

The fourth of July is freedom day for the U.S. For eleven of us here, it's the onset of our own expedition to free others. In the Spirit of Christ we look ahead with anticipation "to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." July 4th-16th, we will be working hard to free the blind hearted, to relieve those oppressed by fear and superstition, to teach truth to those enslaved to empty traditions, and to help the poor claim the riches of Christ forever.

As we go, there are several matters needing high and holy attention:

- **Pray for the gospel's penetration.** Arthur will be evangelizing new territory. This is where we just showed the Jesus' film and 200 showed up. Arthur said that one old woman conversed aloud as she watched. At the point where Jesus healed on the Sabbath, she cried out, "You Sabbath Goers? Have you seen what Jesus did?" Then she was quiet until the next "aha" point. As the film portrayed the chief priests betraying Jesus and crying for His death, she blurted out, "What kind of church is this --where they kill their own? It is the very same Sabbath goers! And tomorrow you will come to my house and tell me to go to church on the Sabbath! You are the very same ones that killed Jesus!" The people could not keep her "processing" quiet. These are the effects of seeing the gospel of Christ. It will make no uncertain stir among those who cling to the law and their own self righteousness, hoping vainly for favor with God. Pray for wisdom, spiritual power, and stamina for Arthur. He rarely rests or eats when he's seed-planting in such needy places.
- **Pray for the men's camp.** Jim will be heading up two half-day camps for men, assisted by Arthur and Josh Pack. The focus is developing Christian, male leadership in the home and church. The men will be using the new ropes course to illustrate and impact godly leadership thinking. Pray that the truths will encourage and embolden a new kind of leadership.
- **Pray for stamina and health for all.**
  - Jim and the men continue to expand and develop the camp, as well as work to clear and prepare for the building. They are preaching and counseling people who come. Mary, Rachel, Lucy, and Beth teach at the community school, come home, cook, and prepare for camp. Usually there are physical needs to address as the sick and injured come for help. The demands of the bush life are continual and challenging. The Lord gives us joy, and in that there is strength, but we also reach limitations and feel them keenly.
  - Beth, Lucy and Rachel request special prayer for the children to grasp the concepts being taught. Progress is quite slow. Many children are still learning to grasp a pencil, so writing and art are new challenges to master. One young pre-adolescent showed up for the first time to school
- **Pray for wisdom to address the people's needs.** Last time, Rachel treated a former witch doctor who was quite ill, believing he was dying. He was utterly fearful. When the fever and congestion broke several days later, he was quite soft hearted. Gave us a

chicken as “payment” for his care. There were two burned children, as well as many complicated cases to either help or pass on to the clinic. Pray also for the women of Kaponde and their unique needs spiritually and emotionally. Pray for God to open hearts and opportunities to introduce Christ’s ways to them.

- **Pray for Josh’s training sessions and developing programs for the camp.** Besides assisting and training Mr. Kabanda, and two young men, Josh will be traveling to another region of Zambia to assist a young, Zambian pastor with camp development. We are certainly getting our “money’s worth” for the ministry. It’s particularly exciting since the national Zambians are grabbing hold of the leadership and vision with enthusiasm! PRAISE THE LORD!
- **PRAY ABOUT THE FOOD!** Last expedition we ran short of food. God provided through the church people there, and we are so grateful. At the same time, we are packing and planning again, and keenly feel the need for wisdom to be better prepared. Cooking out there is its own story.
- **PRAY ABOUT TRANSPORTATION...** I’ll write more when I don’t run out of time regarding our need for a reliable vehicle. For now, pray as we look for something affordable. More on that next time.

We’ll look forward to a great report, knowing what God do!  
With love and anticipation!

Jim and Rachel and the team

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