

## **JiA 6 MONTH FEEDBACK 2014**

Joseph & Sylvie,

Looking back at our letters and what happened in the first six months of the ministry, I cannot help but praising God for His wonderful work in this ministry in DRC. May God really reveal Himself to you and Sylvie in very special ways during 2015 and may His name be glorified above all!

### **Honeymoon phase:**

Blessed sending out from Heidekoppie church in Brackenfell RSA on 8 June 2014.

Depart on bus to Gauteng and obtain travel documents within record time of one day.

Arrive safely in Lubumbashi DRC on Friday, 20 June 2014.

Spend first weekend with parents. Joseph sees his mother for first time in 9 years.

### **Settling in phase:**

Realities kick in!

Joseph and Sylvie cannot stay too long with family due to existing pressure on households.

Grusome violence in East DRC causes mass influx of people to Lubumbashi

Pastor Cedrick reports almost 9 million people in city and lodging prices are extremely high.

Flats are very rare and does not even guarantee water and electricity.

Some places up to 10 people share one toilet. Postoffice not functioning and costs are almost double.

September 2014 - God has provided a place to stay in the area called Golf.

Both Joseph and Sylvie contracted malaria and we praise God for protecting Sylvie and her baby during the pregnancy.

### **Ministry:**

Due to influx, the traditional denominational borders have shifted. This might be a good thing for unity in Christ across boundaries.

Joseph shares the vision with several church leaders and makes contact during July 2014 with Cedrick (RSA baptist Church). Leadership training and support from local pastors network is a possibility.

Many people are willing to join JiA and they are excited. Joseph is also invited to preach at other congregations.

Sylvie has started a kids ministry and she was invited during August 2014 to help teach children at another congregation.

Joseph and Sylvie continues with discipleship with children and adults.

In September 2014 Kamis from Katuba offers his house for prayer, discipleship and evangelism programs. Meetings continue twice per week on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

JiA outreach during October 2014 in the DRC village, Kwa Bulanda with Campus Crusade for Christ.

People are starting to join JiA in DRC.

On 4 December 2014 Gerty Sarita is born. Truly our first missionary's baby and we praise God for a safe birth and that Sylvie is fully recovered.

During December 2014 the Immanuel Church join JiA as a fully committed JiA church with pastor Petro Kabila and his congregation.

During 2015 the registration of the ministry and establishing a worship centre in DRC is one of the identified needs. The ministry also wants to reach out in rural areas and villages with evangelism and discipleship and strengthen existing relationships. A small group may be visiting DRC from RSA according to God's will.

### **Request:**

Continued prayer for Joseph, Sylvie, Gertie Sarita and the JiA DRC ministry and partners!

Please sow a monthly seed by debit order or otherwise to assist with the ministry, security in minimal finances for the missions pair and their newborn baby and to allow for planning for 2015: *NG Kerk Heidekoppie, ABSA Brackenfell, Tjekrek nr 145 058 0674, Verw: JiA DRC.*

Help taking JiA DRC focus from survival as missionaries to a fully fledged ministry to glorify God, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

### **Photo's:**

View photo's and more feedback with letter's from Joseph on Jesus in Action Facebook under the *following "Album"* titles:

JOSEPH & SYLVIE @ JOURNEY'S END, 22 MARCH 2014;

JiA DRC DVD SHOOT, 4 MAY 2014;

DRC DISCIPLESHIP & PASTOR CEDRICK, 21 JULY 2014;

KAMIS'S HOUSE IN DRC KATUBA, 15 SEPTEMBER 2014;

JOSEPH & SYLVIE ON THEIR WAY TO CHURCH, 18 OCTOBER 2014;

JiA DRC OUTREACH KWA BULANDA, 30 OCTOBER 2014;

PETRO KABILA FROM IMMANUEL CHURCH, 21 NOVEMBER 2014;

JOSEPH & SYLVIE'S NEW BABY - GERTY SARITA, BORN 4 DECEMBER 2014; and

JOSEPH & IMMANUEL CHURCH, 29 DECEMBER 2014.