

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We must raise all of our own support as missionaries. We have minimized our expenses as much as possible both in the USA and Zambia. Everything is expensive, almost like living in Washington D. C.! We shipped a container because it was less expensive than purchasing in Zambia. It is estimated that we will need about \$35,000 per year to live and work in Zambia as well as maintain some continuity here. All contributions to CTMI are tax-deductible. Please prayerfully consider supporting us monthly or a one time gift. We would greatly appreciate your help and will keep you in our prayers. It takes an entire team to provide missionary support to third world countries, those who go, provide support, stay behind to carry on the work, and those that pray for us. Contributions can be made to: Creator's Touch Ministries, c/o Karla Miller, 633 Bethlehem Drive, Waukon, IA 52172. WE ARE BACK IN THE USA FOR FUNDRAISING AND HOLIDAYS FROM DEC 15TH THRU JAN 30TH. LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE US OR HAVE US MINISTER IN YOUR CHURCH OR MEETING. We anticipate another fundraising trip to the US in July, 2007. We would love to hear from you. Dave's email is DMK918@aol.com and Connie's email is Keats918@aol.com. Cell phone ONLY while in the states: 414-232-0225.

CHECK OUT OUR CTM WEBSITE!

News and photos are added about every three months, and the calendar and contact information more often. In September we did a major upgrade with better navigation from the News pages directly to the relevant photos in the Photo Album with ease of return to the News page, you can now read our past newsletters online in the PDF format, future newsletter will also be posted to the website, active links and some pictures to ministries with which we work, and other smaller changes. On the Internet, go to www.creatorstouch.org. Be sure to check our calendar page often to see where we will be, especially while in the states during December 14th to January 30th.

Please send us your email address so you can receive our frequent email updates. You can also enter it on www.creatorstouch.org on the Newsletter Subscription page.

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May God richly bless you, all you do, and keep you in His hands. Thank you for your support of Creator's Touch Ministries. We love and appreciate you very much.
Sincerely,
Dave and Connie Keating



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What is ahead for 2007?

Our original commitment is for 2 years. Already we have been here 18 months! We would like to be more effective in our roles here and would like to begin training Zambians to replace us. We are just getting through crisis management and have now begun to look for likely candidates to train! We would like to help get the Regent University classes started and are committed to continuing our mission in Zambia, at least for a year.

We will need to increase our personal fund-raising. Our original projection of about \$35,000 per year is proving to be pretty accurate. January through October 2006 we have spent about \$24,000 just in Zambia plus personal expenditures. This does not include the tickets to return to the US or our US based expenses! We are finding it necessary to return to the US at least twice a year to raise additional funds for the next six months and to make up some of our deficit. We continue to seek ways in which to reduce our expenses and God has provided in several ways: free labor for car work and hair cuts/perms, many fruit trees and a garden in our yard, a Zambian to rent the back "cottage" and some people who want us to mentor them so they invest time in helping us.

November and December have been months of planning and strategizing for 2007. The main focuses will be fund-raising and advertising in an effort to let others know how VMI is changing, involving all of the staff as well as the students. The ministry website will be updated or redone to reflect the changes taking place. Dr. Mumba will have monthly services and will tour the US, Europe and southern Africa. There will be two major events - one in February (National Prayer Breakfast and Global Leadership Summit) and one in September (International Gospel Festival and Global Leadership Summit). There will be much work done in order to get the computer network and internet into the building along with purchasing the needed tables, chairs and other infrastructure. Some realigning of staff will occur in order to facilitate the projected growth. Dave will be handing over the daily operations of Victory University College to someone so that he can concentrate on whole ministry administration and someone has been assigned as a deputy Administrator and Business Manager to assist him and take over while we are in the states. He may also be doing some travel with Dr. Mumba to help raise funds for the enlargement of the Victory University College. Regent University classes will begin with professors on site as well as the third year Advanced Theology degree in January to March. We are also excited to announce that talks have concluded with the Norma Jean School of Broadcasting and Communications that teaches journalism, project management, social work and other similar disciplines. This would be the beginning of the VMI Communications School that was planned with Regent University. This is right in line with the vision to raise Christian leaders for the future of Africa, and it would be great to have more Christians in the media! They hope to begin with about 30 students and classes begin January 15th, 2007. A snack shop will also be started in January for the convenience of the students on campus.

