

# THE REA FAMILY

Missionaries to Zambia



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**Prayer requests:**

Safety of Family

Church building projects

Growth of the Bible College Students

Boldness in Preaching for the Bible College Students.

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## *Can I get Saved Too?*

Recently a young man from a JW family got saved. He has become a close friend of our family over the last 3 years we have been in Zambia. He first began to come to church every so often. And is a good friend of our kids. Over time he learned who Jesus really is, and began to understand Biblical salvation. He has been coming to our Saturday soul winning training. Today he was my partner as we went out to tell the lost world about Jesus Christ.

We came upon one man who claimed he was going to heaven and was not a sinner. The young man with me translated, and it was great to know that he understood salvation himself! We used to law to show the man he was in fact a sinner. I was rather forceful in this, all while including myself as a sinner. One by one we deployed the law - and used it to show the universal guilt and individual guilt of all men.

This was all done in the middle of an intersection on a dirt road in a dusty densely populated area of our city of well over 2 million souls. Soon another man joined himself to our conversation - listening intently. The first man finally admitted his sin. We showed him verses from all over the Bible showing salvation was a gift - NOT OF WORKS. He was trying to follow the law to earn salvation and he was lying to us and himself about his "success" in doing this - but now he readily agreed he was a sinner.

I asked him, "If you died today would God find you guilty or innocent?" He said that he would be found guilty. I then said, "The wages of sin is. . ." And the new man said "DEATH". The first man said, "I need to be saved". And he was adamant that he needed to be saved right NOW. On that dusty compound road with no name in the hot African sun he called on Christ to save him. The other man watched the whole thing and then said, "*Can I get saved too*"

After talking with the second man I found that he had been taught everything about salvation correctly - but had NEVER been told he could call on Christ to save him. He was waiting for Jesus to save him NOT KNOWING Jesus was waiting for him to call out for salvation. He was a man with almost all white hair - who knows how long he has been longing to be saved and just not knowing he could call on the name of the LORD!

Two men on a dusty road call on Christ, while a new convert helps by translating - making sure they understand. As we all agreed to meet for church in the morning we parted ways. The two men's faces were filled with joy. "So", I asked my young friend, "What do you think about those men calling on Jesus for salvation?" He said, "I like it!" Well... I like it too!

## *Medical Clinic: Healthy, Saved and Singing*

In 6 days we saw over 2700 patients during the medical clinic. The team from the US did a great job. One young lady came with a serious infection and was transported to the local Hospital... twice. The second time was after she was released and ended up getting worse. I can say that this clinic saved her life. My wife would pick her up each day for the Doc's to check her out. One day she came in barely able to breath and gasping for air. It turns out that she had aspirated some vomit - a scary but not a serious condition. But she needed to go to the hospital. Her neighbors had teased her that morning telling her she was going to die. This opened the door for my wife, Cherri, to tell her about Christ. She called on Christ just before being sent to the Hospital as the Doc's were doing the final checks. It was such a blessing to see her in church - HEALTHY, SAVED and SINGING!

Many were saved during this week, and we thank God for that. The thing that burdens me the most is seeing 95%+ of the people come in totally believing their good works will save them while being totally unaware that they are lost, guilty sinners. Zambia may be "Christian" in name, But the reality is that few understand salvation. Zambia needs Christ, not religion...