

# Zambia Newsletter

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I trust this letter finds you and your family doing well and in good health. It has been a busy few months for Lorie and I, but we will be returning to Zambia on Dec 27. Besides all our travels throughout the country, we were blessed to be back here in the USA when our daughter, Natasha, gave birth to our fourth granddaughter. Her name is Hazel Rose (picture below) and she is, of course, a wonderful addition to our family. So, Lorie and I have much to celebrate as we close the end of this year.



Lorie and I would like to take this opportunity to express **our thanks to you** for your continuing support for the work in Zambia. This is not something we can do without your partnership in this work. It is very much a team effort. We will continue to do our best as God empowers and blesses us.

### **Kerin's Kids – Matching Funds.**

As I reported in the last newsletter, we have an anonymous donor has agreed to contribute up to \$25,000 in matching funds to build a Baby House for Kerin's Kids (which will hold up to 30 orphaned infants). So far we have received **\$18,000** toward this project (which means we now have \$36,000)! Thus, we need just **\$7000** more to meet this goal of \$50,000. We just

finished construction on Kerin's house (see picture below) and we should start work on building the Baby house in about a two or three months once we finish work on the married student houses (see discussion below)



### **Relocation To New Campus.**

As I have been reporting for several months, we have been making plans for the past two years to relocate to a new campus that is larger and much better suited for our long-term objectives for the work in Zambia. Since training our students to become self-supporting through farming is an essential part of our program, we need a campus that is larger and more fertile. This is also important as we want to become as self-supporting as possible and farming offers the best possibility in making this happen (growing chickens, pigs and vegetables). This also helps us reduce our expenses since our students will grow all the food that they need to eat while attending our Bible College.

I am, therefore, happy to report that **we finally moved to our new 50 acre campus** at Daybreak this past month. We reached the point recently where trying to operate on two different campuses simultaneous became too expensive (e.g. transport with fuel at \$9.00 per gallon). Thus, we decided the time had come to shift. And, although our new campus is not yet ready, we believe it will be better to consolidate our expenses and focus on getting the new campus ready for operations as soon as possible.

We have, however, temporarily suspended operations at the **Bible College** (for about 3 months) as we don't yet have all the housing for the students completed. Although the new dorm is finished, we still need to build 4 married student houses as soon as possible. These are very simple houses (3 small rooms) and can be built in about two months. I have three construction crews ready to start work in about a month, but I only have money to build the walls (up to the roof). We need about \$4,500 per house to finish this project.



Foundation for two married student houses

**Thus, I am making a special plea for donations to build these four houses.** If you or your church would like to build one of these houses, we will be happy to post a plaque in honor of you, your church or in memory of anyone who you would like to honor. I like doing this because I think it is good for our students to know specifically who paid for the facilities that they are using. They need to see that their lives are being blessed by the donations by real people (which is why I also like to post a picture of the donors in the buildings we build).

**Future Projects.** Although building the student housing is currently our top priority, we also need to build a house for the College Director (Zambia Bible Teacher), three additional staff houses, and eventually a small house for Lorie and I; and, of course, the Baby House for Kerin's Kids. But, right now, we are desperate to raise the money to build the student houses.



Junior Staff Houses (same design as student houses)

**Projects Completed.** We have already finished the electrical and plumbing infrastructure for the campus. We have three water wells and four 2800 gallon tanks up on 25 foot steel towers. In addition, we have completed the new classroom building, an office (financial office), 5 staff houses, a student dorm, and a house for Kerin (pictured on page one). We also have finished clearing 25 acres (ready for planting) and built a one mile road to our campus (which included a small bridge). Lot of progress!



Administration Office (Stella's Office)

### **Tenth Year Anniversary.**

We just passed the tenth anniversary of the date when Lorie and I first moved to Zambia (Nov 2004). As we celebrate this milestone and the close of another year, our hearts turn gratefully to those who have made this ministry in Zambia possible. Because of your generosity, we have impacted many lives over the past ten years. We have trained over 500 students who have gone all over Zambia and Central Africa teaching the good news of Jesus (having now baptized more than 500 people and planted over 100 churches).

In addition, we have taught hungry people how to grow food for their families (and empowered our students to be self-supporting in ministry). We have cared for orphans who had no one to care for them and have saved many from an early death. We have operated a Primary School (85 kids) and have taught men and women how to start community schools in their home villages. We have given eye care to people who could barely see (more than 4000 prescription eye-glasses and 6000 reading glasses). And, we have provided medical care and medicine to thousands of people over the past ten years.

This is possible because of your generous support over the past few years. As you read this letter now, it is hard to visualize that there are people on the other side of the earth who are eating tonight and are living healthier lives because of what you have done. There are people who now know Jesus and understand more fully what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Lives have been impacted for good. It is on their behalf I say thank you. We appreciate the sacrifices you have made to make their lives better. We appreciate every gift, no matter how large or small, that has blessed the lives of Zambians. So, thank you!