

THE REA FAMILY

Missionaries to Zambia



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Prayer requests:

Safety during construction.

Growth of new converts.

Open hearts as we witness.

Our family, as half of our kids are now in the USA - we miss them much.

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Soul Saved:

A lady in our church that was saved some time back brought her sisters to our home for a Bible study. We had no more begun the study when I heard a knock at the door. A young man was looking for the “preacher”. I greeted him, but did not recognize him. I was also puzzled as to how he had found me! Turns out my son Josiah had given some tracts out in an area near our home. The people who got them told this man about us. He gladly joined the Bible study. We went through salvation without works...

The young man, John, has been faithfully attending church, visitation, and everything else we do. He told me later that the first Bible study really opened his eyes. He was sure that his works would earn him entrance into Heaven, but after that Bible study God changed his mind. He told me how he had gone home, prayed and called on Christ to save him. Like so many others he told me how much of a difference this made in his life. He no longer worries about if he will go to Heaven when he dies.

Men hungry:

On visitation Sunday we went back to a road we evangelized last week. I began by talking to two young men who were Jehovah’s Witnesses. I happened to have a JW bible-like-object (New World Translation) in my car... just in case. They were surprised to see that even in the NWT Jesus claims the title of “first and the last” just as God did in the OT. During our talk another man came and bid me to a home where about 8 men wanted to talk to me. We did a Bible study on salvation for almost an hour. It is a home that I can return to in the coming weeks.

Visitor Welcomed:

We have had 5 visitors in two groups over the last few months. It has been a blessing to us both in terms of ministry and personally. Our kids love seeing people from our sending church. It is a little touch of home for them. The value of which is immeasurable. Also two men from a church in Canada came to visit. It is their church that bought the building that we currently meet in. Having a stable location in a residential area has totally changed our ministry for the good. It was a blessing to show them the impact their giving has had.

Things Break:

Last month our oven died. We are on our 3rd oven in 4 years. The quality here is quite low. We decided to buy one with a warrantee that also has a company that will service it. It was \$1,100. Ouch. The low quality ones were over \$500... Appliances are expensive here. In the same month the engine on our car came to the end of its life. The little van was meant to be a temporary vehicle, but being our only vehicle it has gotten quite a bit of use. The cost of repair was \$1200. Not bad for a used Japanese engine and labor to pull it and install the new one. But \$2300 of unexpected expenses is a bit of a tough nut to swallow in a month.

Block Machine Working:

A church in Oregon bought us a concrete block machine. It is a single/double block machine with vibration to compact the blocks. The quality of blocks here are almost universally substandard. We have made about 6000 blocks in the last month or so. These will be used for projects such as bathrooms for the church, block walls for security, and a print shop to house the printer. We can make 350-600 blocks per day depending on if they are 8” or 6” blocks.