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Training workers for the harvest in Zambia



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Dear Friends,

We have been back in the States for a year now! It has been a real blessing to visit so many churches and share first-hand about the growth of Christ's Kingdom in Zambia. In addition, John enjoyed teaching a course on the Book of Acts in the Northern Missouri School of Ministry during January. He misses being in the classroom in Zambia! Since the first of the year we have also attended all the regional councils in Northern Missouri and a sectional missions convention in Kansas.

Although we have enjoyed renewing our ties with many of you, we are anxious to return to Zambia and resume the work to which God has called us. But before we can be cleared to return to Africa, we need to raise a little over \$800 in additional monthly support. This shortfall has forced us to postpone our projected return date until July. We are asking all our supporting churches who have not already done so to consider increasing their monthly commitment towards our support by \$10 or more a month so that we can begin laying firm plans for our departure. Of course we would welcome new financial supporters too!

Our Ministry in Zambia

For those who may not be familiar with our ministry, we are seeking to make sure that those God is calling as church leaders in Zambia—the church planters, pastors, teachers, and evangelists—receive the training they need to be effective in the ministry to which God has called them. Zambia has been experiencing a mighty move of God, and churches affiliated with the Assemblies of God in this country have increased over seven-fold since 1990! The training of workers has been a key factor in this tremendous growth. When we left a year ago there were **700 church leaders receiving training** in some 20 centers across the nation. John leads the board that oversees those centers and both John and Dawn have been involved in teaching at the local level. In addition, John is responsible for printing the materials used in all of the centers, something that has been curtailed in our absence. Our goal in all of this effort is to make sure that those leading our churches know the Bible and sound doctrine and are effective in discipling the new believers that are finding Christ each week. For more details, see our website. We have reports from several centers that leadership training is going on in our absence. Our missionary colleagues are keeping the center in Chelstone, Lusaka, operating. The newly established center in Mongu is presently training 38

local church leaders and will graduate the first group early next year. The two residential schools in Lusaka are reportedly progressing well. But we are anxious to get back and find out in person how things are going and what issues may need our attention.

One of the leaders whom we have had the privilege of teaching is Ernest Mumbi. He is shown here with his family outside his church, which is located on the south side of Lusaka. He also serves as Missions Director for Grace Ministries and oversees Grace's Local Training Centers. We are anxious to get back and resume our work of equipping others like Ernest so that the lost of Zambia can find their Savior!



Will You Partner with Us?

Will you partner with us to bring in the plentiful harvest in Zambia? If you can make a new or increased financial commitment, you can find the form on the front page of our website. And if you can partner with us in prayer, please drop us an e-mail, and we will add you to our Prayer Update that comes out about once a month. Please pray with us that the needed support will come in and that our next newsletter will be announcing our return to Zambia!

We are so grateful to those of you who are already giving and praying for us and the ongoing work in Zambia. Thank you for responding to the call to get involved! We would not be able to go without the support you give us.

Bamunyinane, icikuuku ca Mfumu yesu Yesu Kristu cileba na imwe bonse. (Galatians 6:18 in the Bemba language)

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