

PRAY FOR KEN AND SUE NOW !!!!

That's what two of our partners were "ordered" to do in July during their prayer time. Here's the email they sent us telling about their experience:

Dear Ken and Sue,
You all have been in our prayers much more the last two or so weeks-- one night Walt and I were praying and it was just an order:

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We did and we have been-- so the news about what happened was a confirmation that we really needed to be interceding for you~~

We love to know what is happening so we can pray more intelligently.

By the way, please know that our time with you last year was indelibly stamped in our memories and will never forget the kids as they prayed for their "partners" -us-- That was so precious for us!! What a special time to share devotions with you---

Blessings, love, prayers and support come to you from us~~



Elisabeth & Sue

In Zambia, on the afternoon on July 29th, Sue and Elisabeth (our eight year old) were waiting in a driveway when suddenly a car of four men came behind and blocked Sue's vehicle in. It was a robbery. During this time Ken was thousands of miles away in an isolated area of the Congo.

Turn the page to read Sue's account of what happened next:

Sue's account:

Three men came to my window with a machine gun. One reached in for my purse, but I grabbed it from his hands and said, "Don't take my purse just take my money!". (I knew all my credit cards, and important papers were in the purse). They agreed. Then he took my keys. Before they left I yelled to them, "How am I going to drive home if you have my keys?". Thankfully, they dropped my keys on the street. Elisabeth was crying very much afterwards. She is still, like me, - a bit jumpy now."

I am so thankful that they were not malicious men - they just wanted quick

money. I am so thankful that for the first time ever I put our laptop computer in the back seat. I usually keep it between the two seats in the front with my purse, but since it was on the back seat and covered with my jacket the robbers could only quickly reach in and grab my purse.

Although the thieves got about 400 dollars in cash, I'm glad that they didn't get my identity papers, credit cards, and more. The temptation after this is to live in fear but we have chosen to trust in the Lord and His love.

Don't forget to send us your prayer requests too. We pray for our partners daily.



In August we moved to another place. You know us missionaries —we can't get enough of moving.



Here's some pictures of the kids in the midst of all the confusion of setting up home school in another place. Above, Ken helps load our furniture onto a moving truck.

Thanks for praying for strength for us at that time!

“Is it safe?”

God promises a
safe landing.
not a calm

“Is it safe?” was one of the top questions we were asked when we were moving our family back to Africa.

As Christians, we know that the safest place is to be in the will of God. The most dangerous place is being out of the will of God. Robberies, murders, sicknesses and natural disasters occur all over the world. It is true that crime is higher in some places in Africa than in other parts of the world, but Jesus said, “Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the Gospel will save it”.

While we do not foolishly plunge into danger, our eyes cannot be fastened on our personal safety in this world. This is but a temporary place and our eternal home is in Heaven.

In our next letter:

Thankfully, Ken returned safely from his trip to the Congo. He was able to present linguistic training to students from 17 different language groups. The training went well and it was encouraging to teach people who so much desire the Bible in their own languages.

There is some exciting news of Bible translation in the Congo. We hope to share with you about this in upcoming prayer letters as well give you an update about the Mayogo people with whom we worked before.



*Life is not a journey to the grave
with the intention of arriving
safely in a pretty and well
preserved body, but rather to skid
in broadside, thoroughly used up,
totally worn out, and loudly
proclaiming*

--- WOW!! --- WHAT A RIDE!!

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In May Sue and Sarah taught Zambian women how to do human videos which are a great way of conveying the Good News of Jesus through music and drama. Then we were blessed in September to see ladies perform one that they created themselves.

The Word in Action!

There is no fear in love.

1 John 4:18



Thank the Lord !!

- ✎ Thank God that we have a whole team of people praying for us here!
- ✎ Thank God that Sue and Elisabeth were not hurt in the robbery.
- ✎ We're thankful that Ken was able to teach Bible translation and return home safely from the Congo.

Prayer Moves the Hand of God

- ✦ Pray for strength and a turning to God among those devastated by hurricanes in the Gulf Coast.
- ✦ Pray for Sue as she teaches a Bible club in a school that is mostly Muslim and Baha'i, as well as home schooling all three of our children.
- ✦ Pray for wisdom and direction as we make strategic plans for the work of Bible translation here in central Africa.



In front of our new home with a banner of Isaiah 40:31. Many of you signed encouraging notes on the banner that is now in our home.

*Thanks for encouraging us,
Ken, Sue, Sarah, Elisabeth & Isaac*

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Many churches recognize October as Encourage your Pastors Month. We should be doing that all year round but here's some quick suggestions how you might bless your pastor at this time.

Don't forget!



- 👍 Pray for your pastor.
- 👍 Encourage him in his preaching and ministry.
- 👍 Put into practice what God is teaching through your pastor.

👍 Write his family a note to encourage everyone for what they do.



👍 Give a special anonymous gift just to let the pastor's family know that people care.



👍 Help shoulder the work by being faithful and committed to the work of the church.