

Home Assignment in Canada

As we mentioned in our last update, we are presently back in Canada for a year-long home assignment. We are based in London, Ontario, where we are getting a chance to reconnect with our daughter Nicole, and the rest of our extended family living here in London. Our son Pedro is doing well in school, and enjoying getting reacquainted with life in Canada. He was very excited when we had an unexpected early snowfall last week.

At the same time we are doing a lot of travelling to different churches talking about the work of CBM in Angola. In October we spoke at churches in Hamilton, Grimsby, Toronto and Peterborough, and in November we will be in Nepean and Barrie. This year we are also involved in a “missionary-in-residence” program at Forest Baptist Church. This is giving us an opportunity to connect in an ongoing way with one of our partner churches here in Canada.

For the past few years, Diane has been taking courses by extension from the University of South Africa. Our time in Canada this year is giving her the opportunity to do some intensive study in the area of Community Development.



Diane with her choir at farewell service

Staying Connected with Angola

While we are here in Canada, we are trying to stay connected with our friends in Angola via email and telephone. In September, Angola held its first election in 16 years. Although there was concern about possible negative repercussions, everything seemed to go without serious incident. The governing party remained in power, receiving a reported 81% of the popular vote. Being the second-highest oil producer in Africa, Angola has plenty of potential for future development, although two thirds of the population still make less than \$2 a day.



Komba directing childrens' choir

Just before we left Angola, Komba, the 12 year old boy who had lived with us in Kimpondo for almost two years, was in a serious car accident, in which both of his upper legs were broken. We are quite concerned about him because he is still in the hospital, and apparently one of his legs has not set properly.

At the beginning of December, Jim will be travelling to Kenya to participate in meetings with CBM and the leadership of the IEA, our partner church in Angola. This will be a key opportunity to review the partnership agreement between CBM and the IEA, which will help us to clarify what will be the future focus of our ministry in Angola.

Next May, Diane will be taking a team from one of our partner churches back to Angola for a short term missions trip. Then, we hope to return to Angola to resume our ministry there later next summer.

Prayer focus:

- Pray for the meetings between CBM and the IEA in Kenya in December
- Pray for Komba, that his legs will heal properly and he will have a full recovery from his accident
- Pray for good progress for our 8-year old son Pedro, as he is attending school this year in Canada
- Pray for the churches and leaders of the IEA in Angola

We appreciate your continuing prayers and support. If you would like us to come and speak at your church, please contact Anne Drost at CBM (adrost@cbmin.org or 905-821-3533)

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