

*Charles and Sarah West Newsletter*

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**“I Know the Plans I Have For You”**



Dear Friends,

In a recent daily morning devotion, the Lord led us to Jeremiah 29 where the words, which are always encouraging, read:

*10 This is what the LORD says... 11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”*

We could never have done this without your help, your support and your determination, even through these economically challenging times. We pray that you will be blessed just knowing that children who would not otherwise receive an education will do so thanks to you! We want to see as many children as possible walk through these doors and get a much-deserved education.

A few weeks ago during this past June, we received a visit from a mission team from Second Baptist Church Germantown, PA. They came to Zambia for 10 days and visited one of our projects -- the WellSpring of Faith and Hope Community Schools in Lusaka and Chongwe, where the former is in a peri-urban location; and the latter, in a rural village location. This visit had been in the planning stages for over a year, and we had an amazing time with the team starting with three days of VBS and ministry to the children. Second Baptist brought school supplies in hand-made drawstring bags, lollipops, balloons, and fun items for the children, as well as clothing for community members. They fed the children with lunches of peanut butter and jelly, and the staple “mielie” meal. The children at the WellSpring School were excited to see their new friends come, spend time with them, and show the love of Jesus in the flesh!



Colorful goodie bags with school supplies

We have been telling you about the WellSpring Schools for about two years now. We’ve been fervently praying about the schools and seeking God’s guidance. The WellSpring Schools are a vehicle to give the children hope and a future, to help them prosper through education as a way out of poverty. Religious education is still a compulsory component in the Zambian schools, and we thank God for this amazing access into the children’s and the community’s lives! The team from Second Baptist has committed to praying and helping financially, and we are excited about the possibilities of this partnership and the way God has opened this door.



Some of the children looking at and comparing the goodies in their bags



The children eating their PB and J sandwiches with milk



Handing out balloons and playing in the rural village school location

We are currently in the United States spending quality time with our children, grandchildren, extended family members, and friends, and are starting to feel refreshed and renewed! We just returned from Atlanta, GA, where Charles had the privilege and joy of officiating one of our son's wedding! We next go to the East Coast for a week at the beginning of August to attend the Conference for Overseas Missionaries (CFOM), after which Charles will begin a two-month period of visiting-deputation with supporting churches. We thank you for your strengthening prayers and mission partnerships, yet we continue to need increased financial support to remain on the field and support for the projects in Zambia. We are currently at 53 percent of needed support level, and need to raise this to 80 percent by September 2011. We would love to hear from you and how you can pledge to help us remain on the field so we can continue our vital ministry!

Thank you for your support, and may God richly bless you as you pray about continuing to come along side us, grow in Christ, and change lives.

In His Service,

Charles & Sarah West

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