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Bill is currently in the northeast corner our province of North Kivu, Congo (unexpectedly) leading a faith-based emergency response team to meet unmet needs in the wake of what is looking like Congo's most worrisome Ebola outbreak in history. There were 300 cases as of yesterday and the number is still climbing. This outbreak has erupted in a part of the Congo already devastated by years of frequent rebel attacks, kidnapping, abject poverty, and extremely poor health conditions which makes it particularly difficult to control.

Schools are closed, fields lie untended, markets are empty, and health centers are abandoned as people live in fear of getting ill and being taken to an Ebola treatment camp...where many die horrific deaths. In this context, Bill tells the story this week of churches overflowing with people praying and raising their hands to God...services go on through the day. In the midst of untenable suffering and persecution, Congolese have not given up hope, and are turning their cries, their hearts, their prayers to the Lord.



*Bill with Dr Germaine, the District Medical Officer for Mabalako, where the first case was diagnosed in September. Congolese who love to shake hands or hug... now touch elbows as a sign of greeting due to the extreme contagious nature of this virus.*

Please pray for the Congolese people who have suffered so much these past two decades of fighting and conflict, who remain in large part in abject poverty, and now face an ominous threat within their midst.

