

THE REA FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO ZAMBIA

Planting Local Churches in Sub-Saharan Africa



Summer 2013 Prayer Letter

Burundi: The Burundi trip was simply amazing. John and I are now working with a small group of people that we were privileged to see accept Christ. In addition, two young men are praying about and planning to relocate to Zambia to be trained to be preachers with the idea of returning to Burundi and beginning churches. Each day it seemed God showed us miracle after miracle. One young man, Gerard, asked us to teach him to be a preacher. He has a law degree from the University in Bujumbura, but his desire is to reach his nation for Christ – rather than pursue a career as a lawyer. Please pray he will remain hungry, and have the faith to move to Zambia to be trained.

Missions Boot Camp: In August we took our entire family to a missions boot camp in Missouri. We had a day of intensive medical training, a day dealing with security concerns, and two days dealing with off road driving and vehicle repair. Our older kids were taught to drive through creeks, over trees, and in places that really made us worried. We learned how to navigate tough terrain safely and confidently. My wife drove a truck (with a stick shift!) up and out of a creek bottom with a 4 foot vertical bank. She is so wonderful!

Support Level: Many new churches have taken us on in the last few months. Our support level is now over 70%. We have ordered our passports, and we are saving money for our container. The estimated cost to relocate is about \$35,000. We have \$25,000 set aside for this. It is exciting to see God put everything together.

Trailer Stolen: Last week our cargo trailer was stolen from a church parking lot in Oklahoma City. We lost just about everything. Some sentimental stuff, lots of tools, our bedding we use on the road, and all of our winter cloths. We still have most of our church cloths, and the stuff in our plastic totes (the things we bring into a place when we spend the night). As bad as the loss of this hurts, I know we are blessed. I have seen families loose much, much more. I am in Anchorage, Alaska at a missions conference. As I was driving into church to teach at a bible college the morning of the theft I saw black smoke indicative of a house fire. Latter I found out an entire apartment complex was lost. Many families lost everything. We are blessed. As I was driving in to teach that class, God reminded me of the parents in Africa who have lost children, and the children who have lost parents. Woe unto me if I do not give thanks unto my God and my King for His wonderful watchcare over us!

We were blessed to be able to spend the summer in a 3 bedroom home in Bacliff, TX. Our family really needed the stability of being in one place for a while. While here we presented our work to many churches in east Texas, and LA. We also were able to see some folks saved, baptized and added to the church! I was also priviledged to see two people saved durring soul winning in Alaska last week. Let me encourage you to get out and tell some folks about Jesus! Amen!? They are out there, waiting, some WILL listen, some WILL get saved. Make a commitment - tell someone about what Jesus did for you this month. It may be the last chance they have.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

In Christ - David

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