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Greetings all;

The route from Mwinilunga to Samuel's school Sakeji on a good day , such as yesterday, bringing Samuel to school on the Charter bus took about two hours. The Lord gave us traveling mercies. The roads were decent and no rain.

Rainy season is quite treacherous in Northwestern where Samuel's school is. Upon arriving at the school we learned Our chartered school bus was the last Bus to travel back and forth between Ikelenge (Sakeji) and Mwninilunga. This Morning After we said goodbye to Samuel we found the roads in much worse condition, it had rained over night. We (twelve parents total) left the school grounds at 8:30 am., A Two hour trip turned into a seven,plus, hour trip. Sarah was sitting on a hard surface on edge of the back seat, after putting padding down in several places, she was able to manage the discomfort for several hours. She mentioned that she was going to need a break, right after that we came to a steep hill that a truck had slid off causing a partial blockage , with a parked van on the oncoming side of the road. We got out of our parents van from the 1980's , with comfortable seating for seven to eight people that we had packed with twelve bodies, our hope was to reach Solwezi at a decent hour. We had our first break piling out of the vehicle as the driver navigated around the vehicles. The driver drove down the treacherous hill, squeezing between the vehicles, then going a distance up the large hill. We hiked a distance to the parked vehicle after clearing the danger zone. We ended up on a long walk down one hill and up the other side. Shortly after we left the area we lost a bolt to the brake pad on the driver's side front tire. So after a long wait during which the men took the tire off and switched the one remaining bolt to the other side. We then proceeded only to stop shortly after to repeat the process, this time using wire that a local gentleman brought him. This time while they wired the brake pad, a vehicle pulled up and took a couple, the wife was heavy with child, and another one of the passengers which reduced our number to 9 and greatly releaved the squish for many. Sarah being by far the smallest person other than the driver was still squished tightly. When we got to Mwinilunga they stopped to repair the van. The others who went on ahead, never found transport out of town so they joined us for a late lunch and made arrangements to stay and take a bus in the morning. All together. six of us decided not to continue the Journey as arriving late at night in Solwezi is not the safest which would have made it past eleven pm. and more then likely later. Tomorrow Sarah and I, board a bus at 2:30 am in the morning. The town we are in seems very wild. Pray for our 2:00 am, walk to the bus from our Guest House. Please pray that the bus driver drives slowly and carefully as the road is very rough.

Thanks the Hardies

Pic 1 Yesterday arriving at Sakeji unloading the luggage

Pic 2 Samuel first week having time keeping duty ringing the bell indicating time for the the students to report to various activities.

Pic 3 Normally, we take a picture of Samuel going into the Assembly before class , the Seventh grade boys were called to assist setting up the seating in the hall, our last picture of Samuel before departing.

Please keep Samuel in your prayers, God Bless all.

Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.