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Hello Family and Friends!

Praying you and your loved ones are well this week. We are fine and moving along with things. The rains have stopped for a few days making it a muddy endeavor to go to the village but oh, it was so worth it!! Butch taught Vincent and Jehoshaphat, Allan with his Bible study group and me with the children and Barbara in Katubiya and with the ladies in Sekute. What a wonderful day. Later in the week, I was able to go to the village and do evaluations with 3 of the preschools (there are 18). What a delight to see the children and teachers again after our home visit and transition to Zambia.

Butch traveled overnight, on the bus, to Lusaka to file the paperwork for the work permit renewal and to purchase ink/toner for the copy machine. He walked most everywhere he went and was finished by 10am so returned on a bus that same day. It is a 6 hour trip and it was good to have him back. All went well and so we just wait for the processing to take place.

Classes for Butch have resumed and the one that offers a variety of topics (kind of like current events in the church) is growing all the time. Butch met a recent graduate from LOA's Bible School and was invited to speak at their church this Sunday. Pastor Dominique is such a good friend and has a growing church near the airport. I am excited to re-visit the people there to see the new growth they have had. Evangelism increased in this church after Butch taught the Elijah Challenge to the leadership team. Many are experiencing healing miracles and are turning to Christ as Savior not church as a sanctuary.

Pray for us as we continue to pursue the land for the camp. Now more than ever we need this to go through. There are several more orphanages in this area now. So much need and these kids are the way forward for Zambia. Pray that they will have a heart for Christ and will live a life of purity for Him. Pray for us to continue to grow in favor and in effective ministry with children and children's workers so they may come to Him too.

The reality of how fragile life is hit once again this week as we learned that a friend's maid had her child abducted out of the front yard a few weeks ago. A man was seen carrying the child on his shoulder (4 yrs. old). He was found arrested and now has confessed to sexual assaulting the child, killing her and burying her body in the forest. The police were able to recover her body and her funeral was last week. Often times, men who find they are HIV positive take advice from local witchdoctors and use a virgin to have sex to cure AIDS. It is presumed that is the case in hand for this child.

Pray for us to help stand in the gap for the children and for the adults to behave in a God fearing manner. Pray for integrity to return to Zambia's church. Pray for the Light to increase and the darkness to decrease. Pray for new avenues for us as we seek His strategies to win the lost and to disciple them in the Word of God.

We love you and pray for you. If you have specifics, please let us know.

Love,
Butch & Janet Berner

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