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Hello from DR Congo,

We have had an interesting couple of months, and we struggle to know quite what to share, but I want to begin by sharing a brief story.

A dear friend of mine was put in a tough position to not fight in court for custody of her niece. She had prayed fervently and received confirmation from the Lord that He would fight for this little girl and that my friend was to remain patient and quiet. At the time, she agonized over this decision. Our instincts often tell us to fight for what we want and believe. I remember praying with her that this decision would glorify God and not cause her to lose the opportunity to help her niece.

The outcome in this situation did not immediately grant her what she desired, but ultimately the victory was even greater. God's plan was so much bigger and better than what she could have imagined, and she reaped the rewards of her faithfulness and patience.

I share this story with you because I really struggle in emulating my friend. If you have been following us on our blog or Facebook, you know that the local UMC and the school where we server are caught up in a legal battle. In this situation, it is so important that Nick and I strive to be neutral. I need to 'remain patient and quiet.'

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Please Pray...

- ...for our patience during this struggle.
- ...that our children continue to demonstrate to us and those around us how resilient they are as life changes.
- ...for the local UMC and TESOL to find a way to come together.
- ...for our families in the US to remain calm as they experience concern for our situation yet can offer only words of encouragement.

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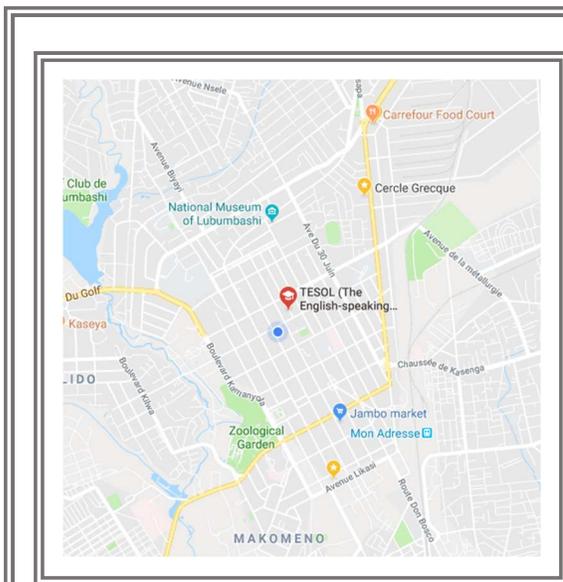
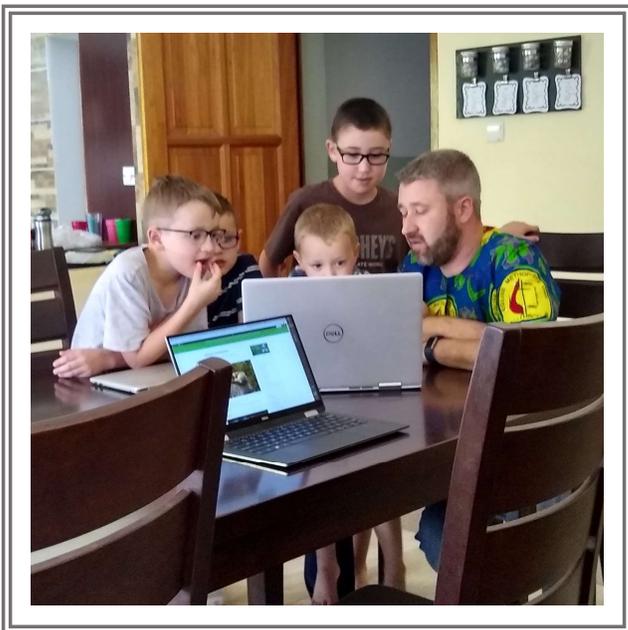
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We have done our best to keep opinions to ourselves and only focus on the well-being of the TESOL students. When the things being said are misleading and there is mistrust and confusion, we have prayed asking God where our place is in this fight. The answer we have been given in prayer is, "This is not your fight." I am not one to run from a battle, so this rips at my heart. Day after day we await a resolution so that God's plans for this school can be realized.



The words to the Casting Crowns song, "Praise You in This Storm," are meaningful for me in this struggle:

And I'll praise you in this storm
 And I will lift my hands
 That you are who you are
 No matter where I am
 And every tear I've cried
 You hold in your hand
 You never left my side
 And though my heart is torn
 I will praise you in this storm



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