

Zambia Newsletter

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I am currently back in Zambia in order to teach a two Bible classes, assess our continued construction efforts, and address certain administrative matters that have arisen. This was an unplanned trip, but several matters arose in early March that made it necessary for me to make this trip (e.g., construction at our new campus has not met target dates and I needed to restructure and redirect the construction crews). Lorie did not accompany me on this trip as she is busy planning an April wedding for our youngest daughter, Natasha. Lorie and I will return again to Zambia in May for our already scheduled trip to Zambia.

Report: Bible College.

Since transitioning to our new three-year training program (which requires students to bring their wives) most of our students are now older, more mature, and have previous experience in ministry. This makes a big difference in the quality of our students and their ability to understand the things we are teaching them.

During this trip to Zambia, I taught a class on the "Fundamental Teachings of the Bible." We also have an afternoon class for local area preachers who can only attend part-time (twice a week for two hours). For this group I taught a class on "How To Study the Bible."

Our students are also being trained in basic agriculture so that they can support themselves in ministry and will be equipped to training others. I believe this is fundamental to work in Zambia as I don't believe people will ever be able to live holy lives (ethical lives and love their neighbor) until they escape the clutches of poverty. As long as people continue to live at survival level, people are forced to live in a "dog eat dog" existence. Pictured below are the student gardens.



Agricultural Ministry.

We planted 15 acres of Maize (corn) at the Daybreak campus and about 6 acres at Mapepe this past December which is now just about to be harvested. Pictured below is picture of Sam (my son-in-law) standing in the middle of the maize crop two months ago with two farm workers.



Kerin's Kids (Orphans).

Last month we had 3 birthdays; both Harriet and Lameck turned one (see pictures below) and Zainne turned 6. Ali will be turning two in July which is too soon for me. It's getting cooler now so please keep the kids in your prayers so that we don't get colds or flus. School let out today for the rest of the month of April so this means everyone is at home all day! Ahhh! What this means, then, is that the house won't get clean till May. ☺

– Kerin



Education Ministry.

There are 80 children who are attending our Primary School this year. Pictured below are some of the children lining up for school in the morning.



Pictured below are some of the children playing soccer (which they call football).



Construction.

We have now completed four staff houses and are starting construction on four student houses, two more staff houses, and Kerin's Kids (Phase One). We have formed three construction crews which should now expedite our efforts. Pictured below are two of staff houses just completed and the foundation for Kerin's Kids (Phase One).



The student houses (which we are just starting this week) will look exactly the same as the two staff houses pictured above (although just a little smaller). The houses are made out of dirt blocks (using our Hydraform machine that makes stackable blocks that are interlocking and require no cement). These houses have no indoor plumbing and are built to require almost no maintenance (as the Daybreak campus is being built so that the ministry can eventually become more self-sufficient and less dependent on American support).

Construction: Bore Hole (Well).

Because our new direction will depend a great deal upon agriculture (for training purposes and for self-sufficiency), the need for water will be extremely important at our new campus. We are most thankful to Healing Hands International and the church in Troy, TN who donated the money to drill another well at our new campus. The drilling company came last week and was successful in hitting water at 90 meters (280 feet).



Pictured above is the drilling rig beginning to drill the hole. Pictured to the right is the result (water coming up out of the hole from 90 meters below). This bore hole will provide drinking water to our Student and Senior Staff houses and water for the student gardens.



Request For Financial Assistance

The new Daybreak campus is built for two main reasons: (a) It provides a much better situation for training self-supporting leaders. The campus is larger and much more suited for agriculture. There is enough room for students to have their own gardens so that they become self-supporting while attending our Bible College. (b) The larger more fertile campus will dramatically reduce the costs of operations (e.g. students are self-supporting). We will also grow pigs, chickens and cash-crops that will generate cash and reduce dependence on U.S. support.

However, there is the front-end investment of capital required in order to attain this long-term savings. Therefore, we are asking any of you who are able to consider making a donation to our Building Program for the Daybreak campus.