

# THE REA FAMILY

Missionaries to Zambia



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*Prayer requests:*

Roof on the church.

Relocation of the church to the new building

Wisdom in construction.

Continued growth of the church.

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I cannot overstate what a blessing this building is. Currently we meet in a single room with little hope of expansion. With this building and a roof, we will be able to have a main room that will seat 100's of people in addition to classrooms and best of all – a permanent home for Solid Rock Independent Baptist Church. The church is located between George compound and Matero. Within a few miles well over 100,000 people exist that can be reached with the Gospel. Currently our location is in an industrial area of town, the cost of transport hinders many from being able to attend. The current roof is missing entirely in some places and has holes in most other places. With the rainy season almost upon us, the need to roof this building is very important.

## Purchase of a Church Property.

Buying property is stressful. Buying property in a foreign country is complicated and stressful. Buying property in a foreign country from an unethical unstable man is even MORE complicated and stressful!

A church in Canada graciously gave the money to purchase this building and the land. The sale was a learning experience. We quickly secured the services of a well-known and connected attorney. His services were invaluable as the property owners were deceased. Through the guidance of our lawyer the sellers were instructed to obtain the proper paperwork legally allowing them to sell the property as well as the governmental “approvals” that will allow us to legally hold title on that property. These things legally had to be done before the seller could sell this to us. What made things stressful was that while the seller was getting his paperwork in order, he would constantly call me, the lawyer, and church members threatening to cancel the contract (not sure how you do that...), threaten to sell the property to some Chinese guy, or sue the church. He did these things because of the how long the sale was taking. But the delay was 100% because of his problems with his legal ability to sell. At one point the seller got in a fight with the attorney and the attorney told him that he was recommending I not buy the property due to this seller being “unreasonable”. I think the lawyer did this to calm the guy down. In short, this guy was crazy. But the lawyer handled it all and has assured us we have nothing to be concerned with. I am really glad it is over.

The property is block building in a rather good location. We will need to put up a block wall and a new roof. A new roof will cost about \$25,000 based on multiple bids from reputable companies. The building is about 3500 sf. The interior will need to be gutted, and we will need to do quite a bit of work to it. It needs plumbing and electrical installed. These things can be done over time, however. The main need is the roof.



Picture of the recently purchased church property. The plan is to put a gable roof on. The entrance will be on the left side of the building, with the current entrance being closed.