

## An Epistle from the



## ENRIGHTS

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Dear Friends,

January has gone by in a blur - it passed so quickly with rain, rain, and more rain! The secondary roads that we use so much are getting more difficult to navigate as the rivers literally flow down the roads, and the fish ponds and dams are overflowing. It is great for the bananas and the new aloe plants. It is providing plenty of food for the cattle to graze on, and the Zambian farmers' corn crops look great. It does make our work on some of the construction projects more interesting though - among other things we now have to be weather forecasters - "Will it rain or can we pour that cement today?"

### Zambian Pastors' School Report

We are concentrating now on getting things ready for the Zambian session of Pastors' School, which will begin May 11<sup>th</sup> and will end with graduation on June 26<sup>th</sup>. We have several visitors coming from the States to help with teaching the pastors, their wives, and the children during that time, as well our local staff. We anticipate there will be approximately 100 pastors, 50 wives, and 80 - 100 children here for those two months. Transportation and food prices have increased this year so our budget for the Zambia session will be about \$85,000.

### Congo Pastors' School Report

Pastor Kabila, one of the Congolese teachers, has started working on the new center we will be using in Congo. It is a Methodist farm about 10 miles from Lubumbashi called Kinandu. It was started in the 60s, but was never properly finished. There are several buildings on the grounds, including a large dorm that will sleep the 100+ pastors in August. This budget is about \$35,000.

### Zambia/Congo - Copper Crunch

Just as the rest of the world has experienced economic problems, so Congo and Zambia have also been affected due to the drastic drop in the price of copper. This whole area is a huge producer of copper, but with the lower prices for copper many of the mines have closed down. In the town closest to us, Luanshya, more than 3500 people lost their jobs recently because of this. Because of what is happening **Kafakumba's goal of**

**creating jobs** is even more important. The woodworking department was supplying a lot of doors and windows to the mining sector, but those orders have greatly diminished. We have shifted our emphasis now to exporting more flooring and various orders. We also are aware that people will always have to eat so the food production areas that we are involved in remain vitally important. We have not had to lay off any of our workers, and we are thankful for that.

**THANK YOU** for your support as you participate with us in the work at **Kafakumba Training Center and Pastors' School**. God's word is being taught to pastors who go all over Central Africa teaching and preaching. Women are learning ways to better care for their families as well as how to share these skills and their faith with other women. Children have a chance to have fun, eat well, and learn about Christ.

For those United Methodist Churches who desire to give towards Pastors' School using the Advance Special Program, we now have a number through the Southern Congo Conference: **Kafakumba Pastors' School, #11438A**. For those who wish to contribute to our salary or projects through **ENRIGHT FLIGHT MINISTRY** please continue to do so - that has not changed!

Our dream is for Kafakumba Training Center and Pastors' School to be totally self-sustaining with funds created in Africa. We have come a long way down that road, but we are not there yet. The balance is made up with your support and help from the US. On behalf of so many people in Zambia, Congo and Tanzania, **THANK YOU**. This could not happen without you.

Together in Christ,

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