

THE REA FAMILY

Missionaries to Zambia



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Surprise from the USA:

Prayer requests:
Faithfulness of
new believers
Strengthening of
the church leadership
Transition of our
son Josiah back to
the USA

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While we knew our daughter, Jewelee, would be visiting from the USA, we were pleasantly surprised when our son Jacob arrived in Zambia as a surprise. They also brought two other young people from their church in Washington State. The last few weeks have been a flurry of activity as we have tried to expose them to as much of the ministry opportunities here as time would allow. We traveled through the southern half of Zambia, throughout the capital city of Lusaka, and spend time handing out tracts and witnessing as well as visiting families in the church here.

The result:

We saw a man saved in Livingstone while taking a short vacation. We met police officers in a town south of Lusaka who asked us to come to their town and start a church. We met many in Lusaka in markets, on roads, in small businesses who wanted to study the Bible. We were asked to start a church in another town in the southern province. I can tell you most assuredly the harvest is ready, and it is being lost. The laborers are few, and the harvest is great. Seeing the effect of this reality on the lives of 4 young people who all have a heart to serve God and go to the mission field has been a huge blessing.

Salvations:

For the last 3.5 years Carlos has been coming to church off and on. He has sat through Sunday School, been taught by a young man training for the ministry, and has been coming to my home with his friends most every Sunday after church. About a month ago, he was born again. Every Sunday 4-8 young men come to our home after church. They bring questions – LOTS of questions. They are reading their bibles hours each day, writing down questions all week long. Sunday we spend 4+ hours answering them and discussing the Bible. One by one they have all been saved in the last few weeks.

Outreach:

These young men have taken it upon themselves to create football teams (soccer) for the purpose of gathering all of their friends and bringing them to church to hear the gospel. I showed up to church last week for our Saturday morning Bible Study to find it packed with youth. The great thing is that I did not do it. I did not organize it. I did not initiate it! It was all done by these new believers. Young men who now, understanding salvation, want to take it to the world they live in. This is missions in action.