

In the evenings when we ask each other what was your high and low for the day it is almost always a guarantee that Butch will say his high was his classes. He loves God and teaching His Word to others. He is proud of his students as they learn and grow and apply truth to their lives and to their work and ministry. Soon Butch will have another group graduating from his program...Life of Christ. This alone is a high but coupled with our home church's missions pastor, Pastor Billy Burton, is coming to teach, do the commencement exercises and to speak words of encouragement into our lives is enough to create an air of expectancy. Having family visit is always such a wonderful time of fellowship! Other classes for Butch include a series on The Father's Love. It is a paradigm shift to realize that we are created to receive our Father's love. So much is involved in this small nugget of wisdom.

Butch rarely tells anything on himself. I want to take this time to let you all know that I am so proud of him. His reputation in Zambia and Zimbabwe is that of great respect. Recently a missionary friend (on the field for 50+ years) told me an acquaintance of hers was sharing about Butch and the ministry he does in Zimbabwe..."You need to know you have a real gem there," said Marion, my friend. I smiled and was just beaming with pride. I praise God for my husband and for the work God is doing in and through him for His glory.

Recently I led a teacher training for the preschools in the rural area of the Mukuni kingdom. Here is the report from Jessi Schwertfeger with Overland Missions, one of the LiFE team members.

Teacher training on June 17, 2010 was held at Pastor Dragan's church in Nsongwe Village and was focused on reviewing the practical aspects of the Routines section of our Preschool Curriculum. Janet facilitated the teaching and activities part of the training.

The teachers arrived early (Go Lemius! - the driver), but breakfast wasn't ready, so they had a devotional time in the church until breakfast was served. After breakfast, they broke into quiz groups and answered questions concerning the Routine Times in the Daily Programme. Almost all of the teachers had a good grasp of the material and the practical way of teaching was very effective. Most all of the teachers were well involved with the training and contributed. After quizzing, they answered questions on paper such as: "What do children learn from Routine Time?" Again, they showed a good grasp of the material.

Janet shared a devotional about "sowing" and "reaping." The teachers played a game involving guessing which seeds they were holding and were rewarded with seed packets. They also decided which behaviors sowed "life" and which sowed "death." They enjoyed this activity.

I (Jessi) reviewed the Theme Songs and Rhyme and they caught on so quickly! They were familiar with them because it is a repeat Unit, but they really seem to catch on quickly to the songs and rhymes now.

Janet interview Wanda and I about the importance of routines in the schools. The teachers showed interest and commented during the process.

After lunch, we gave out the curriculum, laminated pages, and extra paper. We answered questions and planned the next training for July 1, 2010. The truck departed at 2 pm.

The LiFE Project plans to start about three Bridge Year classes next year, that will teach eligible children basic literacy and numeracy skills. I will be one of the trainers for these classes.

Pray for...

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1. * ***For wisdom for the students...to put into practice what they are learning***
2. * ***For long term commitment on the learners part***
3. * ***For increased enrollment of new classes starting soon at the Bible college***
4. * ***For effective and creative ways to present information to the students***
5. * ***For our personal health in all areas***
6. * ***For both of us to be fit***

Thank you all for your prayers. They are true treasures to us. Please feel free to share this update with your friends and others you think would be interested.

In His grace,

Butch & Janet Berner

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