



September 2019 Update

To Our Partners in Ministry,

Missions is a 'hands on' command. That leads many people to take time off work, raise money and travel to get involved in the Lord's work...even the work in Zambia. We have had a continual flow of people through the ministry the past few months and even the months ahead. God is doing so much and we enjoy showing people what all He is doing. Please continue to pray for us as we minister along side those that travel here for short term missions trips.

The ministry at the lake continues to expand. Pastor Frazier is doing a great work there and plans are being made to start another church in that area. We praise the Lord for one of our men that has been faithful in Bible training that has recently taken a survey trip to the lake. He is open to help Frazier and possibly pastor this new church. Training faithful men is essential to ministry growth!

The Lord continues to strengthen and develop the home base here where we minister. The pastor's dormitory/Bible Institute has been completed. We look forward to housing a greater number of men that come for training. We also plan to start a Bible College in January that will train people in God's Word continually throughout the year. With this in mind, there will be a need for additional buildings that will function as classrooms and for cots for students to sleep on. These students will be committed to a 2-year Bible training program. A third year course will be offered for men that are going into pastoral ministry. Please pray for the needs and resources associated with this great endeavor!

The Christian school children are thriving. The average attendance is 90 children. They continue to learn English and receive a quality education with a Biblical basis. It is amazing to see how the Bible has transformed these students! Currently, the school goes through Grade 5. There is a need for a 6th grade to start by January! The classroom has already been built and all that is needed is for the room to be furnished (white board, teacher desk, student desks). It is our prayer that God will add a grade each year to the school. The reputation of school has spread through the bush. There are many parents that desire to send their children, but live too far away. Boarding houses on the property would be a huge blessing to allow children that live deeper in the bush to attend the school.

The annual August Conference was just held on the property. It was the most attended conference in quite a while with over 500 people. We praise the Lord for the work He did in people's lives as we taught the people on the theme, "Marriage and Family". It was also a blessing to see several professions of faith and hold a baptismal service. The area of marriage needs much attention. Please pray with us that God would help establish Biblical marriages here in the bush.

There are many great things God is doing and news that is encouraging. However, it is hard times for those living in Zambia. Poor rains last year has resulted in minimal crop harvest. Hunger is a real issue in the lives of the people here. In addition, the poor rains have also caused a severe drought where many hand-dug wells have gone dry. It has also resulted in drastic power cuts, as there is not enough water to run the country's hydroelectric dams. We are excited about the ministry expansion and the increased number of people the ministry will serve. However, this does come with an increase in utilities such as water. An additional borehole on the property is urgently needed that would service the Christian School and Bible College. These hard times have also resulted in increased theft and burglary. A security wall around our house is something that we have lived without since we arrived. Due to the rise of issues there now is a need to build one.

I mentioned several needs this month. I very rarely do that in our prayer updates, but I thought it was needed at this time. Please let me know if you would be willing to be a part of investing in the ministry by meeting these needs. We are very thankful for your prayers and support. We are excited to be an extension of your ministry here in Zambia!