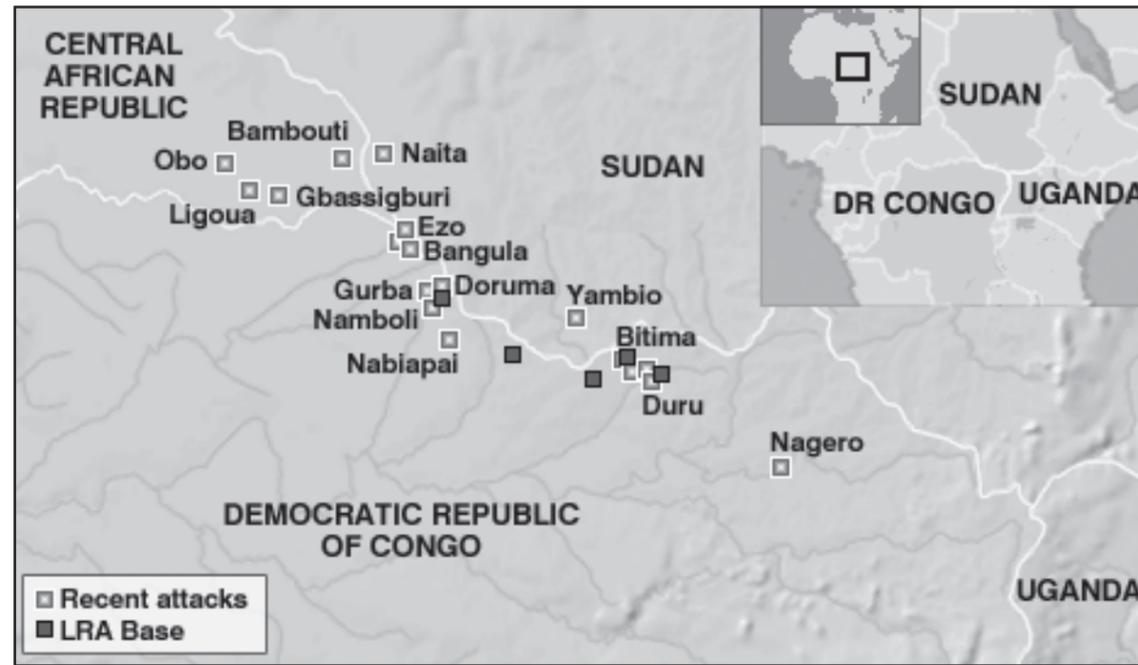


SURROUNDED BUT NOT OVERCOME!



The Gospel is going out in the heart of Azande land even though this area is currently surrounded by Kony Rebels, known also as the LRA. When God first birthed the vision for a radio station in this area, the LRA hadn't invaded. Had we known when the project was started that the situation would one day look like this, human caution may have prevailed. BUT GOD KNEW. And we believe that this is precisely where the radio is suppose to be, bringing the life-changing message of hope through Jesus Christ to the traumatized and dying people of Southern Sudan, DR Congo, and Central African Republic.

God did not reveal how difficult this journey of installing and running a radio would be before we started, as our faith would not have been big enough and we would probably not have started.

God is not Paul Harvey and doesn't tell us "The rest of the story," as we may have lost heart. This year the radio station was hit by lightning after broadcasting had begun. We wondered how this could have happened, as if to say to God, "What were You thinking. It's Your message and then lightning knocks out the power!"

But with prayer and help from faithful friends, the system has been restored and the message is again going out. We praise God for His faithfulness as we continue to learn to trust Him in all things.

**Please continue to help us in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.
Matthew 28:19**

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Don Warren and Rev. Paul Hurst from CRPC are teaching and working in Uganda, South Sudan, and D.R. Congo.

Please remember them in your prayers.



Your support of EMI facilitates micro-development, extending the work of the church in the developing world.

The first week of December 2008, Pastor Orogó organized 150 pastors to attend an evangelism and discipleship training held in Paihda, Northern Uganda taught by Rev. Paul Hurst and Don Warren. The enthusiasm was exciting. Twelve of the men came from DR Congo, with two being Lendu. The Lendu pastors are eager to return to their tribal lands to share the Gospel with their family and friends, some of whom still practice ritual cannibalism.



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EMI At Work

A report from the field

Pastor Orogó's story in the December 2007 Newsletter told how he was born a Muslim but became a missionary. He wrote how the loan of \$1,100 and the new chainsaw Don gave him was used to develop the ministry where he works. Thank YOU for your support of the work of EMI.

Dear Don,
Greetings to u in Christ name. Here below is a one year report of timber project.

We were granted a loan by Don Warren of EMI USD1,100 and one brand new power saw machine as capital to operate the project .

The total amount we got after all the expenses were made in one year is USD4,800.

How the money was used. We managed to pay three pastors in Bible school this year and support their families, costing USD1,500. We managed to pay rent for our office and the workshop for the project for one year, cost USD1,000. We also supported the outreach ministry both in Congo and Uganda, cost USD800 Communication, transport and administration cost USD1,200. Support to Pastors USD300.

May God bless you as we continue to partner with you in His ministry,
Rev. Orogó

Arrested. Arrested Again. Jailed. But Not Defeated.

Hazardous is an apt word to describe some of mission work Don does in Africa. He traveled from Kampala, Uganda through Rwanda to meetings in DR Congo, hoping to enter S. Sudan from the Congo side. Don's email to Suzy in August tells of some of what happened as he tried to get to the radio station at Ezo.

