

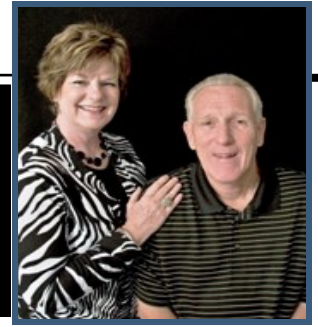


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## SMELL OF DEATH OR FRAGRANCE OF LIFE

Wherever we go we are assaulted by smells. Some are good others offend our senses. Recently while walking down the halls at the Rehab Center where my sister is being cared for, I noticed several notes on doors that read: Please NO fragrances or *aromas*. As I considered the message I was reminded of a Scripture that teaches about the Christians aroma :

***“For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life.”***

***2 Corinthian 2:15-18***

The smell of life is filtrating into the Eastern Region of Zambia as the EPI teams make their way into villages where the Gospel has never been heard. NEVER BEEN HEARD! The aroma of Christ is experienced in the most profound way. The teams (Trained counselors from established churches) go into villages where the Jesus Film is to be seen. They set up camp, not expecting anything from the villagers but sacrificially giving of themselves. The aroma of a sacrificial life is tantalizing. It attracts interest and causes a thirst for life rather than death, light rather than darkness. The hunger of hope for something more draws large crowds to the Jesus Film meetings: still others come out of curiosity. As they step upon the ground something unexplainable takes place, the ground becomes Holy ground: Jesus steps off the screen and into the hearts of hundreds who respond to both the person and His message of everlasting life. The whole process is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit which begins with His aroma that allures the lost and dying. **What about you? What fragrance do you exude? Are others attracted to Christ because of your life? Would you join the EPI team to reach thousands by being the fragrance of life through your sacrificial giving?**

### 2013 Projects

January - Zambia\*

March - Zambia\*\*

April - Zambia \*

May - Zambia\*\*

June—Zambia\*

July—Zambia\*\*

August—Zambia



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## The Macedonian Call to these People

June and July have proven to be very fruitful months in the rich harvest fields of Eastern Zambia. Truly in the Lundazi and Chama districts of Eastern Zambia the fields are white unto harvest! Read the following report from Marlon Zulu and rejoice with us: "I am very glad to report back to you the Lundazi and Chama evangelistic project for June 2013. The project was very good and powerful! Lundazi and Chama are the most unreached people with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in Eastern Zambia. These people are Tumbuka's and Senga's and many of them are polygamist. Their churches encourage them to marry many wives so that they can become leaders in their churches. These people worship demons, sacrificing lambs to Satan on the mountains. We found two big



churches (with over 800 members), Zion Christ Church and Chipangano Church engaged in this pagan worship of demons. Our going there with the evangelistic project was like the Macedonian Call to these people. We conducted 11 Jesus Film crusades in 10 villages with a total audience of 16,000 people and 11,000 indicated a desire to receive Christ. **We planted 10 churches, one in each village, with 2000 present in all 10 churches for the first Sunday and 600 are awaiting baptism.**

I thank God for many miracles and healings that took place during the project.

When we finished the project the bishop founder of Zion Christ Church, Brazwellimba, (the one with 8 wives) and his entire leadership came to us and said we have never watched the Jesus Film before and the word of God that you preached to us we have heard and we need to repent. We helped them to receive Jesus Christ and after they had prayed, the Bishop said to us: We are surrendering all of our 80 churches and placing them under your leadership. These churches are in Lundazi, Chinsali, Malawi, Nakonde, Chipata, and Muyombe. Will you stand with me as I am believing God for funds to go around in these villages to teach the leaders and to show the Jesus Film?



The month of July found Pastor Iwell Phiri traveling about 50 km from his home in Sinda Village to three villages that had never seen the Jesus Film nor heard the correct Gospel. Please read one of the reports we received from Iwell: "Do you know that here in the eastern region of Zambia in the month of July it is very much cold but people can stand more than two hours to watch the Jesus Film show? The miracles today have been done-more that 7900 have come to watch the Jesus Film and 5280 have received Christ. I have never seen such a large crowd of people. Many people have walked 7-8 km tonight to watch the Jesus Film. Even the chief was very much happy and touched when he saw how far people were coming." The following is the complete report of the July Project:



Total Audience: 33,989

Total Decisions: 25,672

School meetings: 12

**For every dollar invested in the ministry of EPI in 2012**

**Seven people heard the Gospel and**

**Four people received Christ.**

# Immediate Needs

Dear Partners,

From time to time we share some specific needs that we have. The following needs all relate to the church planting ministry of EPI. In 2012 our ministry planted 5 churches. Already through July 2013 EPI has planted 14 churches in Eastern Zambia. Will you prayerfully consider the following needs related to these “new born churches”?

- 1) BICYCLES FOR PASTORS- \$175. Many of these new pastors live 5-15 km from their churches and some are serving more than one church.
- 2) BIBLES/ HYMNALS- \$130 per case. Most of the churches being planted in the Eastern Region are almost entirely filled with new believers. These people do not have Bibles and have no means to get one. Same story on the Hymnals– the need is great!
- 3) MOTORCYCLE FOR PASTOR IWELL- \$1500. Pastor Iwell Phiri is the coordinator for our ministry in the Eastern region. He has planted a total of 9 churches and one of his main responsibilities is to train and supervise the new pastors of these churches. He also supervises the follow up ministry in the schools where we have shared the Gospel. At the present time he has no means of transporting himself and depends on public transportation which is expensive and limited in the rural Eastern Region.
- 4) ROOFS AND WINDOWS FOR NEW CHURCHES- \$1800. Most of the newly planted churches in the Eastern Region are built on land donated to the church. (usually by the chief or someone in the village.) The church members are able to form and bake the bricks used to build the church building at very little cost. However, these newly planted churches do not have the means for roofs and windows.

