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NEW CHURCH PLANTED

Dear Mission Partner,

What an exciting start to a new year!!!!!! God has been forging a partnership with our new friend, Rev. Enock Enjova, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Lusaka, Zambia. In the initial encounter, while partnering with Hassler Ministries in June 2011, our hearts were knit together as we shared our love for the Lord and the vision He had given both of us. Since then our friendship has been deepened, our desire to work together has grown, and the January 17-31 project took shape.

Working in the Libuyu compound, an area without a strong evangelical presence, we were able to present the Gospel Message each evening through showing the Jesus Film and sharing the clear and compelling Gospel with many who had never heard. Enock shared the following burden with us in regard to the project: *"We feel the people of this compound are being deprived of the true and sure gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Pastor Enock Enjova and Pastor Golden Kyungupengu (former President of the SBC of Zambia), were instrumental in the success of the project which resulted in a new church being planted: Livingston Baptist Church with Stackson Zulu serving as the pastor.

The inaugural Sunday had 37 new members in attendance. Thinking back over Paul's missionary endeavors I am excited and encouraged that God would allow me to be a part of starting a NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH. One of the highlights of this trip for me was being involved in the Baptismal Service for three of the new believers on Saturday. Many were prepared for Baptism, however an untimely rain storm prevented many from participating in the service. However, we were privileged to baptize 3 young men after transporting them to another site.

Thank you for your part in helping to make this project an offering of praise to The Lord.....John



2012 Projects

Zambia-January *

Zambia-February

Zambia-June

Malawi-September

PROJECT RESULTS:

School meetings—12

Jesus Film Meetings—6

Baptisms -3

New church planted—1

7,017 Heard the Gospel

3,085 Responded to Gos-

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The Macedonian Call

The Friday before I was to leave on Tuesday I opened my email to discover an overlooked invitation to a missions conference in our area presented by the IMB. The deadline to register had come and gone but the Holy Spirit prompted me to make a phone call and request admittance to the conference the following day. Walking into that room of denominational leaders, pastors and church leaders we were somewhat surprised that God had so distinctly directed our steps to be present. It was a compelling conference on "Embracing" unreached people groups around the world. During a restroom break I overheard two men visiting, one introduced himself as a retired missionary from Zambia. Before I could get out of the stall, he left. I had only a brief glimpse of him over the stall door. The session resumed, I scanned the room trying to identify the person I thought I saw. During the next break, I walked over to another table and introduced myself. There sat the retired missionary from Lusaka, Zambia. When he learned I was leaving in a few days for Lusaka he was interested in the work. When I mentioned Enock's name his face lit up as he told me that he had taught Enock as a student in Seminary. He shared how he watched him grow and mature in the Lord. He was overjoyed to hear how God had brought us together. You can only imagine the joy we had as we walked away from that conference confident that God was orchestrating our partnership. Once in Lusaka, before the project was fully underway, Enock and I sat down to rejoice in God's providence and began some planning for the June, 2012 project. In planning and sharing our hearts for missions we discovered our unified desire to reach the unreached people groups of the Eastern Region of Zambia with the Gospel.

Upon my return I received this compelling email from Enock. "There are many prominent traditional culture groups and several other religions that are not Evangelicals, as such people die without knowing who Jesus is, and this is what drives and moves my heart and passion to go to the Eastern Region and proclaim the transformation messages of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I invite you for this great MACEDONIAN CALL, to go east and serve the souls by showing Jesus film show, preaching the gospel in schools and then through God's own "will" start up churches. For a long time now, my desire and need has been to go east. The east is not much evangelized, the area is being isolated because of distance from one town to another and the traditional beliefs found in the region, such as Nyau dance, practices of witchcraft, early marriages and doing all sorts of un-biblical manners, hence we need to go and make a breakthrough messages by showing the Jesus Film Show, as a result it has continuously remained with people not witnessed to and my heart yearns to go. But the Biggest CHALLENGE we have in reaching the UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS in the Eastern Region is that we do not have a VAN to carry us and the Jesus Film Show Equipment. We are trusting our faithful God to provide for this need."

THE 7 PASSENGER TOYOTA VAN THAT IS NEEDED WILL BE SHIPPED FROM JAPAN AND WILL BE ONE OR TWO YEARS OLD WITH FEW MILES... LIKE NEW.

THE COST: **\$8,000**



Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.
Romans 10:17

