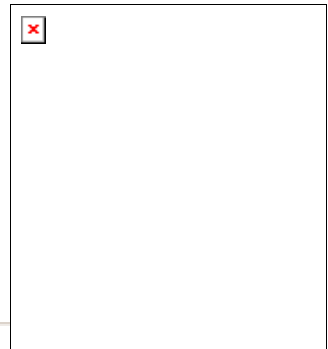


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Dear Friends,

Lorie and I returned back to the USA just a few days ago and we are quite busy traveling and visiting churches in an effort to raise support for the school (student scholarships). It is, of course, too early to judge how this effort is progressing as it usually takes a few weeks for churches to make up their minds after having visited them about the work. However, we do have 11% of the scholarship funds raised to this point and I expect (hope) this will reach the 30-40% mark by the end of November. Please pray that God will bless these efforts.

Fund-Raising Efforts for Student Scholarships

There is one major way you can help us in these efforts. If you have friends or relatives in other churches, please consider contacting them to see if they would be willing for us to come and make a presentation on the work in Zambia at their church. If so, then, please call (901-568-0906) or email me about how to contact them about arranging a visit.

Specifically, we are trying to secure funding for 70 student scholarships. It costs just \$75 per month (on a twelve month basis) to support one student in the school at Mapepe Bible College (MBC). This includes everything (e.g. food, tuition, teacher's salaries, trans-ortation costs for campaigns, cost of food, etc). For anyone desiring to help in this cause but unable to sponsor a full scholarship, we are also seeking support for ½ scholarships at \$40 per month.

Although securing funding for student scholarships is our primary objective for the next few months, there are some other needs that we are seeking assistance on. First, we urgently need to raise enough money to buy at least one bus. This bus will be used to carry students out in the evenings after classes to do evangelism in Lusaka and it will be used to carry students out on mission campaigns throughout Zambia to plant new churches. We plan to take 26 students out every other weekend to do mission work and to take all the students out for two 10-day mission campaigns to the far northern regions of Zambia during the coming school year (2006). Our goal is to plant three churches in Lusaka and five churches outside Lusaka.

We also asking churches and individuals to donate Bibles, communion trays and plastic cups, books for our library, tents, sleeping bags, medical supplies, cookware, tupperware, and a whole list of other items. We have purchased a container that we plan to ship to Zambia in about 5 months. To see the complete list of items, you can visit our web page (zambiamissions.org and click on the link at the bottom of the page for "[Donations for Zambia](#)") or write to us (address above) to request a printed copy.

New Teachers

As I briefly reported in our last Newsletter, we have now hired four Zambian teachers to work with us at MBC. Thomas

Simubali (who joined our work this year) has been promoted to "Operations Manager." He will be responsible for the daily operations of the school, freeing me to focus on teaching and other priorities. In January Dennis Chilebo will join us at MBC. Dennis is a graduate of SABS in South Africa (3 year degree in Bible). He is about 30 years old, married, and has one child. Herbert Mhango will begin work with us at MBC in February. Herbert is a graduate of Manzini Bible School (Swaziland) and has been serving as a full-time evangelist for a church in Lusaka for the past three years. Finally, Zechariah Mbewe has just informed us of his intentions to move back to Zambia from South Africa where he has been serving as a Bible teacher at SABS in South Africa for the past five years. The addition of these three new teachers will greatly strengthen our program at MBC and ensure that we accomplish our ultimate goal of producing mature, biblically-based, church-planting missionaries and leaders for Zambia.

School Construction

Just before we left Zambia for the USA last month, we initiated the construction of two new buildings at Mapepe. One building is a dorm for 60 students (including cafeteria and kitchen) and the other is a classroom building (two classes and some offices). Each is 17 feet wide by 100 feet long. Although we don't quite have all the money we need to complete the classroom building, the remaining portions of the two buildings will be completed before the beginning of the school year in 2006. This will enable us to move to our permanent location at Mapepe next year.

Continuing Operations At MBC

I think it is important for you to know that even when we are away in the USA (as we are for the next few months), our work in Zambia continues in our absence (I stay in constant contact via email). Thomas Simubali (who is now Operations Manager of the school at MBC) is actively involved in several important works. This Fall he is teaching an evening class for church members in Lusaka on "Evangelism and Church-Planting." In addition, he is making several trips out to visit and encourage students from this past year. He will make two trips to Angola to check up on the efforts of our four Angolan students who have now returned to their homes to plant churches in that country (with just 2-3 churches at this time). Thomas is also busy recruiting 35 new students for next year (his number one priority).

Our two new teachers will join Thomas at MBC in early 2006. Each of them will teach an evening class next semester for members of the church in Lusaka. Dennis and Herbert will also work with Thomas in recruiting new students and visiting/assisting past students in their new works throughout Zambia.

Arrival of Brian Davis

Lorie and I are happy to report that Brian and Sondra Davis have just moved to Solwezi (northwest Zambia). Although this is 450 miles northwest of us, it will be great to have another American co-worker in the country (this will make four of us, along with two down in the south at Namwianga). Brian's father works with the inner-city ministry in Chattanooga, TN and Brian has (for the past seven years) worked with the inner-city ministry in Cape Town, South Africa (working with refugees from Congo).

Brian, who speaks French, has wanted to work in the Congo for quite some time, but relocating to Congo is too dangerous at this time with the civil war going on in that country. But, since Solwezi is just 50 miles south of the Congo, Brian hopes to plant churches not only in the NW province of Zambia but also across the border into Congo. As most of you know, I also have had a great desire to see churches planted in the Congo (a country half the size of the USA with less than 500 members of the church). It is our hope, therefore, that Brian and I can join together to make this dream a reality in the years to come. And, while Brian will be working from the NW corner of Zambia, I will be working primarily from the Luapula province (northern/northeast Zambia) to plant churches in the Congo. -- David

A Word From Lorie

As we took a breath of the dust filled dry air, we stepped onto the stairs to board the plane. No one was talking and we glanced back at the Lusaka airport through tear-filled eyes. At that moment I realized how much the people of Zambia had grown in our hearts in one short year. We were leaving home to come to America to raise money for student scholarships. After all of the carry-on luggage was stored in the overhead bins and everyone was comfortable, my mind drifted back to the week before on God's farm at Mapepe.

We were in the midst of preparing the house for rainy season which will occur, Lord willing, while we are fundraising. The girls and I had the opportunity to share in a "village" activity -- plowing the corn field with a hand-held hoe. This field will hopefully provide food for the Mapepe students, faculty/staff (and their families), 5 orphan children who live

on the Mapepe property with their grandmother, and the Frenches. The whole time that the people worked they were thanking God for the harvest which He would provide for us.



Thank you all for praying for the Lord to send workers into the fields of Zambia which are so ripe for harvest. He has done immeasurably more than we “asked” or “imagined” in this first year (Eph 3:16-20)!

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