



PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE
Brother Jerry's Letters from the Congo

In one of his many heartfelt letters, Brother Jerry describes his days as a missionary and shows us one man's faithful dedication to a life of social justice in the Congo.

Dear Mom,

July 21, 2002

This was a pretty routine week with the usual hospital rounds and outpatient consultations and working in the hospital pharmacy distributing medicines to the various services. I will be glad when the sisters return.

Monday my supervisor of the health center nurses and I made out the list of the 30 vaccination teams for the second phase of the polio vaccination campaign. Everyone wants to be a vaccinator as they get \$5 per day which is a lot considering their monthly salary is \$20.

Tuesday morning we operated on a lady who had the largest ovarian cyst we have seen to date. When I saw her at the outpatient clinic, I thought she was 9 months pregnant. When I examined her it was obvious that she had a cyst that needed to be aspirated. Wednesday morning I had the two hour session for all of the vaccinators.

Thursday, I worked at the homes with the carpenters and painters. We repainted doors, windows, armoires and desks. We are finally getting around to painting the girls' home. It looks nice. They will be surprised when they return. We are building a third dormitory at the boys' home.

Friday afternoon, in preparation for our shopping trip to Kinshasa, we inventoried clothes, towels, blankets, pots and pans at the homes. Boboko Joseph (a senior in biology/chemistry) and Moblia Andre (a senior in the teaching option) are going to Kinshasa with me. They have been my faithful helpers the past 4 years at the homes and youth prayer groups. They have never been outside of the Kiri territory; so, this is a huge event for them. Today they ate with Fr. Daniel and me in order to learn how to use a knife and fork. I gave them each a knife and fork to practice at home.

Last night I had an emergency operation --- a lady with a ruptured tubular pregnancy. So, today I am resting.

Love and prayers, Jerry

Saints Peter & Paul has sponsored the Pendjua Catholic Mission located in the equatorial rain forest of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. There are 40,000 inhabitants divided into two races, the Bantu and the pygmies called Batoa. The Batoa are the majority, yet live in servitude to the Bantu as victims of discrimination and oppression. The Pendjua Catholic Mission is aimed at liberating the Batoa and is staffed by two priests and Brother Jerry Galloway, a medical doctor.

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