

THE REA FAMILY

Missionaries to Zambia



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Prayer requests:

Cherri and our family
Loss of her mother

God to raise up
much needed
pastors

Zambia's economic
trials and severe
drought

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Delayed Letter

Please forgive me as the January letter has been delayed. This is due to a number of unrelated events. Cherri's Mother passed away the first part of February. Cherri was able to be home for her mother's passing. She returned to Zambia Mid-February. During this time we also had a missions team in Zambia. The team was able to send 10 people to Mongu where our son Jacob is planting a church. In addition they were able to engage in evangelism in Lusaka and survey the need for churches here.

Prayer about a church plant

We looked at a property in Leopard's Hill, a growing affluent area on the south east side of Lusaka. We found a property there that we think could be purchased for \$250,000. It is 3 acres, bare land. We are not actively looking to do this as we would need a new missionary to come and start that church. The Church that came on the mission trip is actively praying asking God to raise up a man who would go. The road in front of the property has about 20,000 cars traveling by it each day. If anyone would like more information about the area this property is in, the need, the economics, the demographics, etc. please reach out to me and I will do my best to answer any questions. Reality is even IF a person wrote a check today to buy that property, we would still need a man...

Teens becoming adults

A number of our young men are graduating from High School and are facing the bitter reality of life. One young man got a job at a card board factory. It paid \$34 per month. This is not enough to even feed himself. It is below the minimum wage for Zambia. And he was working 60 hours a week. Last week I preached about King Saul. He was "turned into another man" 1 Sam. 10. Yet even with another heart, Saul's life was a wreck. Saul developed the habit of quitting when life got hard. He always took the seemingly easy route, and quit doing the hard things. The next day I got a message from one of our young men thanking me for that hard message. He was thankful for the charge to not quit. Often people here just quit on life. This can lead to suicide, alcoholism, and many bad life decisions. This young man spoke of how the biblical messages "always bring an impact on my life". Reading his message was an encouragement to me.

Power and drought

Last letter I talked about the currency depreciation and the economic hardships it has caused. It was hard to imagine things could get worse. In the middle of our rainy season we went for over a month with no rain. Temperatures rose to unseasonable highs drying the ground out. Crop failure is widespread across much of Zambia. In addition water flows into the lake that feed our power generating dams. In a time when the lake level should be rising, it is already peaked and is falling. This has caused power rationing called "Load Shedding". Monday the country was put on a schedule of 8 hours per day of planned power outages. This is likely to continue for at least a year. It is a disaster for Zambia, in the area of food production, and economic activity. Please pray for the people of Zambia and for God to open their eyes. They have a "form of godliness", praying for rain and help from God, but not a single call is heard for a turning from sin that so deeply effects the nation.