Hello my love;

So good to hear your voice on the phone, sorry to wake you. Tried to get to Ezo from Iziro but was stopped. Amazing how the LRA defines what we do in our ministry work.

The bus to Kigali, Rwanda was well, an African bus! 100 people on a 60-person bus. We took off at 12:30 at night only to return to the bus station two long hours later when the clutch on the bus went out. Boarded another bus, sat for another hour before heading out again to Kigali. Twelve hours later and one rest stop at a place on the side of the road. Then there is the ordeal of the customs and immigration before re-boarding the bus to the bus station. Then I got on another bus to the border of Rwanda and DR Congo, on a very treacherous mountain road. Again I passed another immigration and custom's checkpoint before entering the moonscape of Goma (DR Congo). The volcano had erupted I think in 1993 and destroyed the town. Some of the boulders were as big as a car, not exactly like the ash of Mt. St. Helens.



The volcanic boulders in Goma that caught Don's interest leading to his arrest. His camera was returned after his release.

Got to the hotel for the night before I was to board the cargo plane to Kisingani (DR Congo). The lobby of the hotel still had the volcanic rocks covering it from the eruption. I took a picture of it and my hotel room and promptly got myself arrested with my passport and camera confiscated, not really very fun. I thought to myself "won't these people be embarrassed when they see my personal letter of invitation from the Governor of Province Oriental." They were not impressed. "This is not Province Oriental," I was told, "and this letter means nothing here." And it didn't. Traveling with me from Kampala was a personal escort from the Governor of Province Oriental. When he came to my rescue he was also arrested. Well, eventually some two hours later we were released and I am thinking "am I having fun yet?"

The next day we flew a cargo plane to Kisangani. We were received much better, more like VIP's I guess, due to some embarrassment over the events in Goma. I spent five days in Kisangani, in and out of Government offices and finally left for Isiro to look at some potential sites to do some micro-development. I preached at the Vice-Governor's brother's church, which may have been the highlight of that leg of the journey. I was told in Isiro of the recent LRA attacks near Niagara, which is about half way from Isiro to Ezo. The Governor's security chief forbid us to travel any further north, so I had to re-track back to Kampala instead of continuing to Ezo.

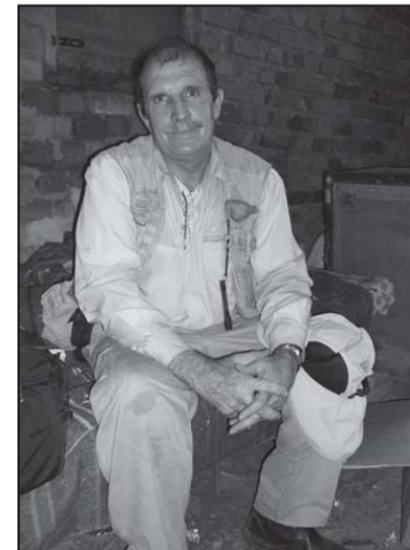
I was greatly encouraged by the large number of churches I found in Congo. Always the request was for Bibles. Everyone seemed excited that we plan on returning to do a joint church evangelism and discipleship training. "This is what is needed," they say, "No one ever comes here anymore and we feel abandoned and forgotten." This place is so broken. What the Moboto regime didn't destroy, the two wars of 1992 and 1998 finished. It is littered in ruins. Gasoline and diesel are \$3.00 per liter, nearly \$12.00 per gallon. Fuel, bottled water, and nearly everything is imported from Uganda.



Grateful for Providential Approval and Registration

At the end of my time there I left with some official provisional paperwork which registers us as an NGO. I will need to go to the Capital to be of any use outside of the Province of Oriental, which is probably the size of California. Still this paperwork covers all of the area we are working in. Praise the Lord for this success because it is very clear that the corrupt officials would continue to extract exorbitant "fees" without this formal approval. I was told that many people wait six months and some more than one year for what we were able to get done in less than a week, so to God be all the glory for this accomplishment. I love you dearly and miss you. Give my girls a super big hug and kiss.
Love, Don

After being released from jail, God impressed Don with Romans 12:21, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."



Again the word *hazardous* applied as Suzy received a call from Don in September telling her that he had been arrested and jailed in S. Sudan. A power struggle had been brewing over the radio station and sawmill. Those opposed to the Gospel would like him to not return. An aberrant official had taken it upon himself to come in the middle of the night to the Chief Martin's house to arrest Don. The chief prevented this from happening, but later when Don went into town he was charged with desecrating a cultural site since Bangani Hill was formerly used for ritual pagan sacrifices (Spring 2007 Newsletter) and for bringing the tribal chiefs from Congo across the border into Sudan (Building Bridges Across Borders-Summer 2008 Newsletter). The charges were outrageous, but Don recognizes the spiritual battle of reclaiming this desperate area for the Gospel which is not without consequences.

Surveying the lightning damaged equipment



Word went out quickly. Chief Martin and others gathered as Don was made to empty his pockets and take off his shoes to be led to the common jail where he spent a day in the urine-soaked jail hut in his stocking feet with three other criminals. He told Suzy it was quite miserable and humiliating, but he never doubted that God would be glorified through this trial. He said he tried to stay standing, but had to finally sit on the filthy floor as his ankle just couldn't support him any longer as the day wore on in the oppressive heat. After a full day and part of the night, Don's many friends secured his release. The Congolese chief also heard of Don's plight and traveled the dangerous miles to stand by his side and offer his support along with other friends. Later both the Sudanese and the Congolese chiefs escorted Don back to Yambio to fly to Kampala. Don was grateful he was traveling alone and that the community removed the official that arrested him before he and Rev. Hurst returned.