

Zambia 2007

THANKYOU!

Dear Prayer Supporter

You are receiving this as one of those who pledged to pray for the team who recently flew to Kabwe in Zambia for the two week mission. Thankyou for your help in prayer for this trip - it was so faith building to know that in our battles and joys we were not alone. I have endeavoured to write a brief summary for your encouragement and continued prayer for those who we spent time with.

We arrived in Kabwe after more than 30 hrs travelling to be informed that we were leaving for Livingstone (another 10hr drive) the next morning at 7am. The two days in Livingstone were mostly our hosts wanting to give us a bit of a break to see one of the 7 natural wonders of the world - the Victoria Falls. We had a very happy time being suitably awe struck and also getting to see a little Zambian wildlife at a nearby



game reserve. Unfortunately our bus driver was scared of big animals and went very fast whenever we saw anything we wanted to photograph!

Apart from a little involvement with a mini conference at our hotel and then the church meeting on Sunday it felt a bit like a holiday really so we spent some time praying over Livingstone and for a random night watchman who we came across whilst on the pray walk. The Monday saw us travelling back for another 10hrs to Kabwe which really did take all day and left us feeling a little jaded. The next day the church had designated a day off to recover which was kind of them but we really felt we need to get stuck in to mission. Consequently a recce group got up early in the morning to see who we could find anyone to talk to about Jesus within range of our accommodation. We quickly found a hoard of kids to chat to which later led us to a local village/compound. It was this place that we spent anytime spare we had during the two weeks, building friendships, working with children

and praying with many people.

This typified much of the mission as many things in the programme for the weeks were cancelled, and apart from the two school events and the conference much of what we did we had to initiate and pray for. The team were outstanding in this (as well as other respects) and quickly got used to just ministering to people wherever and whenever they could. There were no complaints just lots of willingness to work hard and flexibly which was a real blessing for us team leaders who spent much of our time thinking on the hoof!



Our first schools ministry trip was memorable for many reasons. The kids were really excited and health and safety regs were absent as about 300 packed into the small hall. The band were great as were the local musicians and the event continued for a couple of hours with a many responding to the gospel message (in Bemba). The most strange and encouraging thing that happened though was the young man who showed signs of spiritual oppression during the worship and was completely released after

prayer. He subsequently gave his life to Christ and is now being disciplined weekly by one of the guys from Kabwe chapel.



The college on the next day was also entertaining. We gathered in an 800 seat canteen lit by one fluorescent tube and one lightbulb. As the sun went down the electricity failed completely leaving the venue in darkness. The team immediately gathered to pray and after a great time calling on Jesus we held an evangelistic event for 150 students lit by candles and mobile phone lights. 5 people gave their lives to Christ and another 25 responded to God's call to become evangelists on campus. The ministry afterwards

was amazing and we left hungry for more opportunities to preach the gospel.

That however was our last scheduled opportunity as the church conference dominated the next 4 days. Over that time we took part in the music ministry at the conference and took every opportunity to minister outside it as well. We organised another trip to the compound (very fruitful), a visit to the church orphanage for a meal





and then later for time to spend with the kids. We invited people to join us as we attended the conference and many of these we impacted by the gospel. Sandjea also organised a childrens work to run alongside the conference which was very fruitful and many of the team sneaked out from time to time to chat to people in the local park.

We finished our last day with an open air concert in the local park - the organisation of which was an event itself. About 100+ locals gathered to listen to a mixture of British/African music and shenanigans and Andy and Sandjea preached the gospel. Over those conference days, when it felt like we had to fight for every evangelistic opportunity we saw a number of young people give their lives to Christ as well as other ministry and recommitments happening around the scenes. About 25 people responded to the gospel for the first time at the conference itself and we saw so many specific answers to prayer it was amazing.



The mission itself proved to be a mixture of great fun and hard work by a superb team in an amazing country. There are too many stories to tell of God's goodness in such a short report but we would love to say THANKYOU once again for your support as we sang, preached and prayed wherever we could to tell of Jesus' amazing love.

Financial Information

The team covered all it's cost on the mission in order not to be a burden to the local churches. Apart from money spent on the living and also in meeting small needs and feeding various people that we came across during the 2 weeks, we left behind approx \$600 for developing and continuing practical gospel outreach among the poor in Kabwe and also \$200 for some specific needs at the "Children of Promise" orphanage.

Thanks!!!!



on behalf of the team