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## A FAITHFUL SERVANT GOES HOME

I never met Mike Gignilliat (pronounced: Jĭn-lăt) but I will one day when I finally go home as he did on Saturday, November 25, 2023. Mike called me on the phone sometime in June of 2012 while Hope Tract Ministry was still located at Blessed Hope Baptist Church here in York. He lived in Hinesville, Georgia, with his wife Brenda who still lives there. They had seen one of our tracts and called to get some. They were interested in helping to ship some overseas when I explained our Satellite Program to him.

For those of you who are not familiar with this, we ship boxes of tracts to churches or individuals, and they remove the tracts from their box and repack them in a medium flat-rate box which can be obtained at no cost from the Post Office. They then take this box back to the Post Office and pay to mail them to a foreign country. A box of 2,500 tracts costs anywhere from \$70.00 to \$112.00 to ship, depending upon the country of their destination. This enables us to reach so many more!



Mike and Brenda Gignilliat

He said that he and Brenda would like to help and began working with us right away. Mike was a disabled army veteran who battled many health problems over the years, but not any longer! Since they began helping us in July of 2012 until last month, they have shipped out over one million tracts to more foreign countries than I could list. They were members of Trinity Baptist Church in Ludowici, Georgia, where Matthew Massey has been pastor for the past ten years. Please remember his wife Brenda in prayer. Hope Tract Ministry owes a great debt of gratitude to the both of them for their great labor of love in reaching around the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

## LOOKING BACK AT 2023

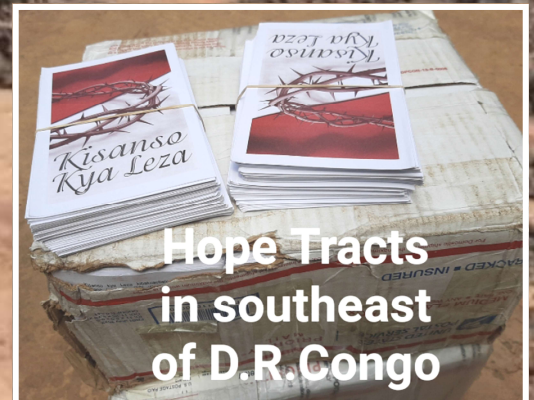
As we look back over the past year, we are reminded of all the great things God has done in and through this ministry. We received word of 213 saved in India through our tracts and three others here in the US. We introduced two new English tracts, "Artificial Intelligence" and "The Forbidden Chapter." We had two of our tracts "The Water of Life" and "Are You 100% Sure?" translated into Hungarian by our dear friend Zoltan Varga. Two of our tracts, "The Love of God" and "Which Way" were translated into Kiluba by missionary Umba wa Bondo Kazadi for use in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Please see our article on the following page.

We were very saddened to lose two very precious people who were a great help in this ministry. Marcella Douthit went home to be with the Lord this past August and Mike Gignilliat went home in November. We will miss both of them very much!

We look forward to what God will do in this coming new year and wonder...could this be the year of our Lord's return!

# UMBA KAZADI'S WORK IN CONGO

Imagine setting out to take the gospel to the village of Konga and finding this the only way to get there! These were the conditions faced by Missionary/Evangelist Umba wa Bondo Kazadi as he took these gospel tracts to the Biluba tribe. He wrote: *"I am so grateful for the Hope Tract Ministry to provide us with these precious tools, which are enabling us to reach lost souls for our Lord Jesus Christ. These last days, I traveled some miles for free distribution to the Biluba tribe where the Kiluba language is spoken...After collecting the tracts, I planned to reach Konga village situated at 527 km from Lubumbashi where I am living, because these villages are so neglected by many evangelists as the roads are worst. If you don't have a vehicle 4x4 you cannot reach these areas..."*



Bro. Kazadi continued, *"When I came from the Post collecting the parcels of tracts 'The Love of God' in Kiluba, I found two visitors in our home. As I was so curious to open those boxes, these visitors were also curious to read in their native language. I was so surprised how the message touched their hearts, as they were not Christian, one after another gave their lives to Jesus Christ as their personal Savior."*

***"The Konga is a small village with approximately 400 peoples. They are living by the agriculture and hunting. Most of its habitants are not Christians, this area is dominated by animist religions. So these tracts are appropriate in the area like Konga village."***



