



EN ROUTE TO HOME SWEET HOME

Our co-laborers launched into a new area of Zambia 8 months ago - they are working with the same tribal group that we have relationships with on the DRC side of the border. OM's president had arranged some meetings with the Chiefs in this area and asked that we join up with the team before heading up to DRC. These relationships started about two years ago when the Emperor Mwanti Yavwa (Divine appointment from DRC that was birthed through some challenging circumstances) came to visit our Rapid 14 Base near Livingstone.

What a joy to see unity in the body of Christ across borders and tribes. The 4 chiefs of this area are all strong Believers and have chaplains who were trained through Overland. Every year there are tribal ceremonies in each chiefdom to tell the history of the tribe and embrace their culture - in the past they were known to facilitate witchcraft, and drunken chaos.... BUT things have changed since these chiefs have taken leadership. Our team was invited to attend the ceremony in September and asked to preach the Gospel to open the ceremony! Praise God for this amazing opportunity. Please pray that the Spirit of God will soften the hearts of the thousands who will be attending this event, that each one will have an encounter with God's love which will transform their lives. *I added the video from the Emperor's visit as a link in your email.*

After visiting a chief one day, we stopped by to see the source of the Zambezi river, which runs from the border of DRC and Zambia all the way south (our R14 base is on the cliffs next to the river) and then exits the African continent in Mozambique. We had heard stories of how small the source was.... but I completely taken by surprise at how an insignificant looking puddle under a fallen tree could result in something as powerful and majestic as Victoria Falls (picture at top- obviously taken from the internet). Just as a fun reference point: Victoria Falls is twice as high and 30% wider than Niagra Falls (over a mile wide!). What a great reminder for each of our lives that we must never underestimate the work that God has started within us, and if we surrender to His Ways and His Timing there is no telling what the result may be.

After a tiny delay in paperwork (there is a special visa that "supports" our 5 year visa and this had to get sorted before we could enter DRC





again) and uncooperative bus schedules... we were finally on our way north. Ernest, our ministry partner and lawyer, met us at the border. It was a long travel day (we had to walk the last 5 km to get home because there was a vehicle that broke down and blocked the road and we didn't want to wait several hours in the dark for it to get cleared) but I was so thankful to be home again. We jumped into some deep cleaning (killed three rats in my room in less than 72 hours), getting some fruits and vegetables from the local market, and meeting up, once again, with immigration officials.

Once all of our documents were clear, we then needed to meet with the chief before we could start village ministry (we must respect cultural protocols and expectations). It took a few days for all of our schedules to align, but we had a wonderful meeting with the chief. He is a Believer and relatively new to the position. Already he has been put into authority above all the chiefs of the province. He is humble and asked if he can continue meeting with us so that we can partner together and help his people follow in the ways of God. We praise God for this connection and believe that God will use this community to be a catalyst for peace and change not only in their region but also in the country. While we were waiting to meet the chief, two women approached us with huge smiles. "We have been waiting for you to return and teach us more about God. Just this morning we prayed that you would return and here you are!"

Please join us in praying for new translators who love Jesus and have a flexible schedule to join our team. Our basic French has been super helpful in getting around town and we continue to study... but our language skills are not good enough for teaching or preaching yet. And once we leave the city, there are multiple tribal languages in the various villages. Our translator has been super busy with his other job, and so currently we are dependent on his schedule for ministry opportunities. We have had many invitations for ministry both in our city and in the villages that we will not be able to say yes to without additional help. We rejoice that the harvest is plentiful, but we really do see that the workers are few. Please keep praying for the right people to join our team next year. Thank you for praying about getting a vehicle into the country. Right now it seems as though we will have to wait until next year to see this happen. But we are doing the best we can utilizing public transportation until it begins to rain (this type of transport will not be able to get out to the remote areas without 4x4 from Oct- April).



Thank you for each one who generously gave to help with the financial need. Praise God for his provision! I will be covered until December when I return to the states.

Testimonies from our Team:

From an area where 98% of the population is Muslim: "This grandmother, named Fatuma, is over 100 years old and had never heard the name of Jesus until today. TODAY is the day of salvation. We joyfully welcomed her into the family of God.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. God is at work and it is such an honor and joy to be a part of what HE is doing in the nations. I am headed back to the USA

this year for Christmas... and would love to catch up! Send me an email and we can figure out a good time to get together. ~ Julie Engeman

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