

Zambia Newsletter

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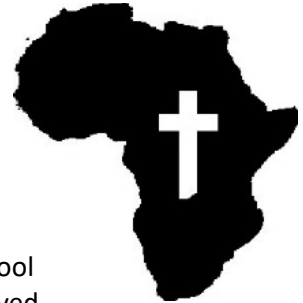
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Things are going very well in Zambia. Our new students have settled in successfully and are now able to support themselves from their gardens and chickens. However, this has been a difficult time for us personally as our family has suffered another loss.

Another Death in the Family.



It is with much sadness that we must announce the passing of Lorie's Dad (**Richard Waggoner**) on April 3. He was 86 years old. Although his health had been declining over the past two or three years, his death was hastened by complications caused by an accident on his tractor (which pinned him underneath for more than two hours on March 11). He leaves behind a wife (Cheryl), three

children and multiple sets of grandchildren and great-grandchildren on two continents.

It was just six months ago that we suffered the loss of my Dad (Parker French). Only my mother (Joyce) remains of our parents. So, it has been a tough year for Lorie and I. Some of you may remember that Lorie's mother (Willella) died in 1993 (Christmas Day) from an auto accident. I know that many of you knew Lorie's Dad as many of the congregations supporting the work in Zambia knew either my Dad or Richard.

Richard was born and raised in Lincoln County (TN). He was instrumental in starting Northeastern Christian College in Pennsylvania in the 1950's. He then served as a full-time minister in Georgia and the Capital Hill congregation (near Winchester, TN). Although he continued to preach part-time, he moved back to Lincoln County where both he and

Lorie's mom served as school teachers. Richard also served as the Principal for several schools in Lincoln County and then served as School Superintendent during the 1970's. Although he retired in 1994, he continued to be active in various ministries for the rest of his life (e.g., Natural Disaster Relief). Also, like my Dad, he made multiple trips to Zambia over the past 14 years to teach in our Bible College and to help start an orphan-care ministry.

Richard will be sorely missed; but he truly leaves behind a rich legacy. He touched the lives of many people and he made a big difference in their lives (especially children both in the USA and Africa). Of course, he made a major difference in my life by raising a wonderful, Christian daughter (my wife, Lorie).

Kerin's Kids (Orphans).

Kerin will be coming to the USA in May for two months. It has been nearly 8 years since her last visit back to the USA. It's been nearly impossible for her to leave Zambia as she has so many children depending upon her (including four children of her own). There is also the cost of trying to travel with such a large family.

We finally decided this year that she needed to come back for a visit. She didn't get to see my Dad (Parker) one last time before he died last October and she wanted to come back to the USA before her two remaining grandparents died – and she wanted them to see her two youngest (biological) children whom they have never met. Unfortunately, we waited too long as now her last remaining grandfather (Richard) has also passed on. She missed seeing him by just a few days. I guess this is a reminder of just how short life is and why we should never put off seeing the people we love in this world.

Kerin will be traveling to visit many of the congregations and individuals who are directly supporting Kerin's Kids

Children Ministry. Although she can't see everyone who has contributed to this ministry, she does hope to meet as many as possible in just two short months. We will be traveling to North and South Carolina, Texas, Kentucky, Alabama, Missouri, and Tennessee. Lot of traveling in a short period of time!

For those of you who may not know, Kerin is our oldest daughter. Except for one year when she attended Freed-Hardeman, Kerin has lived in Zambia pretty much non-stop since 2004. About twelve years ago, she began to take in orphans and vulnerable children who were sick or left destitute by death and family disorder. She kept taking in kids (adopting two of her own) and, before long, we started referring to them all as "Kerin's Kids." The name stuck, even though the ministry has expanded dramatically since those first few years.

Kerin's Kids has evolved a great deal since those early days when she focused primarily on orphans. It didn't take Kerin long to realize that the children at greatest risk in Zambia were not necessarily orphaned but were children whose mothers were unable to nurse and care for them (because they had died, had HIV-AIDS, or were too malnourished to nurse their children). Because there is not any viable substitute for nursing (baby-formula, cows and goats are too expensive for most people in Zambia), Kerin began to provide baby-formula for mothers and/or families in which the mother was unable to nurse their baby. Kerin also helps children with special needs (e.g., blindness, cerebral palsy, etc.) and children who are seriously ill and in need of medical care (or hospitalization).

Kerin is now 32 years old, married and has four children of her own. Not only does Kerin care for a large number of orphaned and vulnerable children, but she is now overseeing a great deal of the daily operations at Daybreak (especially when Lorie and I are here in the USA). Although I work with the Director of the Bible College to oversee college operations, Kerin pretty much supervises everything else. She has become a vital part of the ministry (which is another reason why we can ill afford her spending very much time here in the USA)!

Report on the Bible College

We have now completed the first of three semesters in the 2019 school year. Our first-year students have now established their gardens and are about finished raising their second batch of chickens. They are now self-supporting after three months.

The students continue to go out every weekend for practical ministry. The third-year students (and their wives) have now completed most of their practical in the Children's Ministry and in the Primary School. As well, the third-year students are now going out on Sundays to nearby churches to preach (part of their practical training in the third year). We have several very good teachers coming in the next three months to teach short-courses.

Meet Our Students.

Zulu Matthews.



I am from Chikuwe village in Chipata, Eastern province of Zambia. I am 28 years of age, married to Jane Mbewe with one daughter. I am First-Year Student at Daybreak Bible College (DBC). Both my parents died when I was only four years old. It was in 1998 when I gave my life to Jesus Christ

after being bashed by a car. My passion is singing. I am a member of the Church of Christ in Chikuwe.

I came to DBC in order that I can know more of God, gardening and raising chickens. After my training, my plan is to return to my rural community and teach my people on better ways to do farming. I want to work closely with the community in both spiritual and physical matters. Luckily, I have my own piece of land to do agriculture activities once I graduate from DBC.

Moses Mukube.



I am from the Northern Province of Zambia in Manyunga District. I am a First-Year Student at Daybreak Bible College (DBC). I am 34 years old born in a family of six. I am married to Museke Kalenga and I have three children.

I am at DBC to learn more on how to do ministry work and acquire knowledge and experience on agriculture include rising of chickens. My aim is to be a self-support preacher of the word of God. My plan is to go back to my village after my training and do my agriculture activities there, and also doing ministry work in my community.