

THE REA FAMILY



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Missionaries to Zambia

Prayer requests:

Military and Police
Out reach

New Church Plant

Change in the
community around
our church

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Bibles Arrive!

The last few months have been busy and crazy. The first container of Bibles has arrived from China. We now have 19,000 full KJV bibles ready to distribute to the military and police of Zambia. We have dropped off some to our local police posts and they have been received with much thanksgiving. Printed in the bibles are basic bible studies, a detailed salvation message, and our phone number.

Crippling Power Problems:

In January we were hit with 14 hours a day of black outs. This is due to low water levels in the major hydroelectric facility at Kariba Dam. It is also due to the high growth rate of Zambia. Lusaka is now growing by 200,000 people per year. They are now saying the power problem is fixed, but last week we were without power for 2.5 days, and today power has been off for almost 12 hours now. We still experience power outages 3-4 times per week with durations over 12 hours.

New truck rear ended in Tanzania:

The truck we bought was rear ended coming in Tanzania as it was being driven in from the port. Thankfully the damage was not so bad, it was able to be driven into Zambia. Also the insurance company made a "mistake" and accidentally covered it... which is what I asked them to do when I bought insurance. They normally do not cover the vehicle until it is in Zambia. So... they paid and we were able to have the truck fixed. Basically it was a replacement of the entire rear end of the truck.

Thievery Sunday and Citizens Arrest

Three Sundays ago we caught a thief stealing the mirrors off the truck at church during the Sunday morning service. We pursued the man into the compound next to the church and caught him. A young 13 year old boy turned him in to us, and led us to the place where the man stays. After a long struggle we managed to haul him to the police post. Tuesday morning the police let him go due to "vomiting". We filed a case with the head police office to press charges against the officer. We are unsure why the officer violated Zambian Police procedure, an investigation is ongoing.

From Stabbing to Salvation:

The following Sunday saw the community haul a man to the police who had been stabbed in the leg. We went to the police post only to find 2 out of 3 officers scheduled for duty were absent. We took the man to the hospital and they got officers from our main police station and went into the compound to search for the perpetrator. He had fled before we arrived. This ended up being a really good thing for our church as members of the community saw we are really committed to seeing change in this community. The mother of the stabbing victim, Doreen, came to church, being so very thankful of our help for her son. She has been coming now for about 3 weeks, best of all, last week my wife was able to lead her to Salvation.

New Church Plant:

Our youth continue to witness, and a few months ago Timothy got saved. He was going to a crazy church and was trying to lead people to Christ while he himself was lost. Jolis led him to Christ. He led us to an area not far from our home where people wanted a Bible study. We have rotated people into that area for the last few weeks. Last Saturday they had 35 adults and tons of Children show up. The people secured a school classroom to meet in for no charge. They really want a church in this area. It is a new area that is just now being developed. This upcoming Sunday will be our first official service there.