

An Epistle from the ENRIGHTS

September 2009

Dear Friends,

The days are starting to get longer and warmer as our spring begins. We are looking forward to some warmer weather, but in a very short time it will be very hot and humid. (Still prefer that to the cold!) After nearly 5 months with no rain most things are quite dry, but this is the time that the jacaranda trees put out their lavender flowers and the frangipani trees get cream and bright pink flowers. Spring is in the air!

And love is in the air - **Brian just got engaged to a lovely young lady, Jade Mahtani-Patching.** Her family have been missionaries in Zambia for 3 generations, and her parents live in Ndola and are involved in mission work. Jade is the same age as Brian, went to the same boarding school as John, and has a degree in nursing. We are probably looking at an April wedding on the lawn at our farm called Rivendell. Both Brian and Nathan live there already, and we will be pushing to get our house finished and move in before then! Plus get grass planted, flowers planted, and on and on - before April!!!!

Pastors' School Reports: Pastors' School here in Zambia finished off with graduation the end of June. It was a very special service, with Bishop Katembo coming from Congo to participate. Our hopes are that the funds will come in to have the **Congo Pastors' School** session meet here in Zambia within the next few months. It was the unanimous decision of all involved that the experience of coming to Zambia at least one session was very important so we will try to bring down the pastors. At this point we are short on funding with only about \$15,000 of the \$30,000 needed on hand.

Women's Empowerment Seminars: Dr. Mary Kay Smith and Jennie Conrad came out from the States to teach at a seminar for about 80 women in this area. Many of the women either work for us or were wives of our workers. They were challenged, encouraged, and taught during the week-long seminar. This past week the Kafakumba Training Center hosted a seminar put on by the local chapter of the Heifer Project with a lot of instruction in milking procedures and animal husbandry. The majority of those attending were women from the nearby area. The animals that they have received have helped many women of all ages to make a living.

Annual Conference: The Zambia Conference of the United Methodist Church met here for Annual Conference

a few weeks ago. There doesn't seem to have been any major changes this year. The **Kafakumba Training Center** building is going forward. What a difference some grass and paint are making!

Development Projects: John is still very involved with development projects that will create wealth to support the Kafakumba Training Center and to help empower Zambians. We started 9 years ago with the bananas, and we still have about 100 acres of bananas on our farm. African bananas have some wicked viruses, and unfortunately this area is prone to one of them. We have a new variety arriving next month to try in hopes that it will be resistant to the virus. The honey project is moving forward right now with some financial assistance from the German government. Before Christmas we hope to have made more than 3000 hives and distributed them to Zambians. As they receive the hives they get training in how to manage them, harvest honey, and so on. A by product of this is propolis which is very useful. There are 20 acres of aloe vera planted right now. We have been working with some local clinics and have found that drinking the aloe gel every day is very effective in boosting the immune system of HIV/AIDS patients. The fish project has entered a new phase as we set up the hatchery. (You can't believe all that is involved in fish farming!) Cattle, woodworking, and other projects are also going forward.

We are so grateful for you and appreciate all of you who have faithfully partnered with us over the years with financial gifts, prayers and support. Please remember that **you are part of God's Kingdom being proclaimed and lived out in Zambia!**

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

Together in Christ,
John and Kendra Enright

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