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February 2017 Update

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To Our Partners in Ministry,

A humid afternoon they sat and intently listened to instruction and teaching from the Word of God. Pens moved feverishly as they worked hard to fill in the notes from the instructor sometimes sitting for hours to learn. This is what happened as 25 bush pastors and leaders gathered on the property from a multitude of the churches to continue to learn from the Word of God. The focus of this Bible Institute was the attributes of God and the Trinity. These doctrines are very important as many false teachings abound regarding this in our area.

It was a misty day as I drove out with a national pastor. The road continually changing from pavement, to dirt, to walking trail. Early that morning I received notice that a two year old child had died. I was asked to preach the funeral. It was a sober time as I thought on this and pondered the small, empty casket that rattled in the back of the vehicle. I arrived to a large crowd of people. The women were all gathered around the house crying while the men sat off to the side. The child was placed in the coffin and it sat in the center of the assembly. The opportunity

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had arrived to speak to the people. What can be spoken at a time like this? The Gospel! The gospel brings hope, salvation, joy and peace at times just like this. It was a joy to see several professions of faith! The funeral continued as we traveled several kilometers to the cemetery that included wading across a rushing stream. There was another opportunity to expound the gospel while men dug the grave. It is amazing how the Lord can take tragic events such as this to bring new life to people through the gospel. It was also a great witness and testimony for the bush church that is located in this area as they also bought the casket for this child. The church has since seen visitors from this funeral event and even some of them making professions of faith.

We are very thankful for all those that give to the work here in Zambia. What does the funds you give go towards, you may ask? We are able to...

- Buy supplies and make copies in support of the Bible Institute
- Purchase fuel that allows me to travel to the various bush churches, funerals and overall ministry needs
- Minister to widows and orphans by providing chickens, goats and eggs
- Help young people that desire to achieve great things through a good education
- Purchase raincoats for national pastors so they do not arrive to their church wet
- Pay for electricity for our family and over 50 people on site that support the ministry
- Purchase building materials to either build new or improve existing ministry structures
- Buy medicine for sick or injured people
- Send trained nationals to scout remote areas of Zambia to plant churches

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It is a blessing to serve the Lord where He has called us. Thank you for your prayers, support and correspondence. There is a lot going on here. Contact me if you are interested in planning a short term missions journey to participate in the work. My mobile number is 011 260 96 6510896

As you pray for us...

Please keep the following in mind:

- The weekly bible study with pastors
- Souls saved and people to surrender to God's call on their life
- The power of God on our lives as we share the ministry
- Our kids to see our love for God as we obey Him
- For the salvation of our younger children
- The South African Bible Study



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