



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,

November 30, 2003

I was up early Saturday and left for Pendjua after the 5:30AM mass. I arrived home at noon and spent the afternoon with my "abandoned children." They had choir practice and then we had a "masolo ya bankoko." That is, when one goes on a trip, returns and has to tell all about the trip. (In this case the children) tell me what happened to them while I was gone.

I also gave the boys new shirts and the girls new dresses. Naturally, that makes them very happy, and it is a sign that I have not abandoned or neglected them (with my trips to care for other villages). I can truly say they are the joy of my life. Didn't the Lord tell His disciples, "There is no one who has left home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times as many homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, children or land."

Mk 10:28-30

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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