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Training workers for the harvest in Zambia



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Dear Friends,

In this newsletter we will highlight events at a Local Training Center in rural northern Zambia at Luwingu, a long day's drive north of Lusaka. Rev. Francis Kaluba is pastor of the church there. His main church now has 38 "branches," or daughter churches that have spread out over much of the district. Together the main congregation and all of its branches have a membership of about 1500 adults, plus children and youths. Twice a year about 100 leaders from all the branches gather at the mother church for a week of Bible school classes. It was this that we had been invited to.

John's goal was to begin an advanced training program for those church leaders who had finished all 18 of the Christian Service courses. Now they wanted to move on and learn more! So John and an assistant pastor, Christopher Simusokwe, began the course "The Work of the Pastor" which Pastor Simusokwe will be finishing up during the week of training later this year. Many of the 22 leaders taking the course do not speak English that well, so the materials had to be covered slowly, and everything was done in both English and Bemba. John was very pleased when every leader passed the unit test at the end of the week!

Following the regular Bible school classes, Dawn conducted a workshop for those who wanted to learn how to teach adults to read in Bemba, the local language used in the churches where they minister. Much to her surprise, over 40 men and women came to the sessions! It turns out that the need is very great, and there was a lot of enthusiasm to receive help in this area. Dawn was able to provide them with curriculum (although not nearly as many copies of the books as was desired) and with a methodology to teach it that really works. The students who attended were very encouraged as they came to realize that if this missionary with her broken Bemba could teach Zambians to read, then surely they could do it too!

Other News:

John will be travelling to Kenya twice in the next few months to participate in continent-wide meetings related to theological education and to our vision for the coming years as the Assemblies of God in Africa.

We are now entering our fourth and final year of this missionary term. **We will be returning to the States for deputation in the middle of 2013.** If you are making plans for a mission-related event or a missions convention in late 2013 and early 2014, please let us know if we can be involved or if we can assist you in any way to promote missions in your church! We are looking forward to having a chance to share with you in person about the exciting things happening here in Zambia!

Prayer Requests:

1. For more plentiful work funds, that our work here will not be hampered by lack of funding.
2. For John's safety as he travels and wisdom as he participates in several upcoming meetings.
3. For two national church conferences that will be held soon.



The entire group of leaders from all the branches



John teaching with Pastor Simusokwe



Leaders who took the advanced course with John



Dawn handing out the literacy materials

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