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Dear Friends,

Things have been busy, as usual! In this newsletter we will share some of the events that have filled our calendar so far this year.

Teaching Opportunities: The last few months have been VERY full of ministry in the classroom. We have taught or are still teaching seven different courses, including Church History, the Life of Christ, Introduction to English, New Testament Survey, Pastoral Ministries, and two theology courses! These classes were held at Grace Theological College, Trans-Africa Theological College, our own Ministry Training Center, and the newly opened Namibian Training Institute. Dawn and I both enjoy being able to share some of what others have poured into us.



John with students who took *The Bible and the Church*

Ministry Training Center: Work continues on our facility in Chelstone. The ceilings are now in the classrooms and the library has books on the shelves. There is still much to be done, but the students are greatly enjoying the improvements of the past few months. We hope to have the library officially open for use next month.

We will be returning to the States for a study leave: We have approval to return home so that John can complete his course work on a Doctor of Ministry degree in Leadership at Assembly of God Theological Seminary. We will arrive the end of May, shortly before John takes a class in June, and will return to Zambia early in 2006. The reason John is pursuing this degree is three-fold. First, it will make John a more effective teacher, broadening his knowledge of several subject areas. Second, it will allow him to do research necessary for the successful implementation of the Christian Leadership Training Institute program we

are developing here in Zambia. Third, it will allow John to teach courses in the Masters degree programs here in Africa in the future.

Can we come to your church for a service? While on the study leave, we will be available for some limited itineration. If we can come and share some of what God is doing here in Zambia, especially if we were unable to get to your church the last time we were home in 2002-2003, please contact us. We are available for services, Sunday school classes, missions conventions, and home cell meetings.

We have a new website! We are pleased to announce that we have recently set up a website for our ministry here in Zambia. See the header of this page for the web address. On it you will find back issues of newsletters, several pages of pictures, information about our ministry here in Zambia, information about our family, prayer requests, our monthly schedule, etc. Please stop in, take a look, and tell us what you think. If there is some kind of information you would like to know but don't find there, please let us know and we will seek to add it. Our goal is to let you, our ministry partners, become better informed about us and the ministry to which God has called us.

Christian Leadership Training Institute: This program is the main focus of our ministry. We are seeking to train and equip those God is calling to assume leadership positions in His church in Zambia. CLTI's vision is, "**Serving the church by bringing leadership training within reach.**"

The need is so great! One of our church partners, the Pentecostal Assemblies of God, is seeking to plant an assembly in every city, town and village in Zambia. Presently they have just over 1000 churches and want to see four hundred new ones opened by 2009. To do this, they are wanting to send **700 lay preachers** to the harvest fields and CLTI is the program through which these leaders are to be trained.

We want to say "THANK YOU" for your prayers and faithful support! Your partnership with us has helped make all of this happen!

Your missionaries in Zambia,

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