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Back Home In Zambia

Lorie, Natasaha and I departed from Memphis on Jan 1 and arrived back home safely here in Zambia on the following evening (Jan 2). Kerin (our daughter) and her two orphaned children were here to warmly greet us at the airport.

Unfortunately, not all our bags arrived with us and one has still not caught up to us after six days! Don't you just know it would have to be the one with all our clothes in it. Lorie has just three dresses to wear and I arrived with just one pair of pants which I have now worn for more days than you want to know!

Focus For 2009

The primary focus for this next year is going to be on the spiritual development and evangelistic training of our staff. From the very beginning four years ago, we launched out in a concerted effort to train church leaders and missionaries for the advancement of the kingdom of God. And, during this time we have slowly assembled a staff from past students and other qualified people we have found; but we have never really paused long enough to really train and develop our staff in a proper way. Also, up until now, we were not really to do this as we were still trying to figure out how best to plant churches in Zambia and to train students to do so.

But now, having four years of experience behind us, we feel we have accumulated sufficient knowledge and experience to begin defining our church-planting methods and to train our staff in how to effectively train our students to do so. Thus, while we will continue on with most of our training programs this year, we have designated this year as the year to properly train and develop our own staff for the work that lies before us

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God will bless our efforts to train and develop our staff as we endeavor to increase the quality of our training program.

Pray for our new Zambian President as his leadership is critical to the future of Zambia.

Pray for the people of Zambia who are truly suffering during this period of global recession. Prices for basic food items have sky-rocketed and thousands have lost their jobs in the copper mines as the cost of copper has plummeted in recent weeks.

Pray that God will bless us in our efforts to advance the kingdom of God in Central Africa.

Pray that God will protect us from the forces of evil that are constantly seeking a way to discourage and destroy this work.

Pray that God will provide what financial resources we need to accomplish our work this year in Zambia.

in future years.

Our 32nd Anniversary

For Lorie and I, today is our 32nd wedding anniversary. There are not too many ways to celebrate special days over here and finding a Hallmark card is near impossible, but I did want to acknowledge publicly that today is a special day for us and that God has truly blessed me with one of the most special of people on earth to be my wife and partner in this ministry in Zambia. I know I may seem biased, but I truly believe that Lorie is one of the most gifted missionaries that God has ever created! She is loved and adored by all the people here in Zambia and is truly making a difference for God's glory.

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