

# Zambia Newsletter

Zambia Missions

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Ministries and Contact Information. Now that we have several different ministries in operation, I believe it would be beneficial to list and define them, and to give you the information on how to support and communicate with each ministry.

**Zambia Missions:** This is the name that we use to identify the spiritual ministries of our work in Zambia which Lorie and I are engaged in. Any funds that are contributed to this ministry will go only to this ministry (e.g. Mapepe Bible College, church-planting efforts, etc) unless the contributor states otherwise. If anyone wants to contribute to any other ministry (listed below), they can always send a check to "Zambia Missions" (1910 Sycamore View Rd, Memphis, TN 38134) and include a note or write on the memo line the specific ministry that you would like to contribute to. Contact information: You may email Lorie and me any time at either of the following email addresses: [frenches.zambia@gmail.com](mailto:frenches.zambia@gmail.com) or [loriefrench@gmail.com](mailto:loriefrench@gmail.com) (the latter to communicate with Lorie directly). You may also write to us via the above Memphis address. Please do NOT hesitate to write to us if you have any question about anything.

You can also find lots of information on our web page: [www.zambiamissions.org](http://www.zambiamissions.org) you can also sign-up for our monthly newsletter and e-bulletins that are sent out by email (which saves us the cost of postage) – just email me your request ([frenches.zambia@gmail.com](mailto:frenches.zambia@gmail.com)) and I will add you to the list. And, finally, I would love for you to become a "friend" on Facebook (run a search using my email address ([www.zambia.frenches@gmail.com](mailto:www.zambia.frenches@gmail.com)) or send me your email address and I'll send you an invitation to join. I use Facebook to post lots of pictures and to alert people of news about our ministry (e.g. prayer requests, events going on, travel dates, etc)

**Zambia Project, Inc:** Do not confuse this ministry with the one above (Zambia Missions). This registered 501c (3) non-profit ministry that was formed by various Christians who have come to Zambia, seen a need, and have launched this effort as a way to provide humanitarian assistance to the poor of Zambia. Although the primary focus right now is on starting a mobile medical clinic this year and on funding the medical mission each year, this ministry will soon begin to expand to provide funding for all of the other humanitarian ministries at Mapepe. Because this is a

registered 501c (3), all contributions are tax-deductable (as is also true of Zambia Missions). This also will enable Zambia Project, Inc to apply for grants from corporations, humanitarian foundations, and governments. These funds, obviously, will be kept separate from Zambia Missions and will be used only for humanitarian purposes. Neither Lorie nor I are on this board as our focus is with the spiritual dimension of the ministry (Zambia Missions).

Contact information: You may contribute to any of the humanitarian ministries listed in this newsletter by sending a check to "Zambia Project, Inc" at 4023 Brunswick Rd, Bartlett, TN 38133. You may also phone (901-386-4163) or email ([thezambiaproject@gmail.com](mailto:thezambiaproject@gmail.com)) Ty Jones. You can also find a great deal of information (and donate online) on their web page: [www.zambiaproject.org](http://www.zambiaproject.org) you may donate to any of our humanitarian ministries mentioned in this newsletter by including a memo or note stating your desire.

**Silent Angels:** This is a ministry to care for orphans in Zambia. There are three different types of orphans ministries: (a) Adopt-An-Orphan program. As with Compassion International and other such programs, you can sponsor (assist) an orphan in Zambia for just \$35 per month. This will provide some food and medical assistance and perhaps assist in paying certain school fees. (b) Juvenile Rehabilitation Center (JRC). This ministry provides Zambian judges with an alternative for boys 8-12 years old who have been convicted of a crime (usually stealing). Instead of sending them to adult prison (where there is a 50% mortality rate), judges will be able to turn them over to us where we can put them in a Christian family and teach them how to farm (and other skills) and get them back in schools. (c) And, finally, the third ministry is Kerin's Kids (see below).

Contact Information: If you would like more information on this ministry you may visit our web page (see the link on the home page to Silent Angels) or you may email Richard Waggoner ([ircswagg@vallnet.com](mailto:ircswagg@vallnet.com)). In order to contribute to this ministry, you may write a check to "Zambia Missions" and mail it to 1910 Sycamore View Rd, Memphis, TN 38134 (add a memo or note that the contribution is for Silent Angels. You may also send a check to "Zambia Project, Inc" (4023 Brunswick Rd, Bartlett, TN 38133) and include a memo that it is for Silent Angels.

