

# Zambia Newsletter

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We continue to make progress in our efforts to raise support for our future work in Zambia. We have now visited more than 41 churches and we have now passed the halfway mark in securing our monthly support. We must now, however, face the most difficult days (financially-speaking) as our income from the Pine Valley congregation in Wilmington, NC (where I was preaching until January) has now come to an end. We must now find ways to survive the "lean" months of this transition period until we have raised enough monthly support to cover all our expenses.

Our most urgent need, therefore, is for monthly support. More specifically, the need is for churches and individuals who will commit to sending continuous support each month for years to come. It is this support that will sustain our ministry in Zambia, not only this year, but in future years so that we can actually do the work in Zambia.

Of course, no church or individual can promise to send support indefinitely since future conditions might make it impossible to continue such support (or require a reduction); but, it is possible for churches and individuals to make an indefinite commitment with the mutual understanding that this decision may need to be reconsidered in some future year. Without this kind of support, it is impossible for missionaries to remain on the mission field without having to make unnecessary trips back to the USA in order to raise new support.

Since our last Newsletter, we have visited the following churches: Wildwood Valley (Waverly, TN), Hutsburg (New Johnsonville, TN), Cane Creek (Petersburg, TN), Stateline (Fayetteville, TN), Almo (KY), Nance (Alamo, TN), Horse Mountain (Shelbyville, TN), Catalpa (Petersburg, TN), Exchange St (Union City, TN), Tri-City (Rutherford, TN), Keysburg (KY) and Bardwell (Bardwell, KY).

And, since our last report, the following congregations have agreed to give us monthly support: Oakland (TN), Spann (Waverly, TN), Lynchburg (TN), Hutsburg (New Johnsonville, TN), Almo (KY), Exchange St (Union City).

In addition, the following churches and individuals have given one-time contributions to the work: Hazel (KY), Cyruston (Fayetteville, TN), Spann (Waverly, TN), Hutsburg (New Johnsonville, TN), Catalpa (Petersburg, TN), Central (Spartanburg, SC), Ty & Judy Jones, Tony & Melissa Williams, Carl & Susan Kling, Ruth & Kimberly Fields, Emily Hadaway, Floyd & Linda Kirby, Linda Doyle Hastings, Jim & Betty Neal, Jeriel Pack, Tim Henson, Robert & Ruth Reagan, and others (anonymously or by cash).

We are most grateful to those who have given so generously that we might do this work. There is a complete list of congregational and individual contributors listed on our web page (unless asked to be kept anonymous) that I keep updated ([www.zambiamissions.org](http://www.zambiamissions.org)).

Lorie recently conducted a teacher workshop (thesis project) and is now busy trying to write the last three chapters of her Masters thesis. Please keep her and this effort in your prayers as we believe the completion of this degree will enhance Lorie's ability to serve in Zambia in many ways. Also, please continue to pray for our continued efforts to raise all the support that we need, especially the monthly support.

And, let me again remind you that there are two ways that you can help us. First, you help us by talking to the leaders of your home congregation about setting up a time for us to make a presentation at your church about the work in Zambia. And, second, you can send me information on how to contact friends and family members of yours in other churches that might be willing for us to visit their congregation. This is one of the best ways that you can help us get to Zambia (along with your prayers on our behalf). Please send this information via email or to our mailing address at the top of this Newsletter. Also, don't forget to visit our web site if you have internet

About a week ago , I completed my thesis workshop on multi-cultural education, we celebrated an early first birthday with our precious little “Gaby” (who is, of course, the most incredible one-year old ever), and we loaded up a small U-haul truck with the remainder of our belongings which had been left in our previous house in Wilmington. These events signaled the closing of our life as a minister’s family and heralded the beginning of our life as a missionary’s family

***Lorie’s Reflections***

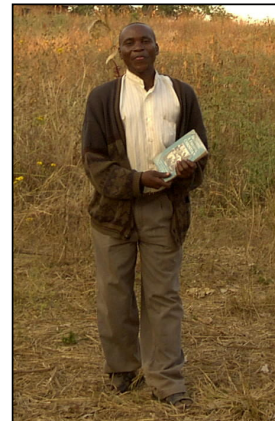
In December, we had embarked on the adventure of fund-raising. This has been a very rewarding experience, mainly because we have been able to renew old friendships. It is truly one of the biggest blessings associated with our travels.

Perhaps the most asked question that we have been asked is whether or not we are scared about going to Africa. The visit that David and I made to Zambia last August provided us with many impressions but fear was not one of them. The people of Zambia were delightful and I look forward to getting to know them even better over the next several years.

On one of the days during our visit, we traveled out to the property that the Zambian church has purchased at Mapepi (which will eventually be our home) in order to meet with some of the leaders in the church. Not long after our arrival, a pickup truck (completely filled with Zambian Christians singing) drove onto the property. One brother shouted “It is a baptism...”. A young man waving a Bible jumped out of the back of the truck and instructed me to take a picture of him to show the churches in America the joy that comes with being a new Christian. So I did (picture below).

This experience reminded me of the deep, heartfelt joy that comes when people come to the Lord. Therefore, because of this, it is joy not fear that I associate with our upcoming, trail-blazing adventures in our new home. It is for this reason that we seek to make our new home in Zambia.

David and I look forward to the day when we can share God’s word with people who are hungering for God’s word and whose lives are noticeably changed as a result of hearing God’s word and surrendering their lives to Christ’s words of life. – Lorie



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