

*** Zambia Prayer – Third Letter in 2019-09-12**

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To those who love and pray for Zambia,

“ For with God nothing will be impossible. Luke 1:17 “

This is the scripture on a gift our Medical Director's couple brought from their trip to America to visit their son. I put it on my desk to look at it when I face difficult times to remind myself. I would like encourage you to find comfort in this scripture as well.

Let me share the update on our ministry as we ask for your prayers.

1. Chisomo Hospital

1) Power supply situation in the country has gotten so worse lately that power outage lasts more than 8 hours a day. The backup power inverters and solar batteries we have been using at the hospital have given up and we had to start a large 20KW industrial generator to power all the machines and equipment at the hospital. With the new generator, it costs more than \$40 a day just for the cost of diesel, so the whole staff is trying to save electricity as much as possible. We pray that power supply in the country will improve soon.

2) With commencement of ART service at the hospital, CHAZ, Churches Health Associations of Zambia, has promised to support with the salary of one account officer and one data entry clerk but has not honored its promise up to now. They also promised to provide computers and desks to facilitate smooth ART service delivery but that hasn't been done yet either. We feel discouraged and disappointed when our partners (like CHAZ in this case) do not follow through the plans with their actions, but we just have to keep doing what we can, trusting the promise of comfort in the Lord.

3) As for the Clinical Simulation Centre, registration is still in progress. GNC (General Nursing Council) has been delaying the assessment process and has asked us to submit new documents again and again. Whilst waiting for GNC's response on accreditation of the Centre, we decided to still utilize Centre for primary school students' science classes. Please pray for our Chief Nursing Officer and other staff members involved as they prepare for the classes. We are going to teach students how marvelously God created human beings with various manikins and teaching aids.

4) We built two rooms in what used to be ambulance bay and they are being used for ART service we started earlier this year. We also changed the color of outside walls of the

hospital buildings and painted the entire hospital buildings in a brighter color. We are glad that patients seem to like hospital's fresher look.

5) We tend to receive quite a lot of patients from road traffic accidents at night as the hospital is situated right off the road with quite a busy traffic. Most of the patients that are brought in from road accidents are drunk, unconscious, and in serious conditions. We evacuate them to university hospital with our ambulance after providing emergency medical treatment, but often times we hear that those referred pass away later. Despite doing our very best, it saddens us when we at times hear a rumor as if our hospital did something wrong to the patients that might have contributed to the patients' death. In cases of road traffic accidents, government or insurance companies do not have a policy to pay the hospital for the bills, which means all financial burdens are put on the hospital. This burden tends to make our hearts heavy and weary at times as the hospital is not yet self-sustainable. Please pray with us as we seek wisdom from God on this matter.

2. Chisomo Street Children's Centre - Partner Ministry

1) Stump Mission-New York sent school fees for 13 children at the centre earlier this month. Especially this time Rev. Aaron was so glad as the school fees for the 5 girls who were newly added to the centre were also sent. Unfortunately, however, two of the five girls left the Centre. Please pray for the children as they went back to their various boarding schools for a new semester so that they will study hard and stay safe.

3. Kazemba Clinic and Preschool

- Generally speaking, buildings in rural areas tend to get old and broken more easily than those in the cities because of dust and wind. Even at Kazemba Preschool they needed to replace one door and male staff at the school gladly did it by themselves without hiring anyone to do it. It is comforting to know that we can trust them. Please pray for our staff members that have been working with us for the last 22 years.

Elina, our long-time staff and a nurse at the Clinic, is currently taking care of her sister who is terminally ill with cervical cancer. She says she wants to help her sister to prepare her death with dignity and to see hope for life the Heaven.

4. Any other business

1) We are planning to conduct health check-up in two rural areas for about 3 weeks starting from 14th October. It is our annual outreach program in partnership with Good Neighbors Zambia where we provide basic health check-up for about 2,650 children this year. Please pray for that the team led by Dr. Singogo, Medical Director, will serve the children sincerely.

2) This year alone we have carried out a number of health promotional activities in the

community to raise awareness on good health and well-being. With the government's directive on HIV, at each health promotional activity, we talked about HIV prevention and treatment. Staff members have been also helpful by volunteering at each event we have had such as men's clinic and adolescent's health education.

3) We have started a project where we provide support in consultation fee for those HIV positive patients who can't afford to pay consultation fee for them to collect their monthly medicines (ARV). Thankfully, Stump Mission-New York has sent offerings for this project. We pray that more people in the community will benefit from this project. Another new project we started at the hospital is "Nutritional Supplement for Lactating HIV Positive Mothers". When babies are born from HIV positive mothers, to prevent the babies from getting the virus, mothers are advised to exclusively breastfeed for the first 6 months whilst on ARV(Antiretroviral) themselves. During these 6 months, it is vital for the lactating mothers to have nutritional and balanced diet to keep their immune system strong. In an effort to help the lactating HIV positive mothers, we have started giving food supplements every week to nominated mothers who can't afford nutritional foods otherwise. This project started with the fund from a church in America where they want to help the babies be free from contacting HIV from their mothers. For the both projects, we need great wisdom as we need to carefully assess the potential beneficiaries' needs and select the right people. As we implement these projects, please pray with us that we will not boast as "givers" but "serve" them with the love of Jesus.

4) A container that is coming from Seattle, America, is scheduled to arrive at a port in Mozambique on 21st September and finally in Lusaka on 2nd October. All the administrative work has been done and we are waiting for the container to arrive safely. Please continue to pray for the container with us.

Our fellow prayers !

“ Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, .. - Mathews 6:1 “

As I was writing this prayer letter, I kept thinking in my head "What would Jesus think if He read this letter?"

I tried to be very careful not to appear too proud with our works mentioned in this letter.

Please pray for us that we will not do our works in order to be seen or recognized by others.

We thank you for your continued love and support for us.

Bye for now.

12th September

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From Zambia