There are plans being formed for T. D. Jakes Ministry to have a pastors conference in Lusaka or a satellite program live from another country in the southern part of Africa in the fall of



Mosquito Net



VMI New Facilities

2007 as well as commission some sort of humanitarian project.

Dr. Mumba has been doing some fund raising and there is a good possibility that there will be funds available to place somewhere around 20 to 30 hammermills, boreholes and some clinic buildings in the next year. Victory Ministries has already identified 50 projects of this kind so that some can be placed in each province. Several project proposals have been submitted regarding medical clinics and farming in conjunction with other ministries.

In addition, we will be doing conferences in various parts of Zambia and teaching for a week or more at Komena Bible School in Sinazongwe in southern Zambia. We have been invited to return to Durban, South Africa for meetings.

We certainly don't know all that God has planned for us but believe that our time here will be more productive in 2007. We are beginning to feel more comfortable here and people are beginning to teach us some of the customs to help us integrate into the culture. It is amazing how much gets lost in translation from one language and culture to another. These losses create anxiety, confusion, offense and aggravation. Relationships become difficult when you don't even know you are offending someone. It will be great when God returns one language to all the earth!

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We know that we cannot be here without the faithful prayer support of friends and family. We also recognize that it is the faithful donations of supporters that give us the opportunity to be here and make a difference. We cannot do anything without you! You are participating in our reward through your prayers and giving. May God reward you one hundred times more than you have given to help us!

A review of 2006.

Wow! This year is almost over! It is hard to imagine that we have been in Zambia about 18 months already. So much has happened in this last year that we can only give you a glimpse at the highlights in this newsletter. For a more full report and more pictures please visit our website at www.creatorstouch.org.

February began with an opportunity to bless a community school in Lusaka with items such as chairs, chalk board and other items for teaching. Someone in the US had given money for this purpose. The ministry also had visitors from South Africa in February. March brought visitors from T. D. Jakes ministry who are looking at a several nations tour in southern Africa in mid 2007 as well as visitors from Global Assistance and the former International Director for Christ For the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas. In March we also moved from our friends house to an apartment with help from the students.



Dove Christian Center



Mission Center Church

April was a busy month. So far this is the only month that we both spent with an ailment - a cold. We have been blessed with good health. We were involved in three conferences out of town. During one conference we were privileged to drive out into "the bush" to visit Mission Center Church. This "building" has burned down since we visited and they rebuilt it. It is humbling to see how little they have and yet be generous and happy. Their clay and grass thatched "huts" leave much to be desired as well as the long walk to obtain water each day. We were received graciously and given a live chicken (which we immediately gave to the host to cook for those who walked 7 hours to attend the conference)!

In May we returned to the US part of the month to attend our son's college graduation. He received degrees in Computer Science and English and a minor in for a Masters in Software Engineering. We are we were blessed to be flown to Regent University with them. When we returned we were on the banks of Lake Kariba at Sinazongwe. invited us to participate. As a result we have received an invite to teach at their Komena Bible



Steven Keating

Victory University College again opened on June 5th. The first day of classes a teacher called in to say that she would not be available to teach that term. So Connie taught Old Testament Survey. We must be people who are very flexible and ready to change at all times! One of the students took a trip back to his country of Namibia and was killed. The school sent our secretary and a student to attend the funeral and they were gone two weeks to Namibia and South Africa. June was not a good month for Dave. He somehow got an infection in his face and neck. The doctor didn't think

Photography. He has chosen to continue in school very proud of his accomplishments. While home city to meet with the team there regarding the involved in another conference out in "the bush" Our friends, Colin and Judith Carson from England made friends with the missionaries there and have School this next year for a week or two.

the medicine would help even though he inserted a shunt and gave him IV drugs for 7 straight days. The doctor told Dave that he must serve a big God because of his healing!



