

THE REA FAMILY

Missionaries to Zambia



Fall 2014

Prayer Requests:

- Funds for the move to Zambia.
- Skill in Printing & Equipment Operation

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Late this summer we completed a two-week intensive medical class hosted at our sending church. We brought out Dr. Greg Waller from Truth for Today Medical Missions and covered every area of the body. We are by no means doctors – or even nurses for that matter, but what we have learned is how to determine the severity of a condition and if medical evacuation or treatment is needed. In addition, we have learned how to treat MANY common issues we will encounter on the field.

Not long after the medical class our son Josiah came to us complaining of pain in his lower abdomen, near his appendix. In the US we could just go to the doctor to have it checked. However instead of going to the ER, we took a small blood sample and prepared three slides for the microscope. We stained them with H&E stain, and within 30 minutes we had an estimated white blood cell count – which was well within normal ranges. This combined with the fact that his symptoms were minor led us to go to bed without worry. This is an example of the control this training has allowed us to have with our own health care.

The last few months have been spent organizing the printing operation. We are replacing the rubber rollers on the press, which are normal wear items. The twenty-four rollers and some other wear items on the press cost around \$1500. I have also had to hire a specialist to work on some issues with the booklet maker. It's an old unit, but we are confident we can get it 100% operational in the next few weeks. This will cost about \$1500 as well. In addition we have bought many supplies to keep the press running once in Africa. The cost of this is a bit overwhelming, but the ability to produce printed literature on demand in Africa is well worth it.

October and November have been filled with meetings in Canada, Oregon and Washington. We are really looking forward to doing some printing practice in December. Our church has had to install some 220v power outlets for the image setter and press. I am trying to work out as many issues here as possible, things will be much more difficult in Zambia!

Our family is doing well, preparations are moving forward, and we are anxious to finish the stateside preparations and depart for Zambia soon.

In Christ,
David Rea

Dying with Jesus,
By death reckoned mine;
Living with Jesus,
A new life divine.
Author Unknown