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Training workers for the harvest in Zambia



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Dear Friends,

Since our last newsletter we have continued to enjoy visiting supporting churches and sharing with everyone about the growth of the church in Zambia. If we haven't scheduled a service with you yet, please contact us about doing so! John has been working on a major overhaul of our website. If you haven't visited it recently, do so and let us know what you think!

The number of churches affiliated with the Assemblies of God in Zambia has grown tremendously over the past 20 years. Today over 1400 of these churches are preaching the Gospel and bringing the lost to Christ in that land. That is a seven-fold increase since 1990! And new churches are being planted at the rate of about 100 each year! This explosive growth has been enabled by the training of the new workers that Christ is raising up for His church. This is the ministry to which God called us—the equipping of workers to bring in the harvest in this part of Africa. Presently over 700 church planters, evangelists, pastors, and teachers are being equipped through the Christian Leaders Training Institute, the program we went to Zambia in 1998 to establish.

At the bottom of this page you will see pictures of Leonard Lubula, one of those 700 leaders. Leonard pastors a recently planted church in Kamwala South, a new suburb of Lusaka. He has been taking courses with us since 2006.

We are so privileged to be involved in the task of helping to equip leaders like Leonard who are reaching tens of thousands of Zambians for Christ!

### **We need your support!**

Financial support plays a key role in our ministry. While back in the States we need to increase our monthly financial support. The decline in the value of the US Dollar abroad and the need to further expand the training program have meant that our work budget has increased a little over \$1000 per month. That is a lot, but if every church that is currently supporting us would increase their commitment by **\$10 per month** that need would be met. We are asking you to prayerfully consider doing that **now** so that we can lay firm plans to return to Zambia next spring. You can indicate such an increase on the regular monthly form you receive from AGWM in Springfield or you can download a new commitment form from our website. Thanks in advance for your response to this appeal!

Prayer support is also a crucial part of our ministry. We want to thank all of you who have been praying and giving so that we can continue to expand this ministry in Zambia. If you are praying for us on a regular basis and want to subscribe to our monthly e-mail prayer update, please drop us a note.

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Left to right: Rev. & Mrs. Lubula; their congregation; Leonard and family at graduation in February this year.