Sompani Basic School

In August we made a trip to Sompani Basic School in Gwembe Valley. The roads are so bad that they are impassable during the rainy season, and the last 50 Km took about 3 hours! We had to get out of the car several times in order for our car to get through the sand, dirt and rocks. We were loaded pretty heavy on top and inside with clothes, food and blankets plus 5 to 7 passengers! This area is the first place Zambia Shall Be Saved Foundation placed hammermills because of the extreme poverty. This trip gave new meaning to the phrase "the bush" for me! Very nice people who appreciate anything you do for them. It also helped me to appreciate all I have.



Gwembe Valley Trip

August was a month of physical work. We moved from the apartment to a home. At the end of August we also moved the ministry into our garage for a few weeks until we could move into new facilities at the beginning of October. We spend much of August at home working on the yard. For Connie it was a time of some relaxation and of communing with nature and with God. Dave had to deal with getting the past ministry center painted and fixed before completing the move. This home and yard is a great provision! We have many fruit trees that will provide good food for us. We are also glad to have green space and flowers around us instead of just cement walls! Our own sanctuary in the midst of a large but poor city, which is important for us as we haven't yet made many friends so we spend more time at home, and they don't have parks here or green space in which to relax. We are hoping to have some of the visiting Regent University staff stay with us and other visitors and missionaries from the United States. Judi Hinson, a missionary from the US based at Sinazongwe stayed with us a night before heading to the US in October.

In early August, Dr. Mumba announced that he was pulling out of the campaign for President of Zambia. We were somewhat disappointed but understood that it was best for him at this time. His vision and determination are still strong and we expect that he will run again in the 2011 elections. He had also talked to all major parties and we are sure he is still looking to form some sort of alliance or coalition for government at some point in the future. He reminds us of Abraham Lincoln who ran several times before being elected!

October began with moving into new ministry headquarters. It is a MUCH larger facility which will accommodate growth for the next several years. It has 18 rooms so we each have a spacious office. There are rooms for chapel, internet cafe, regular classes as well as the third year advanced degree. There is a spacious room for the library as well as housing for about 16 students. The garage could also be used for teaching space when it is needed. We began the third year advanced degree at the college but only two of the eight registered came, so we cancelled the classes. We may start again in January. The last weekend in October was historic for Victory University College. Three visitors came from Regent University, Virginia Beach, Va. and we had a press conference for the OFFICIAL signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. This culminates a process of about 7 years and makes the partnership between Regent University and Victory University College official. We will begin classes in Political Science probably in March. Also in October a MOU was signed with Norma Jean College of Broadcasting and Communications. They had been a very successful school, with many graduates and the government chose to shut them down because of the competition with the University of Zambia program. They have not operated for two years but will begin again January 2007 and share our facilities. Dr. Mumba now has his own office (just off Connie's) and will be spending more time at the office. Things sure run differently, but better when he is around. He is a strong leader with a big vision, yet a gentle man.



Regent Staff

Also in October we had an incredible phone call! The lady on the phone said she had found our Creator's Touch Ministries website (www.creatorstouch.org). She enjoyed reading the news and seeing the pictures of our time in Zambia. This lady has a heart for the Gwembe Valley because she had lived there many years ago! She felt God told her to call us - from AUSTRALIA!!! We don't know people there, and I'm sure she didn't know us. This is the first time this has happened to us - someone found our website and called us! We sure felt God knew our name and it greatly encouraged us! Perhaps more people are finding our website than we know.

November began with staff meetings and planning for next year. There will be much fundraising activity as we raise funds to pay for the new facilities as well as enlarge the operations here. We will need computers, internet, chairs, tables and other basic items. There will be some realigning of responsibilities and staff in order to facilitate the growth.

December was the close of this term and our fundraising trip to the United States as well as to visit our families.