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Spring is springing: Wonderful Easter sunrise service at Eagle Rock Reservation looking over to New York City where the sun came up over that skyline. The Salvation Army Band from Montclair helped us make beautiful music as we rejoiced on Resurrection Sunday! Afterwards I enjoyed Branch Brook Park in Newark, NJ and the cherry blossoms, taking a long walk while waiting for my church time. It has the distinction of being the oldest county park in the USA. In the 1960s they had more cherry trees than Washington, DC, but now many have died and they are in a big replanting program hoping by next year to regain that distinction.

I'm still traveling: My February 1-March 29 road trip took me down the East Coast, around Florida, and across the south to Dallas, Texas where I left my car for a week and flew to Seattle, WA. I resumed my road trip and continued on to California and then home more in the middle through Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois and home. Put 10,194 miles on my car plus 500 miles on a borrowed car in Seattle so I could do

some visits in northern Oregon, too. I've counted over 110 "visits" (or units counting couples or families as only one) with friends, family, retired missionaries, MKS, individual supporters and a few churches. What a blessing to reconnect with so many! With 57 nights away from home I only spent 2 nights in a motel----the Lord has blessed me with many friends.

This Saturday, April 25 I leave for another trip to Congo until May 17. I will be traveling alone to Kinshasa and meeting 2 women with American Foundation for Children living with AIDS. They are coming to check us out for a potential partnership helping us with some of the medical part of our orphan care program. They've been on an extended visit of sites in Africa and will travel with me to the Ubangi and visit Tandala Hospital for just a short time. The rest of our team is leaving April 21 and going via Bangui in the Central African Republic. Most of them leave May 6, but I'm staying on so one person can stay a bit longer and return with me via Kinshasa. It was supposed to be 2, but Sarah was injured in a fall and had to cancel her participation in this trip.

Trust you're still praying: Here's a wonderful answer to prayer from Jim Snyder, Touch Global:

" After 4 months of dealing with issues related to the 5 containers that were shipped to Congo \$98,000 wired to send them on their way to the Ubangi. Please pray that there will be no further hang-ups and that the contents of these shipments will be able to be loaded on a boat this week to make the trip up-river. Thank you for praying!"

For this current team 3 men are doing 4 workshops with youth leaders of the CECU church; another group will be involved with the development of a 5 year ministry strategy for Tandala Hospital. Pray for God to give wisdom to those involved in this very complicated task. This will involve medical staff, church leadership and some of our visiting team. Another man will be working with Mowa at the Elikya Center trying to make some woodworking tools with alternative power sources. And several are along on the trip to see possibilities for future ministry once schooling is finished.

As you can tell from the above I'm doing fine health wise and continue to praise the Lord for that.

And we're all God glorifying: "Tell of his glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples, for great is the Lord and greatly to be praised." I Chron. 16:24,25

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