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Training workers for the harvest in Zambia



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Dear Friends,

The churches we work with here in Zambia have exploded in the past two decades. Today there are over 1700 churches affiliated with the Assemblies of God in this nation of about 12 million people. The primary focus of our ministry has been the training of leaders who will care for new believers and make sure this growth continues. Each year hundreds of leaders take courses at church-based training centers and residential training schools that use Global University materials. Preparing and printing these materials occupies a big share of John's time and a big proportion of our work budget.

Zambia is one of the poorer nations in the world, with a per capita GDP of about \$1000. The vast majority of people here live on less than \$2 per day. Providing affordable training materials is a really big challenge. Books are generally few and are very expensive. Most Zambian pastors are fortunate to have a study Bible and a handful of books. Thus, providing good quality training materials that church leaders can keep and refer back to later in their ministry plays an important role in their training. Thanks to Global University we have access to such materials, but they need to be printed locally as importing them would be far too costly for most church leaders. So far we have not been able to find an inexpensive printer, so John has a Zambian assistant, Isaac Phiri, who helps him print and bind the books. We use a small-volume ink printing machine, provided by Speed the Light, which uses paper masters. We usually do print runs of 80 to 300 books. For smaller runs, John prints them on a laser printer.



Class of leaders meeting in Mongu

Your faithful financial support allows us to produce training materials for these church leaders. But doing so has over the past year put a strain on our finances. The US\$ has declined in value and inflation locally has increased our production costs. Currently John is working on reformatting a Christian Service course, "Sharing the Good News," which is the primary evangelism course in this set. Isaac is already working on printing 300 copies as John finishes each section. Currently we have several titles which are out of stock and need to be printed, but we have no funds in our account to do it. Making 300 copies of a Christian Service book costs about \$600, depending on the length of the book.

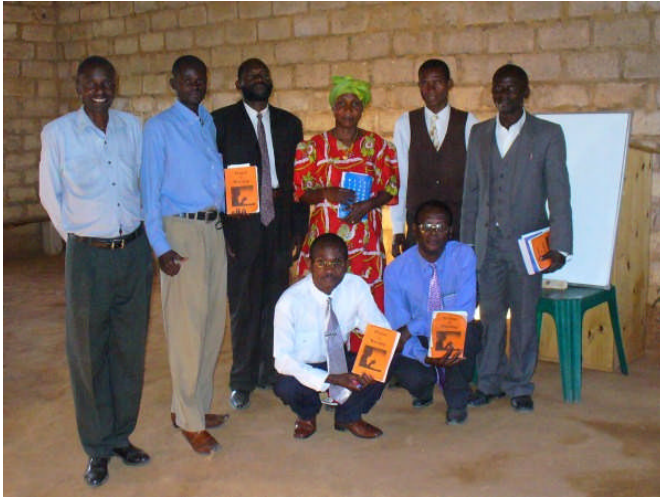
Eventually the cost of producing books will become locally sustainable, but not until a large enough inventory is established. This is where we could use your help right now. Will you prayerfully consider giving something extra this month to cover the cost of printing these books. \$50 would pay for 25 books, \$100 would cover the costs of 50 books, and \$1000 would pay to print 500.

Thank you for your willingness to hear from the Lord about this need we currently have here in Zambia. And thank you for your faithful prayers and regular financial support! May God richly bless you.



Isaac and printing machine

The Elliots



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Leader reading course "Starting New Churches"



Leaders studying Christian service books in various centers around Zambia



A few of the set of 18 Christian Service books