

Evangelism Partners International



JOHN & SHARON BOOKER



PASTOR IWELL PHIRI



J 817-770-1556
S 817-789-1359
evangelismmpi@gmail.org

Volume 84
November 2017



“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” (James 1:27 NIV)

Dear Family and Friends,

Here is a brief look at the country of Zambia and a new opportunity that God has given EPI and our partners.

- Zambia is a land-locked country in Southern Africa. One of the poorest countries in the world, 2/3 of its population survives on \$1 a day.
- Of the 6.5 million children in Zambia over one million of them are orphans.
- A child acts as the caregiver in one out of four households.
- Theft, rape and ritual witchcraft are prevalent among villages and slums in the big cities.
- Children without access to education are trapped in a terrible cycle of poverty. Orphaned children are highly vulnerable to child labour, abuse and forced early marriage.
- Uneducated, orphaned girls are three times more likely to contract HIV/AIDS than those in school and under parental supervision
- The number of HIV and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) orphans is estimated at 1.5 million which means that one in five children in the country is an orphan.



EPI, although a church planting and missionary sending ministry, has been compelled by God to provide an orphan home for all the reasons above but mainly to follow the Lord's command, "to care for orphans and widows." God has provided the land as a gift from the King of the region. A water-well has been dug on the property and is now being used by the surrounding villages. The land on which all of this has happened is where the EPI training center is located. Currently the training center serves as a church, a training facility for new pastors and church leaders, and a school for orphans ages 3-6 years old, 50 children from surrounding villages; five days a week. Now we need a home for these children!



PRAYER PROMPTS

Shipping cost for TWAM(Tools With a Mission) CONTAINER (donated tools/equip)....\$1500
20 cases of BIBLES (10 per case) in Chechewa and Tumbuka.....\$2000
15 Church Planters waiting for motorcycle and Jesus Film Projector.....\$4500 each

FOR EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN.....THREE PEOPLE HEAR THE GOSPEL.....TWO PEOPLE RECEIVE CHRIST

