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We are sorry to report about the passing of one of our graduates this past week. Her name was Emily and she was a widow caring for several orphans. As often is the case, we do not know the cause of her death – just that she got really sick and died. Lorie will write more about Emily in the next newsletter.

Lorie and I (and Natasha) are staying in Lubbock, TX at the moment as we continue our fund-raising efforts. We have now visited churches in Terrell, Amarillo, Happy, Earth, Grand Prairie, Lubbock, Clovis (NM), and Portales (NM). We are living in an old, fifth-wheel RV that we purchased a few months ago so that we could travel more extensively in our fund-raising efforts and save money on fuel and hotel expenses. We will likely return back to the Tennessee/Kentucky area in about three more weeks in order to visit churches in that part of the country.

The work in Zambia continues in our absence. Thomas Simubali just completed another agricultural workshop in a village not far from Mapepe. However, because the participants who came were mostly women caught up in prostitution, the focus of the workshop expanded to address spiritual matters pertaining to their future lives. Thomas found that many of these women had been abused as orphans (forced into prostitution) and have no sense of personal self-worth. Prostitution is incredibly de-humanizing and painful lifestyle. It is our hope that teaching these women how to grow food (using drip-irrigation) will empower these women to abandon their prostitution. But, we are discovering that it will take a lot more to free these women from a way of life that has deeply entrapped them. Setting them free will also require addressing the spiritual dimensions of this problem. These women will have to first be redeemed by Christ before they will find the power to abandon this destructive way of life. There is, of course, as sense of urgency about this as many of these women already have AIDS and will soon die (probably leaving behind some ill-legitimate children as orphans without extended families to care for them).

Please keep us in your prayers as Lorie and I continue to travel in search of financial support and for our staff in Zambia who continue with the work there. We would also ask that you pray for the upcoming elections in Zambia as they will soon elect a new President to replace President Mwanawasa who died two months ago.

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