

****REPORT ON ZAMBIA MISSION****

I have just returned from Zambia where the ministry was a great success. My colleagues, Phil Burton from Germany and Dr. Don Miller from Shelby, NC were mightily used of God.

First stop was the capital Lusaka and ministry in the 34th annual convention of Church of God in Zambia. National Overseer Israel Simbaya had invited me to be the main speaker. Thousands packed the grounds and I was privileged to minister multiple times per day. We experienced a great move of God.

Next stop was Katete, Eastern province. A hard, 7 hour drive from Lusaka. We had to leave Phil behind in Lusaka sick with malaria. God was merciful to Phil and he was healed and able to minister there in two days. In Katete Don and I started the Earthen Vessels School of Ministry with 82 students completing the first J-term semester. Topics studied were, "Authenticity of the Bible", Who Is Jesus? Baptism with the Holy Ghost, Glossalalia, the Initial Evidence & Spiritual Gifts, Ministerial Ethics & Priorities".

The school which will be housed in the Katete main church, will be in the care of Provincial Overseer Ezekiel Sakala who will oversee the operation in the interim of our visits. Ministers and teachers that I approve and appoint will be sent to conduct sessions at intervals throughout the year to maintain continuity.

Thanks to the giving of the supporters of Earthen Vessels Missionary Outreach the school was provided with a new image projector, DVD player, DVD teaching series, 200 pens, 85 workbooks, 20 study books, 100 Bibles in Chewa language, a p.a. system, microphones and all necessary cables (donated by Phil & Becky Burton), two dry eraser boards and accessories. Though humble in it's beginning, the participants were ecstatic. No one had made this effort for them before and we stand on Zech 4:10, "For who has despised the day of small things".

The school is the culmination of our vision which began two years ago and though we will continue to expand our work, we have to date roofed 14 churches, fed 85 villages, provided blankets and over 400 Bibles to people who have never had them. Of the most importance, we have taken the gospel to remote villages that have never had a missionary before. Four more churches are to be roofed before October. Dorms and a wall must be erected, food before the rainy season and transportation must be purchased. We will purchase nine bicycles for the District Overseers and a vehicle for the Provincial Overseer who presently has none.

While there Don Miller led the effort to supply area orphans with blankets, notebooks, pencils, soccer balls, teddy bears and candy. We praise God for this pioneering effort for "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not us" (II Cor.4:7). We invite you to join the effort. Pray and give your best offering. It's very good soil!

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