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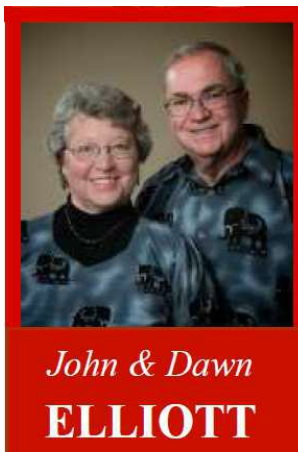
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In Zambia!**

2016 Review

Looking Back Over 2016

JANUARY: The Missionary Retreat in South Africa with speakers Darius and Cindy Johnston was a terrific beginning to the year, helping prepare us for the challenges ahead. Later in the month, John kicked off the leadership training program in Lusaka with a course on the Old Testament. The focus for 2016 was on Bible content. He was privileged to be assisted by missionary Mike Santiago.

FEBRUARY: The month was full of needed but "ordinary" things, with one event standing out. This was the Big Sunday, held in Lusaka on the 28th by the Assemblies of God in Zambia. We were able to witness both the spiritual and physical growth of this group.

MARCH: While the month started on a high note with Dawn's birthday, it ended on a more frightening one, as John was required to have an MRI to see what was causing his double vision. Thankfully, there was no sign of a tumour, but a recommendation to visit a neurologist instead.

APRIL: The Southern Africa Assemblies of God Alliance met in South Africa early this month, followed by a missionary meeting. Between meetings, John was diagnosed with a treatable condition causing his double vision. We covet your prayers for a complete healing. Returning to Zambia, we attended the Grace Ministries Mission International General Council which saw a new leader, Bishop Newton Mulenga, being chosen. Soon afterwards we were on the road headed to Luwingu, Zambia, where John once again was used to help train leaders that God has called into ministry there.

MAY: It was a time of sad farewells to our colleagues, the Santiagos, as they flew back to the States after 50 years of missionary service. It was also a happy time of welcoming a team from Bellevue Christian Center in Nebraska! They were kept busy teaching a course on Public Speaking and holding seminars for people involved with children's and music ministries.

JUNE: Dr. Heather Marten officially joined us as a more permanent member of our missionary team in Zambia. Towards the end of the month, Dawn was one of the speakers at the Assemblies of God in Zambia Women's Conference.

JULY: While John was conducting a church survey at one of our churches in Lusaka, Dawn got news that her mom had been put in Hospice Care in Wisconsin. She flew out the next day to be with her for three weeks, spending time praying for, singing to, and just being with her mother. While Dawn was in the States, John taught a course on the New Testament with Oliver Banda, one of his former students. Oliver has a call to be involved in teaching, as well as preaching, and he has been a real blessing as he gains experience in the classroom.



Our Zambia team



A/G "Big Sunday"



**John teaching in
Luwingu**



Team from Bellevue



**Dawn teaching at A/G
Women's Retreat**

AUGUST: Dawn flew back to Zambia on the 4th, two weeks before her mom passed into the Lord's presence at the age of 93. She did not fly back, but stayed in Africa to help John with all the events that were coming later in the month. We had the awesome privilege of hosting Greg and Dana Beggs, Lance and Mindy Hines, and Greg and Sandie Mundis, as Greg Mundis had been invited to speak at the Pentecostal Assemblies of God General Conference. Schedules can get complicated when working with three national churches, and it just so happened that the Assemblies of God in Zambia held its Council during part of the same time. Lots of meetings!



Our missions leadership visiting Circle of Hope

SEPTEMBER: John, Dawn, and Oliver Banda all got involved in teaching a course on the Principles of Biblical Interpretation at our Ministry Training Center in Lusaka.



John preaching at A/G Council

OCTOBER: Electricity issues continue to be a big problem for us here, so it was time to add a solar powered water heater to our list of energy "backups." And John took on the Book of Acts for his next block course offered to church leaders in Lusaka.

NOVEMBER: There are brand new Master's Degree level courses being offered by TransAfrica Christian University in Kitwe, Zambia. It is part of the residential Bible school program run by the Pentecostal Assemblies of God, one of our partner churches. John was invited to co-teach on the subject of leadership issues as related to the Old Testament.



Our new solar water heater

DECEMBER: After leaving Kitwe, we had time to stop and see the David Livingstone memorial on our way to Mbala in northern Zambia, about 550 miles from Kitwe. In Mbala, for three days John got to teach a group of people at an entry level for ministry training the Christian Service course on the Old Testament. During the first two days, Dawn held a literacy workshop for six ladies in the church there that are wanting to teach others in their church that cannot read. Upon our return to Lusaka, there was just enough time for John, with Oliver helping, to teach one more block course before Christmas. This time it was on the Book of Corinthians.

Looking Forward to 2017, the Lord willing!

JANUARY: There will be a graduation for all of the leaders who have earned Advanced Certificates during the last five years, plus recognition for those who have completed their B.A. degree level studies with Global University.



John with Master's level students at TransAfrica

FEBRUARY: Meetings, meetings, meetings. There are five sets of meetings being held in South Africa, three of which we will be attending. Please pray for safe travels for us, as well as effective results from these gatherings.

MARCH - JUNE: We will be coming to the States for our first "mini deputational cycle." Because we are now officially "seniors" we get to do this every two years, but we can only visit churches for four months while we are home; then we head back to Zambia for another two years. Please look at your calendars, and if you would like us to come your way, let us know what dates would work best for you. We can't possibly get to see everyone, but we'll do our best to make the schedule work for as many of you as possible. A great big THANK YOU for your support in prayers and finances that have allowed us to minister in Africa since 1988!



Dawn giving literacy workshop in Mbala

JULY - DECEMBER: Back to Zambia and all that God has in store for us and the work here.



Students taking Corinthians