

## Report of visits to eastern Congo (February 2016), Sébastien Brunel



I was really happy with my stay in Congo, despite some surprises! This trip has been full of happy moments and with the goodness and unlimited grace of God. Several times I also saw the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer and the different topics discussed with young people.

Construction work allowed me to have fun, gain confidence, and to learn English as quickly as possible for maximum communicate.

A good relationship was made with the Canadian team and I was very happy to meet them. I was encouraged and appreciative of the relationship "father-son" John and Jason

Redekop that have a relationship as "friends".

After construction I left on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> with brother Malisawa to Manuyano. I was really pleased by the reception of the brethren and their brotherly love. I was very well received. Two meetings on "faith" were had with 30-35 young people. > We had good conversation. The brother then took me by motorbike to Beni. It was an uncomfortable trip because the road was destroyed by a storm the day before.



In Beni I spoke about two subjects with around 30 young people (walking in the light and the concept of "commitment" in several areas (prayerful life, baptism and remembrance meeting). There were many conversations and questions after remarks were made on these subjects. As in Manuyano, I gave a Bible to those who did not have one. In the four villages about 80 bibles were given to young people. About thirty Bibles were from France, some were from the bookstore in Beni and some were bought from the Christian bookstore in Butembo.

I left by car with the same brother. I stayed in Butembo from Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. The lack of interest among some was a bit discouraging. However there were twenty of them. I spoke about the basics of Christian life, "faith" and "putting on the whole armor of God."



Even though I had already studied most of these subjects in France, I really asked for help from the Holy Spirit to show me the subjects that would met needs of the different decisions, spiritual warfare and questions of the young people. I took the time to talk to them and to go over subjects again according to the needs. Here I learned a lot of the way God answers prayer. The feedback of the young people was often very positive and their participation was a testimony. As

directed by the Lord, I was also pleasantly surprised how God gave me peace and clarity to present the Word to young people.

Being simply a tool in the hands of God, I pray that He continues to work in all these hearts so that there may be fruit for His glory and they may be strengthened.



After a few conversations with Daniel Esimo and Pascal Kambale, the Lord put it on my heart to encourage these young people by a small offering for their work at the bookstore of Bunia.

Reading glasses were given to 5 brothers during this trip.

I was delighted to serve the Lord in Congo, all that I learned, and the only thing I still ask, is that God will make me enjoy His grace, his love, and peace!

Very affectionately,

Sébastien

