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Training workers for the harvest in Zambia



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### **ZAMBIA HERE WE COME!**

Rejoice with us! We have met our budget requirements and been given clearance to purchase plane tickets to Lusaka, Zambia. Praise the Lord! We have reservations to fly out of Chicago on August 16th, stop over in London, and arrive in Lusaka on August 18th.

Please change your records in regard to our contact details. You may call us on John's cell phone number (636) 288-3795 until we depart, but we no longer have a home phone. For now mail should be sent to us c/o J. Blocher, 3737 N. Wisconsin St., Racine, WI 53402, but after the first week of August please use our Zambian address (see above). E-mail addresses and our website will remain the same.

### **THANK YOU!**

A great big "Thank you" to each one who has prayed for us and our return to the county and ministry to which God has called us. And special thanks to all who have been able to give of your finances to make it possible! We know that these are difficult times, and many have made real sacrifices in order to see the Kingdom advance in Zambia. May our faithful, wonderful Lord bless you abundantly.

### **TEAMS**

Some of you have expressed a desire to bring teams to Zambia to help with various ongoing efforts there. We welcome your involvement! We would love to host those whom God is leading to come and join us on the ground. There are many opportunities for you to help us in the area of teaching, our primary area of ministry. Most of the courses we offer are done in one or two week blocks, are taught in English, and use Global University curriculum. Teaching in Zambia can be very rewarding, as you personally interact with the people,

even if it is just for a short time. If you are unable to teach but still feel that God is leading you to come to Zambia, there will be a number of construction and evangelism projects which you could be involved in. If the Lord is speaking to you about coming sometime in the next year or so, please contact us soon. This is so that we can make the best use of your time in Africa, and also make sure that ministry teams do not overlap.

### **PERSONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. For a quick and positive response to our application for renewal of our work permit for Zambia
2. For safe travel as we drive to and from our final visits with churches and families
3. For ease in the sale of our cars
4. For comfort and peace in our hearts as we say goodbye to our families

Again, we want to thank all of you for partnering with us in training workers to reach the lost in Zambia!

*The Elliotts*

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## NEWS

Since our last newsletter, we have traveled to churches in Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, and Nebraska. Over and over we have been blessed with words of encouragement, especially when we heard, “We've been praying for you.” Thanks for the missions banquets, the home groups, the banners on the walls, and all the many things you have done to get everyone involved in fulfilling the great Commission.

Our schedule enabled us to be in Springfield, Missouri, a couple of weeks ago, during the time of Missionary Renewal. This allowed us to meet a brand new candidate missionary to Zambia, Amy Singleton. She was commissioned during the final service, and we are delighted to have her join us. She plans to work with children, and everyone we met who knows her gives her the highest recommendation. We also were able to attend the dinner for Northern Missouri missionaries at the lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. Denbow.

On the Fourth of July, we had the privilege of talking with people buying and selling fireworks in a tent. One of the Nebraska churches does this every year to raise money for missions. What a great idea!

We moved out of our apartment in the St. Louis area the last day of June. Since we have collected a number of African artifacts, as well as household goods, we decided to purchase a cargo trailer to store our belongings in for the next four years. Special thanks to our son's in-laws, who let us park the trailer on their property, and to missionary Frank Mayes, for actually moving it into the space allowed.

Our family has been so supportive of us throughout this whole itineration. Between visits to churches over the past year we have enjoyed wonderful times with them. We've especially liked our role as grandparents! We will miss them, but we are blessed in Lusaka to be able to call, e-mail, Skype, and get on Facebook. These are all ways we can communicate with them—and with you!