

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.! All contributions to CTMI are tax-deductable. Please prayerfully consider supporting us monthly or with 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. We especially want to thank our supporters who have continued and increased their support. 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 12TH THRU FEB 14TH. 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, 2008. 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.

Letters and/or care packages would be appreciated. Such items as teaching CD's, inspirational messages, books, and newsy letters. The Murrays have received mail with no problems. Send regular post to the P. O. Box in Chelston, bigger boxes by DHL, FED-EX or UPS to the physical address in Avondale.

CHECK OUT OUR CTM WEBSITE!

News and photos are added about every three months, and the calendar and contact information more often. In December we did a major upgrade so that updating the website from Zambia is shorter and more efficient. 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 12th to about February 14th.

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,
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GREETINGS FROM ZAMBIA

* What's Ahead for 2008

What is ahead for 2008?

WOW! Our original commitment for 2 years is completed! Though there were many challenges, we have been changed for the better! We will continue to work with Victory Ministries in any area or on any projects they would like us to help.

* 2007 in Review

We are pleased to continue working with Theuns and Karin Engelbrecht of Missionary Ventures. They are located at Sinazongwe, in the Gwembe Valley on Lake Kariba. We are scheduled to teach Prophecy, Dreams and Visions, the Father Heart of God, and speak at their pastors conference. We will be helping with orientation and housing of their missionary teams. They are in the process of building a school in another location and want us to teach there also. They are also looking to start some type of cooperative farming and we may help with that project. They have been a great resource for information and wisdom as they have been missionaries here for about 7 years. We enjoy visiting them for fellowship and a little rest!

* We Need Your Help

* Website Information

* New Mailing Address

There is a U. S. ministry that also would like to partner with us. They will be building community schools, boreholes and other buildings. We have been approved by their board to administrated the building process and funds. When their funding becomes available we will possibly do three or four projects the first year. The projects are chosen through relationship and based on what they are already doing with the meager resources they have. Please pray for their ministry and funding source. This will impact many people in Zambia as they will be helping in very poor rural areas with education, medical clinics, boreholes, agriculture and more. We are hoping to include some "life skills" training such as carpentry, tailoring, farming, and business management, etc. We are really blessed to partner and be a part of what God is doing that may have effect not only in the short term but also possibly in the long term on many communities.



Dave at Chamba Valley



Connie with Pr. Ng'ambi and Florence Mumba

We are currently beginning to work with a youth group in one of the compound areas of Lusaka. We are teaching a basic discipleship class and have been asked to teach other subjects and mentor the leadership. This group of young people are from different denominations but have a heart and determination to see their area changed. They meet every evening for prayer and teaching. In November Creator's Touch Ministry donated 10 Global Youth Bibles purchased from the local Bible Society. They were well received by the leadership as some didn't have bibles.

We are working with an association of community schools in the Lusaka area. Dave has helped with a sports league and some advice. They have asked us to teach their leadership some administration skills and project management. We will also be helping with the consolidation of some of the smaller schools into a larger school.

In mid-November we got a call from another U. S. ministry that would like to ship a container of thousands of flower, herb and vegetable seed packets from 2007 to Zambia. We are in the process of obtaining the necessary governmental approvals. It would be shipped in early 2008. We would work with our local contacts and probably some of their contacts to distribute the seeds to needy people. We want to cross denominations and hopefully get the seed to all parts of Zambia.

One of the criteria is that about 20 % of what is grown would go to feed those in greater need. It will be a challenge to check to see that is done.

We will continue to preach in various churches and conferences.. Our local church (Praise Christian Center) has invited us to help with the revival of the cell groups in our part of town, women's ministry, men's ministry and dance group. I will continue to lend the church my keyboard until their's is fixed. There are more ministries that we will work with here in Zambia. Some have mentioned some things they would like us to do but we are not sure if there will be follow through. We chose to understate rather than overstate what will happen next year.

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 2007.

This year is over! It is hard to imagine that we have been in Zambia about 30 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 through April was business as usual at the Victory Ministries office in Roma. We kept regular business hours from 8 to 5. We did take a trip to visit a 1200 hectare farm to talk about how the cooperative operates. They raise bananas and other plants for sale. The farm has changed the area by employing people and lowering the theft rate. It was hoped that some of their techniques could be used on the Victory Ministries property. Early April the ministry office was moved to storage again. A student braai was held in June at our house to inform the students that the bible college would be a home study format until further notice. In July we completed our two year commitment and we feel a call to join with other ministries in Zambia and so have left Victory Ministries.

April was a good month! We are very proud of our son who has gotten a really great job. He is working for Alpha Video in Minneapolis, software, hardware and networking for those and casinos. He will have an opportunity to travel in the US and perhaps Europe doing client inter-shooting after installation. WAY TO GO STEVEN!! We are VERY proud of you. Also in April Dave ministered at the Christian Assemblies of God or Connie ministered at the Christian Assemblies of God Easter Conference, Dove Christian Center, and a Women's Conference involving Dove Christian Center and a few other churches. Also in April Dave and Connie taught Discipleship I class at Komena Bible School in Sinazongwe on Lake Kariba.



