio station.

**Short-term missionaries** to continue filling in where needed. We need *a doctor to cover for us in February 2008*, so we can attend a Christian Medical Association Continuing Medical Education conference in Kenya.

**Financial support:** Our family's support level is at 100%, and project funds continue to come in, but we could use help for:

- ✠ **New Missionaries already on the field** who need additional monthly support so they can continue to serve:

1. *Melanie Madinga*, from Vanga, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), serves as our field bookkeeper. She needs \$261/month.
2. *Siko and Delphine Bambemba*, also from Vanga, serve as our laboratory & nursing directors. They need \$500/month.

- ✠ **Approved Candidates** needed on the field as soon as possible:

1. *David and Brenda Marsh Family*. David's anticipated service as nursing supervisor is desperately needed. The Marshes need about \$1,800/month so they can leave for language school in Quebec this fall. For more info, contact Brenda (585) 582-1885 or [David\\_Marsh@URMC.Rochester.edu](mailto:David_Marsh@URMC.Rochester.edu).
2. *Art and Danielle Ralston* are urgently needed in Impfondo so Gottfried & Marie Michel can go on their long-overdue furlough. The Ralstons need \$2,875/month and \$6,750 in one-time fees, preferably by the end of September 2007. Nothing is impossible with God. For more info, contact Danielle (585) 245-8185 or [DMRalston@Rochester.rr.com](mailto:DMRalston@Rochester.rr.com).



Melanie Madinga



Siko & Delphine Bambemba

### Stay/Pray Informed

What a privilege to watch God answer your prayers for us and this ministry! "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not...For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."<sup>4</sup> If you want to hear more often about how God's light is shining in our lives, sign up for the *Harvey PrayerNet* by sending your e-mail address to [REWilson@USA.net](mailto:REWilson@USA.net). If you don't have e-mail and would like to receive our *PrayerNet*, contact our mission.

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<sup>4</sup> 1 Corinthians 4:1,6