

THE REA FAMILY

Missionaries to Zambia



April 2017

New location filling up:

Prayer requests:

Growth of the Bible
College

Discipleship of
new converts

A more durable vehicle
for our family

Health and safety

The new location is central to town and we have been seeing a steady stream of new visitors. Last week we printed 12,000 tracts, 8,000 of which were handed out in two hours in a bus station. It was a blessing to see newly saved Christians joyfully handing out tracts and inviting people to church. At church on Sunday everyone took stacks of tracts to pass out in the areas in which they live.

Five new visitors came from the tracts and invitations made the prior week. We are buying more chairs for the church – praise the Lord.

Bible College begins second term:

Our Bible College got off to a slow start at the first of the year. Subjects were: Salvation, Baptism, and the Church. Our orientation meeting for the next term is the last Wednesday in April. I expect 4-5 students this term. With the arrival of Ms. Cindy Stacy we will be starting English classes. These classes are meant to help the young preachers with English grammar, vocabulary and writing. It is wonderful to have someone to teach this class, and it will make a huge impact on the students.

Blessing calls on Christ:

I mentioned a young man who is from Burundi who has relocated to Lusaka to be trained. A few weeks ago in church he stood after Sunday school and said that the lesson had shown him he was lost. After talking with him during the break it was clear that for many years he had been trusting his baptism to save him. Another ministry was sending him to Burundi to start a church. Thankfully this young man knew he was not ready to be a pastor. He told me, “I always knew something was missing.” It was a joy to see him call on Christ for salvation – WITHOUT WORKS. I am thankful that this man did not end up being

just another lost preacher in the lost nation of Burundi.

Vehicle:

We are in need of a vehicle. Two years ago I bought a very well used Toyota mini van. It is not holding up to the rough streets here. We need a vehicle that can stand up to the extremely rough roads without constant time in the shop for suspension repairs. We can buy a vehicle directly from auction in Japan and import it to Zambia duty free under our church. This allows us to buy a vehicle for about 1/2 of the cost. (Duty on vehicles is over 80%). A used Toyota Prado (2003-2006) with under 100,000 km will cost us about \$12,000. The same vehicles in Zambia are selling for \$20,000 +/- We currently have \$3000 on hand for this need and expect another \$2,000. We need to raise \$7,000 for this need. Thank you for praying.



Jacob and Jewel-lee Rea. It is a blessing to have children to help in the work of the Lord.