

THE REA FAMILY

Missionaries to Zambia



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Prayer Requests:

- Our container: That it would arrive safe & clear customs with ease.
- Language study: that God would give us understanding.
- Witnessing: that God would lead us to those that are hungry.

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We have arrived safely in Zambia. Our first week was consumed with setting up our home. The time quoted for the transit of the container was 5 weeks less than the actual arrival time. This means we are living with only what we could carry on the plane for the first five weeks in Zambia. Everything takes longer here. In speaking with one veteran missionary he said this, “We would make a list of ten things we needed in town. When we went to town, if we accomplished one thing, we were successful.

An example of this is our stove. We purchased a small Chinese oven that runs only on propane gas – no electricity. This is because everyone in Zambia is now under load sharing. Not enough power exists to meet the demand. This means we are without power for about 8 hours each day. The problem with the stove is the lack of propane! It has been sold out for the last month. But the first Tuesday we were here propane arrived. I got to stand in a line for 4.5 hours just to pay! It took another hour or so to fill the tank. Thankfully I was able to find a large (48kg) tank that should last us more than a few months.

We have already had MANY opportunities to witness. We are rationing the few tracts (700) we brought on the plane with us. They could be handed out in under an hour if we did not do this. I was able to tell a sweet lady about Christ. She had never heard of Jesus. This is rare in Lusaka – most consider themselves to be Christian – but it is almost universal that they believe in works to save them. Last night we visited a lady who came to church last Sunday. Her name is

Grace. But Grace trusted in works. I was able to tell Grace about grace, and how salvation is not about works. It was a wonderful visit.

While filling up the van I was able to strike up a conversation with two of the gas station attendants. They are both Seventh Day Adventists. I said, “Did you know that in the Law you are prohibited from leaving your home on the Sabbath!?” They were shocked. As we talked they asked to do a Bible study with me. My notebook is filling up with men who desire to study the Bible. Many will not pan out – but SOME will!

Next week we start intensive language study 6 hours a day. We are able to speak with many people as English is the national language. But to be more effective we need to learn the local tribal language. I have also been asked to begin both a discipleship program and evangelism training. These will happen Saturday afternoon. In addition I am able to meet with the young men in the church on Fridays – this time will be one of relationship building and teaching. So next week will get BUSY.

Once the container arrives we will be able to set up the printing press. The combination of soul winning and discipleship, printing, language learning, homeschool, setting up a garden and chicken (broiler and layer) operation will keep us VERY busy. **The greatest blessing is that we can always find people who are open to hear the wonderful words of life!**



Preaching Christ!