

THE CHILANDO FAMILY

"ZAMBIA! THE REAL AFRICA"

Zambia

<i>Location:</i>	Southern Africa
<i>Population:</i>	13 million
<i>Language:</i>	English/Bemba
<i>City:</i>	Kitwe/Ndola
<i>Mission:</i>	Church Planting
<i>Support:</i>	\$4,500



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The Real Zambia

We would like to thank you all for praying for us as we surveyed Zambia. The weather was great and the people even better. It is quite convicting to see a people with so little, yet content. Though in many ways it seems as though cities are getting bigger and better, the economic status of the people remains dire. Pray for the people and the churches here as the country will be having its general elections this month. One of the running candidate seems to be anti-foreign anything, which means if he wins it will not be as easy for missionaries to do anything.

The Religion

I had the opportunity of preaching a three day revival conference where many lives were changed. The theme was, "The wonderful grace of Jesus." Zambia is witnessing a growing "religious tradition" mind set. Most churches here pattern their doctrine around

traditions and avoid the principles of God's word altogether. These religious strongholds have taken captive men and women and only the strong preaching of God's word will break through these walls. Foreign missionary church plants lose part of their congregation every time they preach against sinful acts (customary practices). Many missionaries are migrating into rural areas where there is less resistance to God's word. The Pentecostals, Catholics and Jehovah witness are moving in with shallow doctrines which incorporate the ungodly customs into their way of church life.

The Real Need

The need for the gospel is evident; the burden for the people is even greater. We only wish there was a quicker way of getting to the field. The people need to hear, that it is possible to stand up for sound doctrine, it is possible to

preach God's word unapologetic, it is possible for the people to uphold their traditions in a godly manner. We are not against tradition, culture or customs. We are against sin, hell and the devil. A great revival is about to awaken in this nation and we want to be in the middle of it, proclaiming the infallible, inerrant word of truth. For we know that the gospel is not a plea but a proclamation.

The Reaction

The Government is not permitting the establishment of any new foreign religious works because of the fear of exploitation and the overwhelming influx of religious good will missions who are doing nothing.

Who will stand with us? We are ready for the task at hand. We are ready to witness the working of God's hand. This is the time for Zambia to be reached for Christ before the doors shut.

By God's Grace.

Martin and Jennifer Chilando

(1 Corinthians 15:58)