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Training workers for the harvest in Zambia



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We have been back in Zambia for over 2 months now. A lot of that time has been filled with settling back in to life over here and renewing relationships with national church leaders. In addition, John is now taking a class to learn Bemba, the most common African language in Zambia. Dawn took Bemba two years ago and is sitting in on it as well.

Getting our Speed the Light car up and running took a bit of effort. Just trying to find a new car battery was quite a challenge. After a week of searching all over John had to settle for a battery that was too small, cost over \$100, and will probably last less than a year. We also made a trip to South Africa for repairs to the wiring under the dash that the rats had chewed up while the car was in storage!



BGMC Team praying for Church History class

We had a group of BGMC leaders visit Zambia for a week in October. We made some new friends and had the opportunity to show them a little of what is happening in the church in Zambia. While traveling with the team John met with Bishop Makukula, who oversees the Local Training Center in eastern Province for the Pentecostal Assemblies. This is one of our largest centers, with 60+ regularly taking classes. John will go back there in December for their graduation and to meet with the center's leaders about setting up an advanced school for those who have already finished the Christian Service program.

In October John taught a course on church history to the group that meets every other month at our Ministry Training Center in Lusaka.

It was wonderful meeting old friends and hearing about what has been happening in their lives and ministries. For part of the class, John had the students form four groups to consider issues facing the church in Zambia today and how the church of yesterday had faced similar challenges. The topics they chose were: church-state relationships, church discipline, the training of church leadership, and dealing with non-Christian cultural practices. Several have remarked that the course has given them a deeper understanding of how the church of today can profitably learn from the church of the past!



Dawn recently had the opportunity to speak at a women's retreat held by one of our churches.



We deeply appreciate all of you who are supporting our ministry by praying and giving on a regular basis! We could not be here without you!

The Elliotts