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The Pentecostal Assemblies of God in Zambia Celebrates Their 50th Anniversary

The Pentecostal Assemblies of God in Zambia (PAOG) just celebrated their Golden Jubilee, with thousands attending the four day conference. The church was started by missionaries from our sister fellowship, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada in the late 1950's. For many years growth came slowly, but the number of churches has recently exploded. In 1990 the PAOG had about 200 churches, but today there are 1100 congregations, some in every province of the country, making it the largest evangelical church in Zambia!

The preservation of those recently saved and the continuation of this explosive growth is the reason God called us to Zambia. The vast majority of those 1100 churches are in rural areas and are being led by godly men and women who have had little or no formal training. We are here to help the PAOG, and the other two groups we work with, set up and maintain a network of small leadership training programs across the nation that will give such leaders the knowledge of the Bible, sound doctrine, and practical ministry they need. Thanks to your financial and prayer support, we are here to assist in the training of church leadership in three ways:

1. To assist each group in the establishment of new training centers, which so far number sixteen.
2. To produce and distribute the training materials used in those sixteen centers, which are equipping about five hundred church leaders at present.
3. We are also involved in teaching at several of those centers. In May, John teaches a two-week block course on church growth in Lusaka and a one-week course on basic Christian doctrine in Choma.



A New Training Center Coming to Mongu. The newest center is being established in Mongu, located in the western part of Zambia. There are over sixty churches in the area, most of which have been started

up in the past few years with the assistance of South African Assemblies of God missionaries. John met with the leadership in January to lay plans for opening a training center in August. He goes back in June to help finalize the plans and will also help teach later during the first session. It is anticipated that about thirty church leaders will be in attendance.

Want More Information on Our Ministry? Check out our website, mentioned at the top of the page. Among other things, you will find our previous newsletters there as .pdf files you can download. For more pictures of our ministry, see: <http://picasaweb.google.com/zimzam50/>

And for up to date information on current happenings, see:

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Dawn Teaches an Advanced Course at the Ministry Training Center in Lusaka. One of her favorite courses to offer is "Cross-Cultural Communications." In January, she enjoyed the

challenge of opening students' hearts and minds to the possibilities of cross-cultural ministry right here in Zambia. With over seventy people groups, many remote villages have not had a viable presentation of the Gospel. Please pray that more Zambians will feel the call for missions, both within and outside Zambia!

Personal Note: In March John had to have hernia surgery in South Africa. We thank the Lord for his quick recovery and that he has been able to resume a normal schedule!

Thanks for your prayers and financial support that enable us to serve the Lord here in Zambia!

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