

# ZAMBEZI

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." - Isaiah 61:1

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## Update

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Life goes by way too fast! We so value hearing from you. Just quick emails of updates on your life are such an encouragement to us!  
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## KEYS TO UNLOCKING THE DOOR TO POVERTY

### Opening the door to freedom

Breaking out of poverty can be just as impossible as breaking out of jail on your own. The odds of a successful jailbreak are astronomical against you. In reality that is how most people caught in extreme poverty feel. Helpless, hopeless and powerless, they refuse to fight. It reminds me of how they train elephants in a circus. When they are young the baby elephants are chained to a heavy rod and no matter how hard they fight they can't break free. This goes on until they have no fight left. Then as powerful adult elephants, who could easily break the chain, the handlers need nothing more than a small rope and a small tent stake to keep the huge beast in place. Until a person has a mind and heart

change, breaking out of poverty is essentially the same.

In our workshops we teach the participants about the "Four Key Principles" to unlocking the prison of extreme poverty. While we cannot open the door for anyone, we can give them the keys to get out themselves. History shows that only when one works to gain freedom, can it last.

The 'Four Key Principles' are:

- ▶ ON TIME
- ▶ AT STANDARD
- ▶ WITHOUT WASTE
- ▶ WITH JOY

The results of living life by these key principles are that people are able to achieve their God given potential and

realize a level of living that they only dreamed of. Life beyond poverty is a dream that is now being realized. Watching others discover true freedom is one of the greatest experiences I have ever been given. Pray for the students in this program.



### Training Day

Christa teaches local pastors childhood nutrition during a recent AC God's Way Living conference.

## PRAYERS

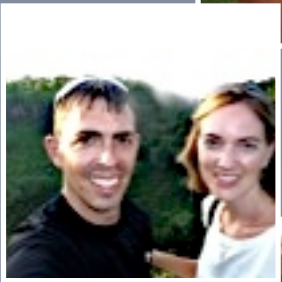
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## PRAISES

- This cold season has been especially hard on our family. We are in need of a healing touch to get this cold virus out of our house.
- We are now an officially recognized Zambian organization. We need wisdom to move forward.
- Our vehicle situation is still a bit unreliable and are needing to either have ours fixed to solve the many mechanical issues or find a newer one.
- The participants of our program need a ton of encouragement and prayer as they work at unlocking the doors of poverty.
- We have many visitors this summer and need lots of prayer!

- Mike & Debbie Murphy (Rob's Parents) were able to have a great time visiting us here in Zambia in May.
- Gretchen Murphy (Rob's Sister) has now joined us here to serve for the next 6 mos. to a year.
- There are many invitations to teach our program in a lot of different areas of the country.
- Sharon, our first summer intern, is here and blessing many.
- We have a new water pump and have running water again! (as long as we have electricity, but that is a different story)

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## Zambia Sights

From top to bottom: Mutali's 19th birthday, Elephant crossing road sign, Shamirah, A friendly warning, Rob & Christa at Victoria Falls, Children watching Dora, Traditional dancers

## Risks

How amazing it has been to watch as my good friend Azzie (pronounced Ozzy) builds his life and is growing his business and improving life for his family.

A while ago, I challenged him to risk stepping out into faith and discover what God can do through him. His employer at the time was looking like it was losing business. The idea was to take his skills and start a new security company. He faced a lot of challenges, but has done just that. Many of the old guards he used to supervise under his last employer told him he didn't have a chance and would fail. Now Azzie has more accounts for his new company than his old employer has.

## Visits

We start the busy summer season (actually it is winter here in Zambia) being blessed to have another intern start. Sharon Stevens will be serving with us for a month and her focus will be on our AC Orphan Partnership.

After a long wait Rob's younger sister Gretchen has finally arrived. Her journey to come back to Zambia has taken a few years but we are so blessed to have her. She will be serving in administrative support and giving a big hand in being "Auntie Gretchen" to help with the family, especially our younger children during homeschool time.

It is amazing the way God provides and opens new doors. For the next four months, our dear friends, the

## House Party

It is very exciting to announce to you that we now have a guest house/office/conference facility here due to the very generous gift of AC supporters. It is a beautiful large new house here in Kalomo, about a ten minute walk from our house. The gift of the house also comes with the funding to fully furnish it with rent, utilities and staff to care for it for a year. This blessing will allow us to hold conferences and seminars at a very low cost as well as a place to set up our offices. We have the ability to host large visiting teams and are excited to have the ability to also be a blessing to other missionaries who may need a guest house to use in the future. Now that we have housing, we are looking for you to visit! We know that once you come, you'll be back.

Azzie has moved his family into a bigger house and is saving money in the bank to invest in the future of his children and company.

As he breaks the cycle of poverty for his family, Azzie is teaching his children how to live a life that will continue to break the cycle for generations to come.

The power of realizing who you were created to be and to use the gifts and talents God chose to give you is an inner power to achieve more than anyone can dream. Our time here in Zambia is about men and women like Azzie. There are countless numbers of people just waiting to be encouraged, mentored and nurtured to become what they were created for.

DeYoung's, are staying here in Zambia. Their journey here follows Megan's (the wife) trip here last September. Both Peter and Megan are heavily involved in supporting Africa's Child in many different ways. Peter is a Neonatologist with a heart for children with HIV in Africa that his wife shares also.

The really cool thing is that they are here with their three girls to go through an adoption. Please keep this family in your prayers as we know the roller coaster ride they are on to adopt here in Zambia. They are looking to adopt two children and have taken a huge step of faith in coming.

How amazing it is to watch a vision that God gave us building and Him calling others to join. Awesome!



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