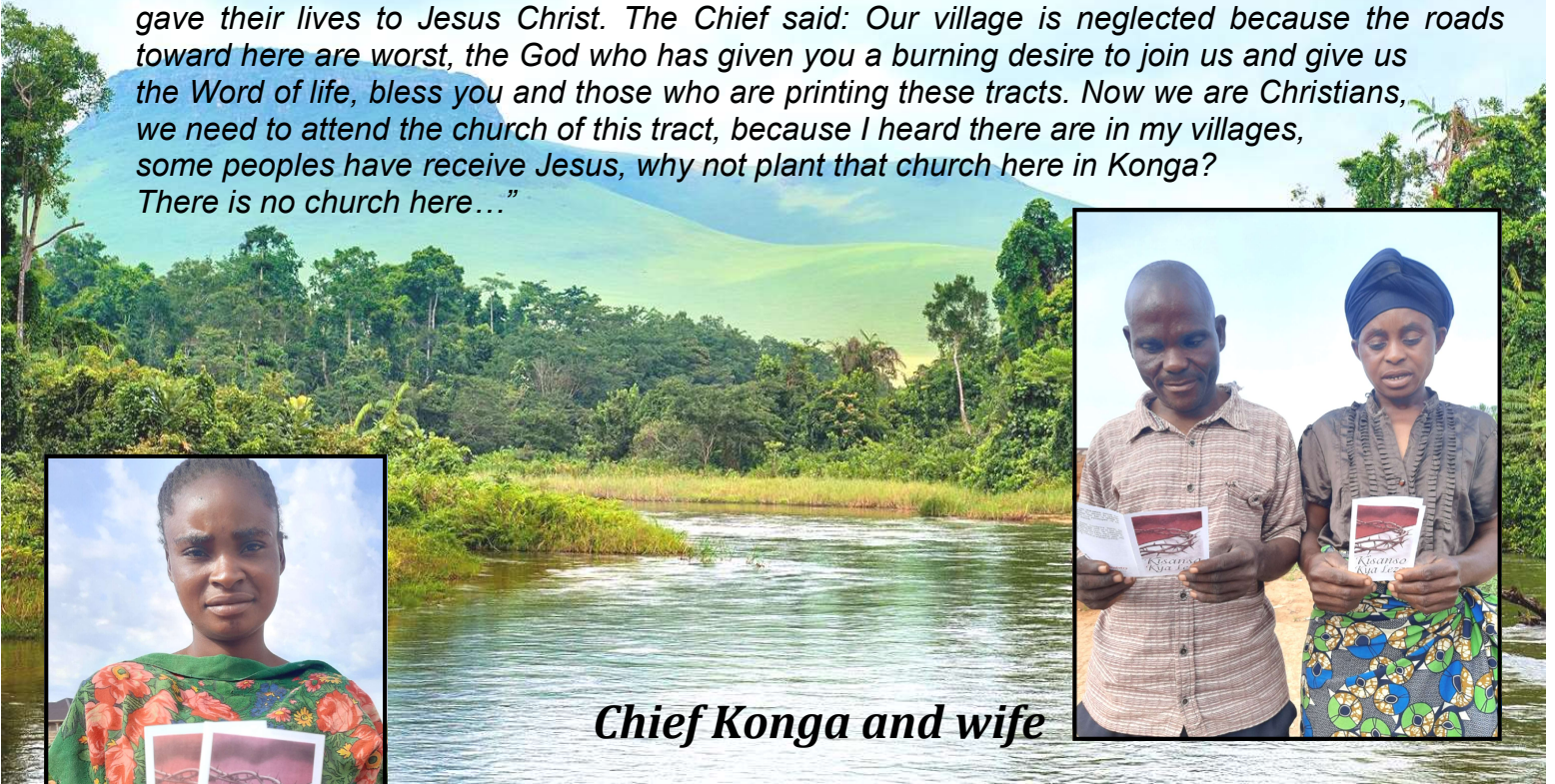
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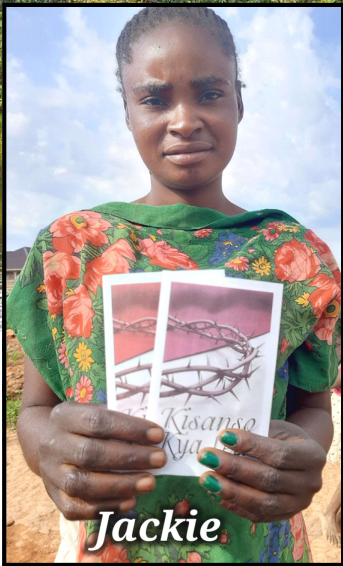
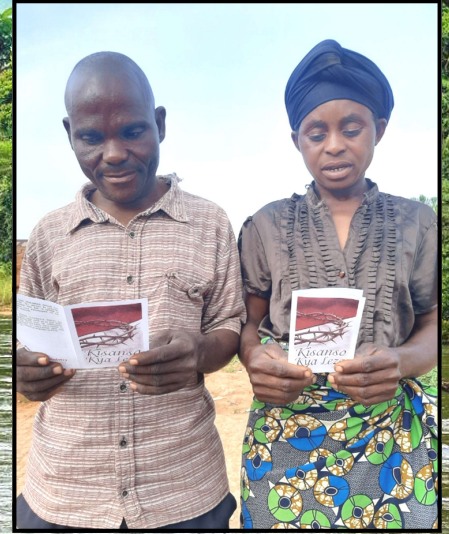


# CONGO (continued)

*"When I stayed couple of days in Konga the Lord touched hearts of Chief Konga and wife, they gave their lives to Jesus Christ. The Chief said: Our village is neglected because the roads toward here are worst, the God who has given you a burning desire to join us and give us the Word of life, bless you and those who are printing these tracts. Now we are Christians, we need to attend the church of this tract, because I heard there are in my villages, some peoples have receive Jesus, why not plant that church here in Konga? There is no church here..."*



**Chief Konga and wife**



**Jackie**

Jackie is a young lady who is 24 years old. After reading the tract, she shared what she had read with her two brothers Nkulu and Kabange. They soon received their own copies of the tracts and after two days, they received Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Bro. Kazadi also translated our tract entitled "Which Way?" into Kiluba (left) and it has been printed and shipped to him. They should be arriving soon. He concluded with, "I hope to visit this area again and to distribute "Which Way?" in Kiluba when the parcels will arrive. Yesterday I have bought six copies of Bibles in Kiluba, which I plan to send them, but there is a great need, my income doesn't allow me to purchase 200 copies for Konga village and its arrounds. Let us praise the Lord who is still touching hearts through the tracts "The Love of God" in Kiluba."



**Nkulu and Kabange**

Anyone wishing to help Bro. Kazadi with the cost of these Bibles may contact him directly at:  
**[umbkazadi@gmail.com](mailto:umbkazadi@gmail.com)**

Note: The Bibles he uses are called "Mukanda Ulkola" which was translated in 1947 from the KJV by Scottish missionary John Alexander Clarke.



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