In the wake of a devastating volcanic eruption and subsequent earthquakes that destroyed over 4,000 homes and left tens of thousands without shelter, food, livelihood, and in some respects hope, Bill and I were privileged to be in Goma to help meet the needs of some of the 400,000 persons that evacuated the city and came back to loss, devastation, and despair. With an outpouring of love and support from our churches, partners, and friends back home, we have been blessed by the opportunities to share, to give, to listen, and to be part of the healing and restoration of these precious communities of believers.

Along with our faithful Congolese colleagues, we have, to date:

- Held Trauma Counseling training for youth leaders and Sunday School teachers.
- Arranged medical care and hospitalization for those in need.
- Purchased 1 handicapped bicycle and ordered 3 more for those whose bikes were stolen during evacuation.
- Provided critical food supplies for 68 families.
- Replaced 10 goats of Fungua Maisha women who lost theirs to lava flow.
- Financed the rotating credit program for 47 women who lost their livelihoods.
- Established detailed lists of those who lost their possessions to lava or theft and are starting to respond to their needs.

We are thankful for the hearts of many, and their gifts that have made it possible. We also cherish all the prayers!

Dear friends at Holy Christian Fellowship,

Just an update from Goma - it's a privilege to serve here. We thank you for your support!

Love, [Name]