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Harvey Holiday Highlights

Saint Valentine's Day

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Dear Family & Friends,

We've been working full-time trying to start Republic of Congo's **Pioneer Christian Hospital** for a long time now. We are getting pretty close to actually being able to hospitalize patients, but recently it seems we've spent more time *in* the hospital than starting one!



Our living room also doubles as a ballet studio for Olivia, Claire & Isabelle. October 2004

In November, news that Rebecca's father, **Delbert Allen Jones**, had been admitted to the hospital and placed on a ventilator, caused us to make an emergency trip to the US as a family. The prognosis was grave. We packed our Sunday best, not knowing if he would still be alive when we got there. Thank God, this sickness (Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome due to Amiodarone Pulmonary Toxicity) was not unto death. After Thanksgiving in the ICU and Christmas in Rehab, Dad Jones was home for New Year's Day, making a complete recovery (and sporting a new mustache)!

It started last August when **Olivia Grace**, our beautiful 13-year old daughter, came down with a mysterious tropical illness characterized by recurring fever, joint swelling, swollen lymph nodes, and a curious rash. At first I thought it was Chikungunya Fever, but in retrospect, it seems like it was probably O'Nyong Nyong Fever, because it came back in November & January. Try donating blood with that in your medical history! Olivia is doing better now, after spending several weeks in our living room/ICU.



Dad's first meal after coming off the ventilator. Nov. 2004



Do I have to go home now? Dec. 2004

In December, since physicians can't really heal themselves (the insurance company won't allow it!), **Joseph Mapes** took advantage of some down time (& some potent general anesthesia) in the USA, to have the hardware in his left arm removed. He also invested some time in getting a replacement for his front tooth that went missing when that trailer tire exploded three years ago. Humpty Dumpty is finally back together again, and feeling pretty good, thanks to all the King's horses and all the King's men (and Aetna's Global Health Benefits)!

Soon after we arrived in NY, we were delighted to find out that Rebecca was pregnant, but just before we were to return to Congo in January, we found out that the baby was not developing normally. It was a difficult decision, but we returned to Africa, not knowing what the future would hold. During our layover in Brazzaville, **Rebecca Sue** had a miscarriage and life-threatening hemorrhage, and an emergency procedure (without anesthesia) at a clinic. We are very grateful to God that our flight to Impfondo had been delayed, as there isn't anywhere in Impfondo where one can operate safely, yet.



Noah & best friend Guylvie Ngalipe. July 2004

While Rebecca is still recovering, just a few weeks ago, our almost 4 year old boy, **Noah Allen**, took sick. When the thermometer under his arm reached 105.3°F in spite of children's Tylenol & Advil, we were grateful that short-term missionary Dr. John Loge was around to start intravenous quinine, dypirone and ceftriaxone for Noah's malaria & pneumonia. Once again our living room served as an intensive care unit.

Thankfully, **Claire Elise** and **Isabelle Anna** haven't needed hospital care this year. I remember thinking often during these past few months, that we don't need any more reminders of how desperately Republic of Congo needs a mission hospital. But I just realized that maybe **you** do! Do you? We are in the final stages of getting Congo's Pioneer Christian Hospital facilities ready to open, but we really do need missionary doctors & nurses, and an administrator/accountant. We are doing all we can, and giving all we have. Would **you** pray with us for how **you** should be involved? God wants **you** to serve where (& how) **you** are needed most.

Thank **you** so much for your support & prayers.

For Health & Hope,

*Joseph & Rebecca Harvey
Olivia, Claire, Isabelle, & Noah*

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