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Josh & Alisha

As many of you know, Lorie and I have been searching for an American **couple to come work with us** here at Mapepe as this work just continues to grow at an incredible pace. This past Fall, when I spoke at the Sunset school in Lubbock, I made an appeal to the students for workers and two couples responded with interest. **Josh Tucker** and **Alisha Osburn** (see picture below to the right) are currently students at Sunset and are engaged to be married in just a couple of months (April). Josh & Alisa have had previous mission training and experience as they both went through the AIM program at Sunset. Josh interned in Russia while Alisha served in Thailand.

Lorie and I have invited Josh and Alisha to visit us for a month this coming summer (July) so that they might be able to decide whether or not to join us permanently in this work. However, due to the poor economy, Josh & Alisha are finding it hard to **raise the \$4000** they need to make this trip. If you are able to assist them in this effort, we would be most thankful! To do so just send a check to "Zambia Missions" (1910 Sycamore View Rd, Memphis, TN 38134) and include a note that the contribution is for Josh & Alisa.

The Zambia Project, Inc

Over the past few years we have had several people who have assisted us to develop ministries that provide some physical assistance to people in need. Jesus clearly taught his disciples (and us) to both preach and minister to people's physical needs (Mt 4:23-25). As I have visited many of you over the past two years, I have tried to explain the importance of **holistic missions** which seeks to combine both the spiritual and the physical. It is near impossible to preach "good news" to people living at survival level while ignoring their physical needs. Hence, we have introduced a variety of ministries to do just this (e.g.

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.

Pray for Josh & Alisha as they consider joining the work here in Zambia and in raising the necessary support for their visit this coming summer (July 2009).



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