Highlights from my recent trip plus a dire ministry need

Dear Friends and Partners,

I can't thank you enough for your faithful support and prayers for Julie's Heart Cry ministry – and especially your prayers of protection over me during my recent trip to Africa.

I wish you could witness the many lives you are impacting through your faithful giving. I was blown away when I saw how God is using our national partners to be the hands and feet of Jesus. For example ...

Fruitful ministry

I met a 13-year-old child mother in Uganda who, because of your support, is being cared for by a Christian family in Kampala. She will soon deliver her baby via C-section.

I also spoke with a Ugandan single mother of four with whom we have been working. JHC provided this family with a home. Soon, the mom will be starting her own business, allowing her to become self-sufficient and support her family.

When I visited 15 pastors' wives in the Bimon



Our accident during outreach ministry was a strong reminder that everyone involved in our initiatives needs safe, reliable transportation.

Resource Center sewing program in the Central African Republic (CAR), they expressed their appreciation for the job training you helped provide. They even gifted me a goat!

Stepping out in faith

"To whom much is given, much is required" (Luke 12:48).

That passage comes to mind as I share my heart with you about a pressing need.

I tend to shy away from costly ministry items, partly due to a lack of faith. But it's time! I need to take that step of faith and knock on the hearts of like-

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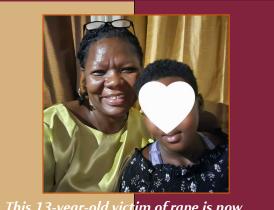
minded saints. Friends, we are in desperate need of a vehicle in the CAR.

Here are a few examples of how a truck will benefit our ministry:

- Several expectant child mothers in our program are due in a few months. Without a vehicle, we will be forced to use a motorcycle to carry them across town to a safe birthing center.
- Our resource center is an hour away from where I stay. Hauling sewing machines, training materials, building materials, etc. plus having to rent a vehicle during my visits to the country is costing an exorbitant amount. For example, it costs approximately \$200 a day for car rental plus fuel, which averages \$10 a gallon or more depending on availability.
- A recent water pipe issue, affecting Irene's Home of Hope and the Youth at Risk program, made it obvious we need a vehicle to transport water. Otherwise, the girls have to tote 25-litter jugs or balance them on their heads. It is cruel to expect 14-year-old, pregnant child mothers to do this.

During my trip, a family presented me with a chicken as a token of gratitude for the shelter, bed and mattress we provided.





This 13-year-old victim of rape is now pregnant. She is but one of the countless girls who live this horror every day. Your financial gifts to JHC help provide the physical, emotional and spiritual support these children desperately need.

Our car accident in the CAR was utterly avoidable. However, it was a timely reminder that I must ensure everyone in our ministry initiatives has safe transportation.

For these reasons and more, I am appealing to you, dear friends, to consider giving toward this vital necessity: a truck for Julie's Heart Cry ministry in the Central African Republic. This vehicle will also serve Irene's Home of Hope.

Contact me via messenger, text, email or phone if you have any questions.

Together, we are making a difference, one life at a time, for His glory. Thank you!

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