

Zambia Newsletter

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Marriage and Conflict Resolution classes, a broken leg, lions, new babies, and the shift to self-sufficiency is what sums up most of what has happened in the last two months. I might also add that inflation and rising gas prices have seriously hurt our financial well-being.

Daybreak Bible College.

We were most thankful that Fielden & Janet Allison (long-time missionaries in Africa) came this past month to teach at Daybreak for two weeks. Except during the pandemic, the Allisons have come every year to teach on Marriage & the Family for the past 12 years. They are uniquely qualified to teach on marriage as they have not only had training in Marriage & the Family, but they have lived in Africa for more than 45 years and understand the culture as much as any non-African can.



This year the Allisons agreed to come an extra week in order to do a Marriage Workshop for our entire staff (see picture above). Afterwards, one of our staff members commented, "My marriage and family shall never remain the same after this workshop, and I look forward to help others with what I have learned. Thank you for the people who organized this for us." The Allisons are training 3-4 of our staff couples so that they can conduct Marriage Workshops in the future (both at Daybreak and for churches in Zambia). They will return next year to complete this staff training.



The following week, the Allisons taught two classes for our students. Fielden taught a class on Conflict Resolution (see picture bottom-left) for our third-year students and Janet taught a class on Marriage to our first and second-year students. We are most thankful to the Allisons for their willingness to teach these classes each year to our students.

Agricultural Ministry.

On June 4, our agriculture teacher (Francis Mwanza) was moving a 700-liter tank full of water (1500 pounds) which fell off the truck onto his leg as a bunch of guys were trying to unload it manually. I guess they didn't realize how heavy 700 liters of water is. In any case, Francis suffered a serious broken leg just above the ankle (compound fracture).

Kerin (who was on campus) decided it best to take him to Fairview Hospital in Lusaka since it was a compound fracture, and the bone was sticking out of his leg. Fairview is the best hospital in Zambia. People die all the time from infections and botched operations. Francis is a very valuable member of our teaching staff as he is the one who teaches all our students how to be self-supporting in agriculture (using drip-irrigation). We did not want to see Francis die of an infection nor did we want to see him end up crippled for the rest of his life. So, we decided it best to get him to the Fairview Hospital where he could receive proper treatment. We have lost several staff members in the past who have had poor medical care, and we did not want to lose Francis or see him end up with a crippled leg.

Thankfully, Fairview was able to temporarily put the bone back inside his leg and treat him for infection until he was able to get surgery four days later. Of course, we had to prepay for the operation; but he was able to get the operation and has now been released from the hospital with no signs of infection. So, we are very thankful for this.

Finances.

Although the cost for Francis' operation was only \$3,500 (the same operation in the USA would have been about \$75,000) it is \$3,500 that we don't have. We have been struggling financially for the past 3-4 months. It appears that contributions from individuals have declined recently, and inflation is reducing the value of the dollar (while expenses in Zambia are increasing).

Inflation is the worst-case scenario for us as it reduces the value of the dollar while prices in Zambia continue to increase. If you would like to contribute to help with the cost of this operation, you can mail a check to Zambia Missions, 1910 Sycamore View Rd, Bartlett, TN 38134 and write "operation" on the memo line.

Kerin's Kids (Orphans).



Kerin's Kids has begun assisting a new baby named Renard. He is 3 weeks old. His mother is alive, but she is a minor and wants to continue going to school. Her grandmother will keep the baby while the mother continues her school. It may be difficult for us to understand how powerless women (especially young girls) are to the advances of men in a male-dominated society. Arrests or convictions for rape are rare. There is currently a big push in Zambia to make it a chargeable offense for a man to impregnate a school-going

girl (a law that would also make the man responsible to pay something for the care of the child).

Wild Lions.

During the two weeks that the Allison's were at Daybreak, we had two wild lions that wandered out from the Lower Zambezi National Park into our area in search of food. They were spotted several times in our area and even over in the next farm from our campus. The lions killed a cow and a few other animals in our area. Wildlife officers were unable to find them for 4-5 days, but eventually they were able to spot them and kill them both.

Student Gardens - Freshmen.

After 3 months, our freshmen students have now transitioned over to being self-supporting. They have also now brought their wives and children to campus as they are now able to provide for them. Below is a picture of Felix Kaoma (one of our students) pruning carrots in his garden. Kamwanya Prince (first-year student)



recently commented, "To achieve your goals is to work hard with your hands, knowledge, skills and experience. Thank you, Daybreak Bible College, you're transforming my life."

Evangelism and Church-Planting.

A few weeks ago, I got the following message from Bright Himakampa (Director of the Bible College): "Last week I traveled on a mission trip for recruitment and to preach and teach at one of the newly planted Church of Christ in the rural areas of Northern province.

I managed recruiting six students for next year. This year we decided to start earlier and aiming at recruiting students like we previously agreed. So, me and the Dean of Students will be making mission trips once per month.

Additionally, we were able to baptize 11 new souls added to the church. The other progress is that in Shimabala. I and the students have planted a church. We have put a temporary structure currently at the piece of my land on the other side. I am not doing the constructions. Whenever we went for evangelism, people always asked where they could come for church. Unfortunately, the Daybreak campus church has always been far from their residences. The newly planted church has been operating now about a month. People are increasing in numbers, and we will likely have baptisms in the next coming weeks." See pictures Bright sent me below.