Steven Keating

May was a quiet month but we were able to donate 25 baby outfits (from our son Steven) in which we had wrapped our household goods, about 20 blankets and some medicines given to us by Children's Vision International (Bangor, Wisconsin and Bogota, Colombia), a box of exam gloves bought for the food distribution, soap and some other various items to Theuns and Karin Engelbrecht who are missionaries with Missionary Ventures (Headquarters are in Orlando, Florida). They will be diligent to make sure that those who are in dire need in the Gwembe Valley will receive those items they need. It was a good time to donate these items as the cold season is in June through about August.

We taught a covenant class at Komena bible school again for 4 days in early June. Dave also ministered at Chamba Valley Church two days and at Mission Church in the Chainda compound. We celebrated our 33rd anniversary at the end of June and we were blessed that Dave's brother Joseph was able to join us for this great occasion. Joseph came to Zambia to big game hunt and invited Dave to join him to observe the hunt. It was an opportunity of a life time! Joe and Dave enjoyed spending some time together. Joseph has the honor of being our first personal U.S. visitor! We also attended a wedding of a former student. The most interesting thing that happened in June was our car was stolen from our yard! It is a miracle that it was recovered two days later about 6 hours drive from here. We finally got our car back about October 16th and it was finally fixed by insurance about mid November. The four sus-



Komena 2nd Yr Students



Dave, Joe & Black Lechwe

pects - two Zambian and two Congolese - received 5 year jail terms. We are blessed because we heard that some cases take two years and ours was only about 4 1/2 months. It certainly kept us from traveling much but also reduced some of our travel expenses.

We attended our Praise Christian Center annual conference in early July. We were privileged to sit with the pastors and talk to the speakers from Swaziland, conference done in excellence. Just before the praise leader had used my keyboard before and they continue to use the keyboard for the about 6 am every week! We shared at the marriage enrichment fellowship and Connie was privileged to preach at Dove Christian Church blessed that the Murray family moved in to our family with the Baptist Church. They brought seven children have leadership positions and many of the folk from their church come to visit here. They have had cell group, bible study, youth group and other meetings here. Pr. Murray is here to start a bible college for the Berean Baptist Church.



South Africa and other nations. It was a conference the church keyboard broke. The so I allowed them to use it for the conference Sunday services, collecting it from our house marriage enrichment fellowship and Connie was for the two Women's services. We are "cottage" on July 21st. It is a missionary family of their eight children. Several of the children have leadership positions and many of the folk from their church come to visit here. They have had cell group, bible study, youth group and other meetings here. Pr. Murray is here to start a bible college for the Berean Baptist Church.

In August we were again blessed to teach at Komena bible school in Sinazongwe on Lake Kariba, this time on marriage and finances. It is really relaxing there as there are no gates or locks. You can hear the sound of the waves and the stars are so very bright because of no night lights. You do have to watch out for the monkeys, chickens, snakes and crocodiles! Dave taught leadership and preached at Chamba Valley again. We were both able to share at the Marriage Enrichment Fellowship again.

In September we were able to preach at Dominion Christian Worship Center and Dave shared at the quarterly branch meeting for Praise Christian Center. We also visited two community schools. Ipusukilo Community School we had visited in March of 2005 and we were very blessed to see the changes. The roof was fixed and the bathrooms replaced. The walls were fixed and nicely painted. There was a new fence around the property and a foundation has been started for future expansion. The children seemed very happy. That day the 5th and 6th graders were tested in multiplication. Some were very good and some had quite a bit of trouble. We also visited Makambo Community School. It is a work in progress but much has been done considering there was nothing there about three years ago. Now there is a school, borehole, bathrooms and a second school building up to roof level. .



Ipusukilo School



Makambo School

October was filled with court dates and insurance issues. Dave actually appeared in court twice more than the suspects because the police said they didn't have transport for the suspects! Dave enjoyed watching the process as he had to appear in the morning and wait for the case to be called. He felt the judge was quite fair and very discerning. We are excited about the group we share with at the end of October. A group of youth have gathered in one of the compound areas. It has been started by a teacher at the Lusungu Community School. It is made up of about 50 people ages 21 to 29. They come from different churches but they are focused on seeing their area won to Christ. They meet every night from church to church to pray for the area and teaching. We have been asked to teach a basic discipleship class and then later teach on the gifts of the spirit. It is a fun group to work with.

Connie was privileged to preach twice at the Women's Conference for Praise Christian Center in early November. There were about eight speakers, mostly from the church. They do everything in excellence and she felt she was treated like a queen! We began the Discipleship seminar with the Lusungu Youth Group (CTM doctrine) and hosted the Marriage Enrichment Fellowship at our house.



Youth Group with Bibles

We continued the Discipleship seminar traveled to the US. We will be in the US from the first two weekends in December before we contact us to visit your church or meeting. December 12th to February 14th. Be sure to

Thank you for being interested in what God is doing in and through our lives. Thank you for supporting us in prayer and financially. We are very grateful that you have thought that God's work through us is worthy to support. You will receive a reward in heaven for those you have helped us to touch. We certainly are only the tip of the iceberg and you are the anchors. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!