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*Charles and Sarah West Newsletter*

## **Returning to Zambia**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I returned to Zambia safe, tired but satisfied that the trip to the U.S. was a success. I spent time with our MPT, saw many friends, made new ones, saw my mother for the first time in 3 years and spoke to our stateside children who are all doing very well.

Upon returning, I hit the ground running participating in putting together a new schedule with the Zambia International Theological College (ZITC) principal, vice-principal, and staff. Work is progressing nicely on the orphanage, and Sarah and I had a great time presenting a workshop for new leaders in one of our Baptist Convention churches.

We actually spent Thanksgiving alone without any of our children in the house. Chasah has graduated from high school and is now a college freshman at University of Louisiana in Lafayette. Caleb and Charliese left the Wednesday before Thanksgiving for Namibia, Africa to participate with their soccer and volleyball teams in a tournament with other international schools from across Africa. The teams were from South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Malawi, and Angola. Caleb played volleyball for the mixed girls and boy's team and Charliese played volleyball and goalie for the girl's soccer team. Our Zambian teams won first place for soccer and volleyball and did their school and the whole country of Zambia proud.

Thank you so much for the warm reception I received everywhere I went. The great food, fellowship and fun was incredible, it was really good to be able to visit and share with so many of you in person.

Naturally, we were all affected by the recession, and were not sure how this would affect our being on the field in 2009-2010 and beyond. Because you were faithful and continue to give over and above; we are still on the field and busy in Zambia with ministry.

Thank you so much for all that you do, and we pray that you had a great Thanksgiving.

In His Service,

Charles and Sarah West

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