

# THE REA FAMILY

Missionaries to Zambia



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*I am not sure what to write.*

**Prayer requests:**

Economic problems

Health of Zambia

Our (lack of)  
Power Situation

Khalid to be  
saved

Continued  
Discipleship of Our  
Young Men

We are still in Zambia. We are in the beginning stages of the Covid-19 outbreak here. We are about 3 weeks to a month behind the USA. Three weeks seems like a lifetime ago. I can hardly remember when the USA had fewer than 100 cases... just one month ago. We feel stuck between two worlds. One world in the USA is at war with this virus, while here they are just waking up to the reality of it. Airlines are closed. One by one the nations around us are closing their borders. People here are in the beginning stages of panic.

I do want to emphasize that we are safe. Our home is secure, and we live on the edge of Lusaka in a farming community. Our neighbors grow just about everything we need, and we are canning every day. We just harvested 50-100kg of maize and our little banana plantation is producing a huge cluster every few weeks. Watching the USA, we took measures to stock up and are ready to shelter in place for the next few weeks.

## Church Services Have Been Great!

**Sending Church:**  
Valley Baptist Church  
304 Frontage Rd. N.  
Pacific, WA 98047  
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Church services have been great. The last few weeks have seen 8 new first time visitors. However, like everyone else we have suspended services, which is heartbreaking. Our people do not have the money or tech to "live stream". Even if they did, half the time power is off. We will try to minister through digital means as much as possible.

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## Muslim Man Seeks Answers.

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Just before this outbreak I had a Muslim man ask me what church I attended. After I told him, I asked him what church he attended! He, being a Muslim, told me he went to the mosque. I asked him how he came to the conclusion that Islam was the religion to follow. He said he was born into it. I then asked him what would happen to all the people born into religions that are not right, and does it concern him that his ancestors might have gotten it wrong. He said that he should probably study it out for himself. I then asked permission to tell him the difference between Christianity and Islam. He agreed. He is a electronics store owner, and I was able to preach the Gospel to the entire store. We went from Genesis, to Moses and the burning bush (showing God can communicate through the creation) to the sacrifice of Isaac, and then to the cross. He asked for more information. I was able to give him our last copy of, "done". Pray for Khalid. He is elderly, and he really needs to be saved. I miss this. I miss this a lot. I pray when

this is all over, Gods people will fill churches to capacity. Often the absence of a thing makes the heart long for it. I hope and pray that God's people will take this time to study and prepare to visit and witness.

I am quite concerned about the ability of the people to cope with this virus here. With high levels of HIV and TB, and general overall lower quality of health, I fear that we may really see some problems here in Africa. The people we minister to do not have the ability to stay home for 3 weeks. It is just impossible as both food and work are day to day. Population density and general sanitation creates a significant possibility of a quite rapid spread, but we pray somehow this will not be the case. Please pray for the people of Zambia and the surrounding nations. As if the virus was not bad enough, we are also in a currency crisis. The Zambian Kwacaha has lost 20% of its value in the last 30 days.