**Kerin's Kids:** There has been a great deal of interest in this new ministry that our daughter, Kerin, has just started in Zambia.

Be sure to see the story below (Lorie's Reflections) about one of Kerin's recent additions. It is not uncommon in Zambia (when children are born handicapped, become very sick after birth, or are born to unwed mothers) for children to be abandoned in "the bush." Even when the family tries to care for such children, survival is often futile. Another practice is for families at the gravesite (when the mother dies in childbirth) to throw the baby in on top of the mother at burial (reason: the family can't afford the formula). It is also common that, when Christians see children abandoned or thrown into a grave like this, they will often step forward to rescue the child.

It has been Kerin's desire for quite some time now to create a ministry (a place) where families can bring these children so that they can be nursed back to health and raised up to the point that the extended family can take them back (12-24 months). Those children whose families are not willing or able to take them back can be placed with a Christian family to be raised. The story below tells of one such child whose life was saved when the mother tried to smother her newborn with two pillows an hour after birth.

Contact Information: If you would like to know more about this ministry, you can email Kerin ([kerinskids@gmail.com](mailto:kerinskids@gmail.com)) and she will be happy to answer any questions. If you would like to donate to this ministry (each child costs between \$50 and \$100 per month depending on the age and health of the child), you can do so by mailing a check to "Zambia Missions"

or "Zambia Project" (addresses above). Be sure to include a note or memo that the contribution is for "Kerin's Kids." We also need to raise monthly support for this ministry in order to employ a few women to help Kerin to care for these children. We also need to raise money to build a small building in which to care for these children (orphanage).

**Agriculture:** This is a wonderful ministry that teaches people to feed themselves (empowers rather than fosters dependency). Although Healing Hands (Nashville) and Richard Myers have been the primary backers of this program, we are needing additional funds in order to fund the monthly training workshops (fuel and drip kits). These workshops are a critical component of our church-planting strategy. We have found that these workshops are one of the most effective ways to build a relationship (trust) with new villages and do an incredible job of opening up doors so that we can follow up in our efforts to plant new churches. In fact, all of the 14 plus churches that we are planting this year are in those villages where we have previously conducted workshops. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, you may do so by either mailing a check to "Zambia Missions" or "Zambia Project, Inc" (above addresses). Be sure to put include a note or memo that the contribution is for Agriculture Training.

**Reminder:** Be sure to sign up for our e-bulletins. Go to [www.zambiamissions.org](http://www.zambiamissions.org) and click on the link "subscribe to e-bulletins" at the bottom of the web page.

## Lorie's Reflections

This is the story of a precious baby who was born prematurely to an unwed mother who tried to smother the baby immediately after his birth. This happens all too often.

The night was sultry. No breeze could be found. We were waiting for the rainy season to begin to cool things off a bit. The cooking fires were dying down. I was quite comfortable inside warmth that surrounded me. I was growing as I should be. At that moment everything began to change.

Suddenly, without warning I felt pressure all around me. I struggled to move my arms but was unable to do so. I struggled for a while and then as suddenly as it had begun, it finished. I noticed that the sounds and smells were different than they had been before. My arms were free to move about but I felt so exposed. I gasped for breath into my tiny lungs and managed to begin to breathe.

Then again, great pressure and darkness covered and consumed me. I struggled for every bit of air I could get but little came. I heard somewhat familiar voices and again the light hit my eyes and my tiny lungs again could fill with air. Not long after that, I found myself being picked up into some very loving hands. I was lifted up and held close to a beating heart again. That was a wonderful sound to me. I knew I was safe and I drifted off to sleep, safe and secure.



They called me "Daniel", because God had protected me just as He had protected Daniel of old. You see I was born into this world early and immediately after my birth someone tried to take my life.

I am now one of "Kerin's Kids" and I am wonderfully loved. Only God knows the plans that He has for me. Maybe like Daniel of old, I will be a mighty prayer warrior. For now I will just rest and grow in the safety of my Father's care.