

Delbert's doing fine!



It's hard to think that April is already here...wow! As you know, Sandy and I came to the USA in October and started a very long tour of traveling and speaking in churches throughout the United States. It was a wonderful time meeting and renewing friendships and updating you about your ministries in Zambia through the New Life Center ministries outreach. There is always so much to share because God has been so faithful over these last 18 years in Zambia! And there are more years to come, with God's leading and your help!



As we came to Florida in January and February we had Josephine Mbilishi, the Director of the New Life Center join us. Again it was a wonderful time of sharing about the ministries, but also having her bring a new Zambian voice to the presentation! She did an outstanding job and made a lot of new friends. She brought a clear picture of your ministries outreach in Zambia!

However, just as she left for her home in Zambia Delbert started having problems with his heart. He has been living with extra heart beats and palpitations for years. They have been controlled with medication for the last 18 years, but it became a bigger problem so he went in to see his cardiologist. To make a very long story short, that took place over the next month, he ended up having three stents put into his heart because they found the main central artery was 90% blocked. He also had a second procedure done, called an Ablation, to help stop the extra heart beats and palpitations. We're so thankful we were still in the United States and able to have this done here. He's feeling SO MUCH BETTER!! Like ten years younger stuff! He has a followup with the doctor on the April 19th. We're confident he will give Delbert an "all clear" to return to Zambia shortly after. We're believing that by the end of the month we will be able to return to Zambia. All this happened so fast and we feel we need to apologize for not sending this information out sooner. We know so many of you are wonderful prayer warriors. We would ask that you pray now for Delbert's complete healing and that we get back home to Zambia soon.



While we're away Josephine Mbilishi (NLC Director) and Emily Padilla (PET & Ministries Coordinator), along with the working staff, are keeping everything going so nicely! They have their hands full too. The big, upcoming event is the annual Holy Spirit Encounter.



So please, as you are praying, remember the Holy Spirit Encounter gathering at the New Life Center. This will take place April 18th – 22nd. This is a very special time for many of our pastors and leaders of the UMC Zambia Conference. Obviously, Sandy and I will not be there this year. This is the first time since the beginning of the HSE we have missed being there. Also, Evangelist Blake Lorenz will not be coming for the first time in all these years. Blake will be in Israel from April 16-20 meetings for the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast. This is a new world wide movement of the Holy Spirit in preparing Israel for the return of Jesus. The Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast is a two day event of prayer, inspiring speakers from around the world, and teaching on how we can bless Israel and how Israel is blessing the nations according to Genesis 12:1-3. Blake, and his wife Beverly, will also be at the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast in Jerusalem June 5-7 as the Bible teaches. Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Even though we won't be there in person, Evangelist Scott George, and wife Tammi, from Pine Castle UMC will be there. This is Scott's third year coming. He is an outstanding speaker and has helped the UMC Zambia church so much over the years. We also have Rev. Paul and Debby Martin coming this year for the first time. They have a strong background in ministry working in Youth for Christ for eighteen years as well as in local congregations. The Martins teach seminars on Activating the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It has proven simple and yet produces a profound and lasting effects in all those who attend. They've traveled to Cuba and now Zambia as a team. We know this years Holy Spirit Encounter gathering is going to be a wonderful time for all those who attend. Please pray for the Holy Spirit

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While we've been gone a Preschool Ministry started at the New Life Center in January. Emily just sent us an update on how that is going. We'll attach that for you to enjoy as well!



The new preschool is off to a great start! For our first term we had 12 students. The children bring laughter and smiles to our campus. Mrs. Tembo, the teacher, is happy with how the kids are already learning and progressing, and the parents have given us positive feedback. They are even requesting that we extend our hours next term! We hope and pray that this ministry will be a blessing

to the children of our community. We look forward to Term 2 starting in May!

We always want to be sure to say Thank You to all of you, our faithful prayer warriors and supporters! You are the ones who make a difference in so many people's lives in Zambia. May God continue to lead and guide you in ministry in your communities and around the world, especially in Zambia!

Faithfully yours,

Delbert and Sandy Groves