

# ZAMBIA UNSHACKLED

1 January, 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

What a wonderful year it has been seeing God's hand move over our work in Zambia! Much has been accomplished, so we wanted to take this time to give you 2017 in review and our vision for 2018.

## **Emmaus Road Baptist Church – Chilala**

**2017** - This is the first of our urban plants, and is the closest of the churches to our home. In fact, this is the first church that actually started in our home. While in the States we really don't like to talk about church splits, but this one was planned. Because our compounds are so widespread in and around our little town, we sent some of our people to start a new work in Kabobola and left some of the families here to continue this work. We lost the pastor for this church, but it is being continued at present with our faithful men teaching. Please pray for us as we search for a new pastor for this church.

**2018** - As soon as we get back to Zambia from furlough (March) we will be starting the permanent structures on the plot we purchased. The buildings will include the primary church building, an office area with a conference room, and the J. Mark Brown Youth Training Center. It is named in honor of our initial sending pastor, who has gone home to be with our Lord. This will be our central training area for young men and women in the Mazabuka area.

## **Special project needs for Chilala**

We are going to need approximately \$5000.00 for each of the buildings on this plot (3 buildings at \$5000 each). This will be the total cost from foundation to roof, and finishing the inside. This compound will have electricity and running water available as it is more urban and will be used day and night. The other things we need for this church would be: 2 bicycles with replacement parts; song books (Have you changed over to projected music? Need a new home for your old song books?); Dictionaries and concordances.

## **Emmaus Road Baptist Church – Kabobola**

**2017** - Kabobola is the offshoot of the church at Chilala, and is growing rapidly. We have seen over 30 professions of faith in this little church this past year. Out of this church there are 5 ladies and 2 men that are being trained to assist in the teaching in other areas we will be opening. Currently this church is meeting in two school rooms at a local school (one room for adults, one for children). We will remain in this building until we have finished the buildings in Chilala and in Chizoma. After those buildings are complete, we will be looking for land to purchase on that side of Mazabuka to build a new building for this congregation. This church is the foundation for our children's outreach on Saturdays. We are currently in six different compounds sharing sweet, sweet Jesus with the children. It is also the pastor from this church, Pastor Muyeyi, and Charlye that go to the Boys Prison on Thursdays.

**2018** – We will be extending the children's ministry into 2 more compounds, but seriously need more workers. We are also doing literacy training with some of the young people in this church, and will be using



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that as an outreach into the surrounding area. We are using a Christian literacy program, so the Bible is the foundation for all our teaching.

### **Special project needs for Emmaus Road – Kabobola**

We are in need of 3 bicycles for this church as there are two young men that will be helping Pastor Muyeyi with visitation and evangelization. Again, we need song books, dictionaries, and concordances. Please keep Pastor Joseph Muyeyi and his family in your prayers.

### **Emmaus Road Baptist Church – Chizoma**

**2017** - This church plant is our village church. It has been such a delight to go into this new area and get to know Chief Mwanachingwala and his people. Pastor Alfred Siachababa and his family have now moved onto the church plot that was donated by Mum Judith Mazakaza, and have built their first home there. There are currently about 25 people meeting under a tree for Sunday services, but our whole team is there on Tuesdays for Bible study with men, women, and children in 3 different locations in this very large village that is scattered over several miles. Professions of faith are slower here than in other places due to a strong SDA presence that fights our outreach. *But*, there have been 3 professions of faith regardless of the resistance!

**2018** - This is our second area that we will be building on as soon as we return. We will be putting the main church auditorium here, a youth training center, and a large cooking area as this will be where the seven surrounding villages will come for conferences. We will also be using this area to train national pastors not only in doctrine, but teaching them a way to earn a living for themselves and their families. We will be using part of this large area for training in planting and care of a garden; animal husbandry with cattle, hogs, goats, and lots of chickens! We want the pastors to be well trained in the Gospel, but their physical needs must be met too, and the farm provides for all this.

### **Special project needs for Emmaus Road – Chizoma**

Again, we have a church building and a youth pavilion to erect at approximately \$5000.00 each. We have a temporary house up for Pastor Siachababa, but he will need a permanent structure (the town pastors rent, but there are no houses in this area so one must be built). We also have an assistant working with Pastor that will need his own small home. There will also be a need for 2 bicycles with replacement parts for these two men, song books for the church, and dictionaries and concordances. Here there is no power available, but we would like to put up either solar or wind generated power so that when we have multi-day conferences there is safety at night, or power for showing Christian movies. We have found a system for solar or wind at Harbor Freight for approximately \$600.00.

We are so very thankful to all of you for your continued support, both in prayer and in financial support. If the Lord should lay it upon your heart to supply the need for one of these projects, we would be so deeply grateful. Be sure to mark your donation for your intended project assistance when you send it in to the Clearinghouse. We are looking forward to a very fruitful year in partnership with you to fulfil His vision – that no one should perish but that all should come to repentance.

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