

**3 September 2010**

**Spring has sprung in Zambia!** It is typical that as the weather changes from winter to spring that we start with many gusts of wind strong enough that it does pull off roof sheets from houses and churches and pelt sand into your home at a rate you can hardly manage to keep it swept out. I am not talking of silt...I am speaking of grains of sand! It is amazing as I have closed the windows and pulled the curtain over the window (in hopes of catching the sand) but still it comes...grit in the sink and now the hand soap acts an exfoliator for our dry hands!

As I taught the 25 preschool teachers this week, I was always so excited to get back to town where I knew the water. Water that could remove the dirt and grit from my hair, face and feet...water that I could drink that would be questionable in hygiene...clean and cleansing water. You know that feeling...the one you get after a long hot day and a now the sweet fragrance of your shampoo and lotions scented your body and helping the memory of the dirty day drain away from you.

Sounds like a page right out of my spiritual life too. I am grateful for that first day of my new life in Christ. The day I felt so clean you could almost hear my soul squeak. The day I found the fount of my many blessings...my salvation...the cleansing power of the blood of Christ.

Each day, I am looking forward to that dirt free feeling that comes in the form of a bucket bath. The whole day washed away and only the goodness left. MMMMMM...now that is good. That is God.

So, counting my blessings, I think of you. I think of how grateful I am that you pray for us, encourage us, contact us, love us and financially support us. I am grateful for being in Zambia. I am grateful for my natural family and the one God has blessed us with through friendships. I am grateful for the folks with whom we work here and for your love for them too. Bottom line is, at the end of the day, the goodnesses that remain are the relationships we are privileged to have.

**FOLLOW-UP /PRAISE REPORTS**

## **Praise God for Allan Kwale and his love for children. Allan went with me to do translation and to assist during the altar call and baptism. What a great day!**

- **Katubiya** – 12 in attendance for the 4 days of the camp; Began Bible Club memorizing verses, crafts and games, teaching and Bible memory time kept the momentum up and the kids loved it!
- **Sekute** – 25-28 daily attendance; same teaching and programs; 22 made a profession of faith and were baptized!
- **Maheletuna** – VBS not YOUTH! There were few youth aged children in Maheletuna so I taught VBS; 12 made a profession of faith and were baptized at the bore hole! Wish you could have been there!

### **Regarding the The Elijah Challenge teachings in Nyawa Village**

- There were about 20 of the church leadership in attendance
- Bonding was good and Jake, the team leader, is now taking this teaching to a new area that is rarely reached
- The trainees visited the nearby clinic and prayed for about 20 patients and saw healings from headaches, leg, shoulder, foot and eye pains healed; another 15 were prayed for and healed of a variety of infirmities

### **Prayer Needs:**

- **Regarding Butch's new classes** they are coming along slowly ... please continue to pray for this
- **Land for the Ropes Course...**we continue to pursue this. The land we were looking at is not available. We will look at land in the Mukuni area again. Pray for God to open the door for this. *For more information on the land issue, please read the [attached newsletter](#) for more information on the land.*
- **Wisdom for writing the Bible and Hygiene Curriculum** for the last 4 units for the preschools.
- **For a vehicle to use while on furlough**

### **Praises:**

- **The bio-sand project is going well and has taken on a new dimension.**

**We praise God for Pastor Enok's report on the new families that have joined the Sekute fellowship because of this project!** Read his report, an article on *Real Estate in Zambia*, and *Preschool Teacher Training...What's That All About????* All of this in our upcoming newsletter on the web. You can find it posted on [www.thelightofafrica.com](http://www.thelightofafrica.com) You might also want to check out new pictures posted on the web and on our **Face Book** page, The Light of Africa.

In His Grace,

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