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**“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” 2 Timothy 2:15**

Dear Friends,

In 2015 Sharon and I began to notice that our director of EPI ministry in Zambia, Iwell Phiri, had a group of 8 men who seemed to be always around him. We began to question him about this. Iwell then began to share with us the following story:

**“EPI is growing fast and will soon become too big for me alone. I am going to need help to accomplish this great work that lies before us. We have many un-reached villages in the Eastern Province of Zambia and Mozambique who have not heard the gospel. I am training these men to help me accomplish this great assignment.”**

Through that conversation and God’s clear leading, EPI would become a missionary sending / planting ministry. These eight men would become the nucleuse of a missionary pool that has now grown to over 40 men. All of these men are committed to moving their families to the various parts of Zambia and Mozambique where the gospel has not reached every village and every person.



**GOD’S BIGGER VISION FOR EPI**

As we began to move into 2016 it became apparent that God had a much bigger vision for EPI than we had. The story of EPI really begins almost 20 years before God issued the CALL to us in 2009 to join HIM in taking the gospel to the un-reached people groups of the world. The story of **EPI** actually began in 1990 when God called Iwell Phiri to follow Jesus Christ and he was “born again”. Iwell spent the next 10 years serving in his local church and then God called him to be a pastor. Iwell left a good job with a car furnished for him and completed 3 years of seminary training. He then moved his family to the Eastern Province of Zambia and planted Golgotha Baptist Church.



**IWELL THEN BEGAN TO PRAY**

As Iwell began to work in Sinda, the “lostness” of the people overwhelmed him. He saw the “fields white unto harvest” but had no resources to reach them with the true gospel. **IWELL BEGAN TO PRAY!** He began to pray that God would **SEND SOMEONE** to help him get the gospel to the thousands of un-reached villages of Eastern Zambia & Western Mozambique. After **SIX YEARS** of praying God brought Iwell and EPI together in 2012. In 2015 the first 2 missionary families were planted and in 2016 the **EPI BIBLE SCHOOL** was started with eleven students. Today forty three men are currently enrolled and committed to fulfilling the “Great Commission”.



**URGENT NEED**  
**JOHN & SHARON’S AIRFARE FOR THE APRIL / MAY PROJECT- \$2,629**

**EPI EIGHT YEARS OF MINISTRY SUMMARY**

**2010-2012**

TOTAL AUDIENCE 2010.....18,872  
 TOTAL DECISIONS 2010.....12,621  
 TOTAL SCHOOL MEETINGS 2010.....54  
 TOTAL JESUS FILMS 2010.....10

TOTAL AUDIENCE 2011.....45,292  
 TOTAL DECISIONS 2011.....31,874  
 TOTAL SCHOOL MEETINGS 2011.....38  
 TOTAL JESUS FILMS 2011.....10

TOTAL AUDIENCE 2012.....150,078  
 TOTAL DECISIONS 2012.....118,792  
 TOTAL SCHOOL MEETINGS.....156  
 TOTAL JESUS FILM MEETINGS.....47



**2013**

TOTAL AUDIENCE.....108,975  
 TOTAL DECISIONS.....62,918  
 TOTAL SCHOOL MEETINGS.....45  
 TOTAL JESUS FILM SHOWS.....38



**2014**

TOTAL AUDIENCE.....163,254  
 TOTAL DECISIONS.....123,047  
 TOTAL SCHOOL MEETINGS.....160  
 TOTAL JESUS FILM SHOWS.....70

**2015**

TOTAL AUDIENCE.....107,859  
 TOTAL DECISIONS.....82,112  
 TOTAL SCHOOL MEETINGS.....173  
 TOTAL JESUS FILM SHOWS.....95

**2016**

TOTAL AUDIENCE- 190,404    TOTAL DECISIONS- 145,892    TOTAL FILM SHOWS- 387    TOTAL SCHOOL MEETINGS- 9

**2017**

TOTAL AUDIENCE.....404,949  
 TOTAL DECISIONS.....274,287  
 TOTAL SCHOOL MEETINGS.....54  
 TOTAL JESUS FILM SHOWS.....1115  
 TOTAL HOUSE CHURCHES (Pakistan).....394  
 TOTAL CHURCHES PLANTED (Africa).....68

**ZAMBIA- Iwell Phiri (10 missionary families planted)**  
**PAKISTAN- Mumtaz Mukhtar (Church Planter)**  
**MYANMAR- James Lain / Dal Khaul (Church Planters)**  
**UGANDA- Patrick Malingha (Church Planter)**  
**TANZANIA- Charles Masanja (Church Planter)**

**EPI EIGHT YEAR TOTALS**  
**TOTAL AUDIENCE.....1,189,680**  
**TOTAL DECISIONS.....851,543**  
**TOTAL SCHOOL MEETINGS.....689**  
**TOTAL JESUS FILM SHOWS.....1772**  
**TOTAL HOUSE CHURCHES (Pakistan).....394**  
**TOTAL CHURCHES PLANTED (Africa).....210**