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Lifting up Jesus in Zambia, Africa

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Dear Praying Friends,

In our last letter, we shared about the cholera epidemic that was covering our city. We praise the Lord that it is now in the past, and the schools were able to open February 12th. Do, however, continue to pray for Zambia. The rainy season started well, but around the end of January, the rain just stopped. Most of the maize was about knee high at that time, and much of the country received very little to no rain for the following seven to eight weeks. The government has now declared a state of emergency and are expecting food shortages later this year. The reservoirs used for electricity are also very low, and now power cuts are already common for eight to twelve hours daily. We praise the Lord that some years back, one of our churches helped us get a solar system for our home. That gift of love has been a tremendous blessing to us over the years.



Recent Baptism

Since the schools have opened in February and the cholera has

dissipated, it has been nice to get back into more of a schedule in our different ministries. At the church in Makeni, we have seen several receive salvation and several more follow Christ in baptism. We praise the Lord for the steady growth there. It has been a blessing to work on this church plant in conjunction with the Robinson Family. The property we have secured is progressing well, and we hope to begin meeting there sometime around July of this year. Our main obstacle is getting a power source on the property. We are praying about whether to hook onto the grid which only works about half the time or invest in a solar system. The grid will be cheaper in the short term but may take up to a year to get connected. If we go solar, the initial cost will be higher, but the monthly expenses will be reduced. In early February, I was able to take another trip down to Muzoka and do a block class on the study of Jesus Christ with some of the leaders there. Please pray for the church in Kanyama. We have had some transition lately, and I am excited for what God is continuing to do there. In the last several months, God has brought in some new members who have a desire to serve.

It was a blessing to have my sister and brother-in-law visit with us for two weeks in late March/early April. We have been here going on eleven years, and this is the first time one of our siblings has ever been able to visit. We had a wonderful time, and they were able to help greatly with the ministry work while here. Much training was provided to our



Teacher Training

different teachers, and we also were able to provide some Sunday School teacher training in two of the rural churches we work with in the Bush. While they were here, we saw a number of people profess Christ during different evangelistic meetings.

The coming months look to be very busy. We look forward to having two college students coming to intern with us in May and June. We are continuing construction on the deaf school building. We recently were able to get the roof on and will soon be working on the electricity. We also will be breaking ground on the new restroom block that will be needed for the students.

Please continue to pray. We are excited about what God has in store! He is ever writing our story. Thank you for being a part of His work here in Zambia!

Lifting Up Jesus,

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