

John & Emily Combest

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*your missionaries to the*

Brazzaville

Dear family and friends,

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**Who can God use as a missionary?  
"Could He really use me?!"**

Often, folks ask us what it takes to be a missionary. My automatic answer is "**you**". Some would say this is oversimplified, but I don't think so. Joseph was a slave, David was a shepherd boy, and Peter just a big brawny fisherman; but God used each of their lives in a unique and special way. We may just be "ordinary" folks, but God is ready to work through us in extraordinary ways if we will make ourselves available for His use! All a missionary is, is one who has prepared and made himself available to be used by God anywhere He sees fit. For some, the task lies in Africa; for others, it may be America; but for all, it is as "He sees fit".

With that in mind, here is just a smidgen of what God is doing through Emily and I: September was the second month of intense traveling for us as we focus on finishing our deputation this year, and what an amazing month it was! A big "thank you" to each one of you who housed, fed, or even just fellowshipped with us as we passed through. With meetings in Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, we were kept quite busy just running from one meeting to the next! During the last couple of weeks, Emily and I were able to speak nearly 20 different times in churches, Sunday schools, Junior churches, special meetings, Q&A sessions and much more. God has allowed us to connect with a good number of folks. I just pray we have been as much a blessing to them as they have been to us. We are greatly blessed.

To the Poer team, Thank You! for the year of time and investment yall made in order to host us for the conference



Please continue to pray for us as we travel to different meetings. We have two more mission's conferences in Texas before driving up to Michigan and Ohio the end of next week. By the end of the month, we will be hailing from the frozen expanse of Alaska! If I could ask for specific prayer concerning health. I ended up having an appendectomy a few days ago which will limit me somewhat for the next few weeks. Pray for Emily as she deals with me (nothing new I guess) and the extra workload this will bring her for a bit.

**Answered Prayer!** We thank God that a place has opened for us in Albertville, France! We have received our official acceptance papers from the language school and will be applying for our visas soon! Thank you for keeping us continually in your prayers! *Bro. John, Emily, Little Lydia*

Berean Baptist from Adrian, Michigan, hosted us for a two day Servant's Retreat on Mackinac Island. We will never forget it. **Thank You** for the "time away" to be refreshed and rebooted!



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From the  
heart of Africa

**... to preach the gospel. not where Christ was named... Rom. 15:20**