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### **COMMISSIONING THE CHRIST ZION CHURCHES**

Dear Friends.

As you read this prayer letter, Sharon and I have been in Eastern Zambia for almost two weeks. We spent the first week of the project working in the district of Chama...the largest of the 8 districts of the Eastern Province. We first worked in Chama almost 2 years ago and while working with a pastor affiliated with Campus Crusade for Christ, we discovered a group of 30 plus Zionist churches. After showing the Jesus Film in several areas where these churches were located, the leaders of these Zionist (Christ Zion Churches) approached us and thanked us for bringing the true Gospel to their villages. They begged us to re-establish their churches as Christian churches under EPI supervision. Iwell Phiri travelled to Chama in 2014 and did a 2day training with 100 church leaders and members in preparation for our coming in May of this year. We will spend 7 days meeting with around 25-30 churches, grouping them into groups of 3-5 churches, showing the Jesus Film to the members to make sure they understand what it means to be born again, teaching them the 7 foundational topics contained in our BASIC BROCHURE of Christian Instruction (written by Barbara Christa and John and Sharon Booker), and then leading them in the Lord's Supper and the commissioning of each of their churches.

The second week of the project will be spent doing 4 Jesus Film Shows and planting 3 more churches in Sinda. We will also be paying a visit to the MAMBO...the Chief of the Chiefs in the Eastern Province. After our first visit with her in 2013, she donated the land upon which our training center is being built. (we are constructing the building during this project). This will be our 3rd visit with her and her favor continues to be poured out on our ministry. Over 300 local Chiefs report to her each month, therefore because of her favor, many of the chiefs around the Eastern Province are calling Iwell wanting him to come to their village.

The final week of the project will include three days of school ministry reaching remote schools that never have anyone come to share the gospel. Some of the students have some knowledge of Bible stories but have never heard a complete and correct presentation of the gospel. Many of the students have never read a Bible or heard the gospel. Because **Faith Comes By Hearing,** many of them will come to repentance and faith in Christ, just as I did at age 10, and their lives will never be the same! During our free time (HA!) we will be meeting with many of our churches to help with construction of their roofs and to encourage these new believers!....John



2015 Projects

January- Zambia \*

February—Zambia \*

March—Zambia \*

April– Zambia\*

May– Zambia

June-Mozambique

July-Zambia

August-Zambia

September-Zambia

October-Mozambique

November-Zambia

December-Zambia

**APRIL PROJECT ZAMBIA** 

Total Venues- 6

Total Audience-8911

Total Decisions-6560

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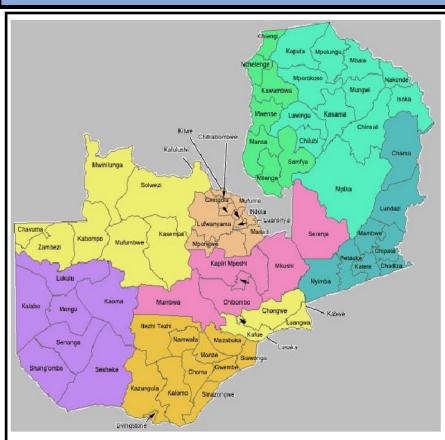
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## EPI Home Missionaries are Ready to Move!!



#### ELDER RAPHAEL ZULU

Will move his wife and 5 children to Chama District

#### ELDER GABRIEL ZULU

Will move his wife and 5 children to Lundazi District

#### ELDER DAVID NJOBVU

Will move his wife and 6 children to Mabwe District

#### ELDER GEORGE PHIRI

Will move his wife and 4 children to Chadiza District

#### PASTOR SELENI BANDA

Will move his wife and 8 children to Moazambique

#### DEACON PETER NJOBVU

Will move his wife and 2 children to Chipata Distric

Dear Friends,

As we move forward with a commitment to reach every village in the Eastern Province of Zambia and in Western Mozambique, God is bringing together His plan for accomplishing this. Iwell Phiri has been training and preparing a small group of men who share this same commitment...to reach their people with the life saving gospel. Iwell has been moving forward with this task knowing that the job to reach every person was to big for him to do alone. Now God has unveiled HIS PLAN to us. The plan involves transplanting 6 men and their families to the various districts of the Eastern Province and Western Mozambique. We are moving forward in FAITH trusting God to provide for the needs of each one of these HOME MISSIONARIES. What makes our concept of doing missions so effective is that we are raising up and training indigenous pastors, who already live in our assigned mission field, who already know the language, who already know the customs and traditions of the people, who already

know where the unreached villages are, and who already have a vision and passion to reach their people with the gospel. THE ONLY THING THEY LACK ARE RESOURCES. I have listed for you exactly what each man and his family will need as they move to accept the challenge of finishing well their RACE.

Sharon and I are making a commitment to lead the way in sponsoring our first Home Missionary in the Chama District, Elder Raphael Zulu. I mailed in our last house payment this month. We will not be going to Disneyland or taking a Cruise. We plan to continue writing that check each month, but instead of sending it to the mortgage company, we will be investing it in God's Kingdom. We must work while it is day...the night is coming! The fields are white unto harvest NOW! IF WE DO NOT REACH THEM NOW..THEN WHEN? IF NOT US...THEN WHO?

#### EACH HOME MISSIONARY NEEDS:

- 1) House (they will build it).....\$1800
- 2) Solar powered Jesus Film System.....\$3500
- 3) Motorcycle LG 250cc 4-stroke...... \$2000
- 4) 12 months support (\$100 mo.).....\$1200
- 5) Seed and fertilizer for first crop...... \$800
- 6) Bible School and travel for one year... ..\$560
- 7) TOTAL FOR FIRST YEAR.....\$9860