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<u>CENTRAL CONGO</u> AVIATION MINISTRY

"Gospel of Jesus through air services"

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, We want to extend our deep appreciation for your love to Christ and your support for H s ministry. You as individual or as a congregation you mean a lot to us as your partners in mission. Last months, October and November we had a chance to visit some of you and shared stories about our work (Wings of Caring aviation ministry) in Central Congo Episcopal Area. Once again we want to express our deep gratitude.

Last week I flew to Wembo, to visit with my mother and spend Christmas with the rest of the family down there. On Christmas day we went to church where our pastor (French Congregation/Wembo Teachers College) read his message from Matthew 1: 18-23 and John1: 1-5 and 9-14. His message to the congregation was: Jesus was and has to be "the man of presence". He dealt a lot with what was present called the "now action". He feed the hungry (now action). He healed the sick (now action), He cast demons (now action). Most of His actions were dealing with the present. When He saw and acted. So, the pastor asked the congregation to pose an action of love to a neighbor before having lunch on this Christmas day.

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I was deeply affected and I thought that the message was directly addressed to me even though they were many in the church. I decided to respond to our pastor call. I went to the market and bought dry fish, some palm oil, some rice and some salt to distribute to old people living in the neighborhood. We gave food to about ten people but among the ten there were two who were very desperate. I do believe they hadn't eaten t for two days. They were very weak and they were laying just on mats. Their appreciation of what we brought to them touched me the most. I was shocked to see what just "a little can do". For this new year 2013 let's together challenge ourselves to be "the now people". With just a little we can make a difference. Thank you for all your support.

Yours in Christ,

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