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GREETINGS FROM ZAMBIA

On July 1st, Connie and I arrived in Lusaka, Zambia. We left Onalaska, Wisconsin on June 23rd, traveling first to Durban, South Africa where we purchased our 'new' car (a 1992 Mitsubishi Pajero 4 wheel drive vehicle), then driving three days through South Africa, Botswana, and into Livingstone, Zambia (home of Victoria Falls-one of the seven wonders of the world), and then proceeding from Livingstone to Lusaka. Dealing with several borders and getting our vehicle cleared by customs and approved in Zambia was a very tedious and cumbersome experience. More than a whole day was spent at border crossings and/or customs. We have never had a vehicle inspected by so many different officials for different reasons. We were so thankful that we had a friend, Chilufya, from Zambia living in South Africa who drove with us from Durban to Livingstone. Chilufya also took care of all the paperwork and custom clearances. What a huge blessing. There are no road signs along the route so even the last stretch from Livingstone to Lusaka by ourselves was interesting. Getting settled in Lusaka takes a lot of patience and work. We have registered, licensed, and insured our vehicle, registered with the US Embassy, received our two year work permits and visas, looked for housing, and are starting to get settled in. House rents are very high here running from \$1000-1500 per month so we have decided to purchase a home. We have been living out of our suitcases since May 15th and have been staying with a Pastor here in Lusaka. We have finally purchased a home but will not be able to move in to it until we return to Zambia on January 18th. It is a nice home with lots of security and yard space which is important because of the cement walls that surround the property. Our container finally arrived in Lusaka on September 15th after much delay and issues to resolve in Durban. It was cleared from Zambian Customs on October 3rd. We now have our household goods with us and have started unpacking a few things but most is still in storage waiting for a house to put things. Here in Zambia, we drive on the opposite side of the road with steering and everything opposite to that in the USA. Roads are in fair shape in the city and on main routes through the country but elsewhere are very treacherous. Traffic signals often don't work and many stop signs are missing. People just travel at their own risks and in traffic jams one must slowly work their vehicle through the crowd. Lusaka is the capital city with just over 2 million people although most of the people use public transport (thousands of mini-vans and busses). Zambia has just finished experiencing a major fuel shortage with lines averaging 6-7 hours and even overnite and then the gas being rationed to only 1/2 tank. This presents many ministry challenges for us since we can't use the public transport due to security. Welcome to Zambia.



Hammer mill



Bore Hole



FROM THE MINISTRY....

Dave is the Administrator of Victory Ministries International which is comprised of Victory Fellowship of Ministers and Churches International (VFMCI-42 churches throughout Zambia and elsewhere), Victory University College (VUC-both one year certificate and two-year diploma programs), Zambia Shall Be Saved Foundation (ZSBSF-providing hammer mills, bore holes for drinking water, community health clinics, and community schools for orphaned children), and Victory Television Network (VTN- video and audio tapes of ministry messages). Connie is the special Projects Manager for various projects like setting up a computer network, converting the accounting books to computer, developing brochures and promotional packages, setting up conferences and meetings, and is also the personal Administrative Assistant for Dr. Mumba who is running for President of Zambia next year. Both Dave and Connie are teaching courses in the Bible College and Connie will be teaching some basic computer classes and music classes. On many weekends we are both ministering at various churches around the country. Although some things take longer to accomplish here, there is plenty of variety and plenty to do. We both thank God for the opportunity to serve alongside the Zambian people. Our home life and extra-curricular activities are put on hold for now but we still enjoy a little time off for ourselves. In looking ahead, we will be adding a third year advanced diploma program plus some online college correspondence courses to the Bible College, will help start a new central city branch church, will open an Internet Cafe at the college, am looking for larger ministry office and college facilities to accommodate the growth, as well as follow Dr. Mumba in his candidacy run for President. We are beginning to work with several orphanages providing food and school supplies as well as benches and tables. Several new programs such as Adopt-a-Student and Work/Study Programs have been started. We see God working every day in our lives and in the lives of the people here. We have much to learn from them and yet are able to teach them many things as well. This is how the Body of Christ is supposed to work-jointly fit together, serving one another.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

At this time, Victory Ministries is not able to pay us any income so we must raise all of our own support as missionaries. We have minimized our expenses in the USA to help us. Housing is the most expensive with gasoline and groceries also higher here than in the states. We have received and cleared our container including furniture, some appliances, other household goods and some office equipment. 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. Creator's Touch Ministries (CTM) will continue as our ministry with a new mailing address and a secretary in the states. All contributions to CTM are tax-deductable. Please prayerfully consider a one-time or ongoing monthly support to this ministry. 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 that go, those that provide support, those that stay behind to carry on the work here, and those that pray for us. Contributions can be made out to: Creator's Touch Ministries, P.O. Box 336, Onalaska WI 54650. **WE ARE TEMPORARILY BACK IN THE USA FOR THE HOLIDAYS FROM DEC 22ND THRU JAN 17TH. LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE US.** We would love to hear from you. Dave's email is DMK918@aol.com and Connie's email is Keats918@aol.com. Please see the attached insert for more support detail.

CHECK OUT OUR CTM WEBSITE!

Creator's Touch Ministries now has its website up and running. We've added new material plus a photo gallery of Zambia pictures. Find out more about this ministry's activities, read its newsletters, get updates, see plans, check out the pictures, how you can contact us, and view our ministry schedule. On the Internet, go to www.creatorstouch.org

NEW MAILING ADDRESSES:

Please continue to use our new addresses:

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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.

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