

SHANE & EMILY TASKER MISSIONARIES TO The Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Jeremiah 29:12 "Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you."

The beginning months of 2025 have been a whirlwind! Between **great meetings, intense weather, and answered prayers**, we were kept on our toes watching God work. Join us in giving thanks to our **PRAYER ANSWERING Savior!**

Approval!

Since starting deputation we have had one recurring prayer request, Shane's pending green card. Together we rejoiced as **God expedited the first few steps**, but then, **silence... for months**. We had begun to worry that it would not come in time as we were hearing of **increasing wait times**.

We are so very excited to announce that we have **received the GREEN CARD APPROVAL!** God had expedited the application even with the many exclusions we had filed for. We do not doubt that God has **worked this miracle due to YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYERS** on our behalf! **Thank you** all for praying for this great need!

8 New Souls!

While we were in Maryland, Shane had the privilege to **go soul-winning with a youth group** during a missions conference. As almost **30 individuals covered the streets**, Shane and his partner came upon a group of teens playing football in a park. It was so exciting to hear how all 8 teens paused their game to come and hear the Gospel and **accepted Christ as their Savior!** **The Gospel still works, many are just waiting to be told!** Please pray for the follow-up ministry that they will all connect with the church and grow in Christ!

Looking Forward...

Now that the green card is approved, we are set to **leave on August 1st**. We have been asked by many how they can **best help and what needs we have**. We have chosen not to take many items due to shipping and import tax costs, that being said, we will be **purchasing items once in the DRC**. We have **currently raised 37% of our start-up fund**, which will help cover the **cost of relocating and setting up a new home**.

If you would like to be a part of this project with us, there are two ways to participate.

1. **Via Check** sent to BIM! #1685 PO Box 9 Harrison, TN 37341 Memo - START-UP
2. **Visiting** <https://www.bimi.org/missionaries/taskerS.php> and using the yellow donate button.

Unrest in the DRC

Thank you to all who have reached out after hearing of **the growing unrest in the DRC**. Although very disheartening, it **further grows the urgency to reach the Congolese!** We are aware of the dangers but as we stay in close contact with those on the ground and seek the Lord's will, He has given us great peace. Also, the location we are headed to **is stable and far removed from the unrest**. Please continue to pray for the people of Congo and for **more laborers** to come to this field of souls.

Lastly, we want to say **thank you to all who sent Shane kind birthday messages** and gifts in January! It made the day so very special! We have more exciting news regarding the Congo in the works, so please pray with us as we wait for the Lord's guidance. **Your care, support, prayer, and encouragement are what keep us on the frontlines and we could never say thank you enough for partnering with us to spread the Gospel!**



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