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Our first months back in the U.S.A. have been refreshing times for us. We have enjoyed visits with family, been through a graduation, ministered in churches, and attended the Missionary Renewal in Springfield. But our hearts are still in Zambia, and we look forward to returning as soon as possible.

John graduates from AGTS

John received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in May. His project, entitled *Leadership Development and Relational Patterns: The Early Church and the Church in Zambia Today*, seeks to examine how the current



Pres. Kraus prays for John

methods being used to train church leaders in Zambia can be improved. The rapid growth of the churches affiliated with the Assemblies of God in Zambia, from about 200 in 1990 to over

1400 today, makes the training of leaders a top priority. But current approaches used in Africa, which have largely been adopted from America and Europe, often cannot adequately prepare all those God has called to leadership positions in the church. The project raises questions that need to be answered by those who are responsible for training the next generation of church leaders. If you would like to read it, you can find a pdf copy of the project on our website.

CLTI Student

Over 700 leaders are currently studying through Christian Leaders Training Institute. One of these, Rev. Beatrice Tembo, has been taking courses with us



Beatrice and Dawn

since 2001. In 2005 she started pastoring a church in a community called M'tendere, not far from where we live in Lusaka. Under her leadership, attendance has grown from about 50 to 250. This church has also started a daughter congregation in another part of M'tendere. Rev. Tembo has actively been involved in teaching at one of the residential Bible schools in Lusaka and has recently been asked to serve as the principal of that school.



The Itineration Trail

We look forward to being in as many churches as we can between now and next spring. During this time we need to raise cash and additional support so we can continue to train workers for the bountiful harvest in Zambia. We want to thank you and share with you about the great things God is doing in Zambia. If we have not yet come to your church, or are not already scheduled to do so, please contact us! We value the prayers and financial support so many of you have made over the years. You are vital partners with us in helping train the workers God is calling to bring in the bountiful harvest in Zambia.

We have started a monthly prayer update by e-mail. If you would like to receive this, please send us a note and we will add your name to our mailing list.

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