



“My heart has heard you say, ‘Come and talk with me.’ And my heart responds, ‘Lord, I am coming.’ “ Ps. 27:8

Dear Friends,

The ministry of EPI was launched in PRAYER and is sustained through PRAYER. Please read the following quote taken from “31 Days of Prayer” by Ruth and Warren Myers:

“Have you ever wondered why God chose to link His actions with our praying? Why did He decide that our prayers would cause Him to accomplish certain things or expand what He does? And that by not praying we would limit Him? Could He not have carried out His purposes far more efficiently without us? Yet He has established the prayers of His people as a powerful influence on how and when He meets our needs (material, emotional, and spiritual) and the needs of others THROUHOUT THE WORLD.”

PRAY FOR NEWLY PLANTED MISSIONARIES GEORGE AND LENA PHIRI IN CHANIDA

You may have wondered what is involved in planting a new missionary family and why is it so expensive. The planting process involves three weeks of time and cost wise is similar to doing an evangelistic PROJECT (\$4500). Our immediate goal is to plant a missionary family in each of the NINE DISTRICTS of the Eastern Province of Zambia and several in western Mozambique. **So far we have planted 12 missionaries in SIX of the districts. The following is a summary of the planting process:**

WEEK ONE: Iwell travels to the new mission field (district) and makes appointments with all the CHIEFS and GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS in the district. Before EPI can begin working in a new area, permission has to be granted and a relationship establish with all those in authority. Iwell then finds a suitable HOUSE to rent and pays the rent for 12 months. He then finds a suitable supplier of MAIZE MEAL which is called “mealy meal” and purchases 12- 100kg bags. Each 100kg bag will provide food for one month. He then finds a suitable supplier of PETROL and pre-pays for at least 6 months of fuel. Remember....BEFORE we can begin the planting process...each missionary family must have in their possession the following: 1) two bicycles (\$390) 2) a motorcycle (\$2000) and a solar powered Jesus Film System in a backpack (\$2800). **All of these items are paid for by people like you who believe getting the gospel to people who have not heard is the most important job on the planet!**

WEEK TWO: As final goodbyes are said, Iwell loads the family and all of their possessions into our 29 passenger bus (most of the seats are removed) and off they go to their new home. Each of these missionary families is living out the **CALL of the GREAT COMMISSION**. The second week is spent meeting chiefs, officials and those in authority, moving into their new home, making arrangements for their school age children to move in their new schools, and meeting neighbors and making new friends.

WEEK THREE: As the family is getting settled in, Iwell and the NEW MISSIONARY are setting up and conducting Jesus Film Shows in nearby villages and planting at least one new church. The following is a short testimony from GEORGE PHIRI: *“In Chanida, Iwell stayed with us 2 full weeks to teach us how to begin doing the work, how to make friendships with unknown people, and how to stay in a new area. He has helped us to develop an action plan as we begin sharing the gospel with many people who have never heard the truth of God’s Word. Please PRAY for me and my family, especially my wife Lena to make new friends.”*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING NEEDS...YOUR PRAYERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

IMMEDIATE NEED.....WE NEED GOD’S PROVISION TO START A NEW WORK IN FAISALABAD, PAKISTAN (only 3% Christian)

IMMEDIATE NEED.....WE NEED TO PLANT FIVE ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES IN ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE (people are perishing daily)

IMMEDIATE NEED.....WE NEED TO PURCHASE FIVE ADDITIONAL MOTORCYCLES (we have FIVE solar backpacks in country already)