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Training workers for the harvest in Zambia



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Dear Friends,

The picture on this page shows Rev. Elijah Simwanza with his family in front of the public school classroom where his church meets. When we started the leadership training program in 1999, he was a deacon in a church near where we live. He was among the first students who enrolled in the Christian Leaders Training Institute (CLTI) program and has been steadily taking courses as they are offered. In July last year he moved to another part of Lusaka and started his own church. When we visited him in April, there were about forty in attendance. Elijah also teaches the lower level of CLTI courses and serves on the board of one of the centers. Elijah represents the results of the burden God has placed on our hearts. He and over four hundred like him who are studying in the CLTI program are planting churches and reaching the lost of Zambia. God has called us to help them by giving them the training they need to be effective workers for Christ.

We are back in the States to allow John to complete most of his study at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS). We arrived the end of May, hugged our kids and grandkids, and settled into life in Springfield, Missouri. After time with the family, John sat for two classes at AGTS where he is working on a D.Min. in Leadership. We will be here until February as he finishes his courses and does research and writing on a manual that he is developing for our ministry back in Zambia.

This manual will assist us in setting up centers where the training of local church leadership can take place. Presently we have fourteen such centers, but the plans are to start some thirty-five additional locations during the next five years. The manual should give the necessary guidance to enable us to reach our goal of having over 1000 studying in the leadership program in 2010. At present we have more than four hundred students.

In addition to this four hundred plus, there are many, many men and women across Zambia that God is speaking to about church planting and evangelism. Most are probably already serving in some local church leadership capacity, but will soon move to another area and start a church of their own. To be effective, they need help understanding the Bible and what it teaches. In order for



John with Rev. Elijah Simwanza and his family

them to be equipped, we need to greatly expand the CLTI program and multiply the centers across the nation of Zambia. Please pray with us as we seek the best way to bring this about.

While in the States we will also be doing some itineration, hoping to visit many of the churches we were unable to get to in 2002/3. We would love to come to your church and share about the amazing things that God is doing in Zambia. Please give us a call or and e-mail us and we will be glad to come!

Thanks for your faithful giving and prayers that enable us to help people like Elijah Simwanza fulfil his calling to reach others with the Good News of Jesus!

Your missionaries in Zambia,

The Elliotts