

THE VANCES – AUGUST 2005

Greetings from Zambia,

Ken returned to Zambia in June to help with Pastor's School, receive groups of visitors from the States and to assist with the workload in light of Pastor Kasongo Munza's health. It has been both a hectic and exciting time, with new opportunities before us.

A group from Huntertown UMC (Indiana) helped to 'raise the roof' on the Town Center UMC of Ndola where Ken is pastor. As the old roof came off people came to watch and participate in this effort along with interior decorating of cleaning, scraping and painting. A group of 15 youth and 5 adults from Epworth UMC (Toledo, OH) held a cross-cultural youth camp at Kafakumba Training Center. It was a life changing experience for youth of both cultures with a greater awareness and understanding of cultural backgrounds.

At the Annual Conference session held in Congo, Pastor Kilembo was assigned to Town Center Church to assist Ken in pastoral duties. He is a young pastor (he led the cross cultural youth camp) and will be invaluable as we launch our community youth center. Annual Conference saw Ken re-appointed as Pastor of Town Center, director of Likasi Pastor's School and pilot for Wings of the Morning.

Progress Report: The Wings of the Morning farm near Lubumbashi has 2.5 acres of bananas planted! Kafakumba Training Center has over 120 partners with over 250 acres of bananas producing! The next session of Kafakumba Pastor's School will be financed by the income of the bananas! However, that is not yet the story for Likasi Pastor's School. To realize this vision we need \$20,000 to start up and establish this program. This will enable the school to become self-supporting within the next three years.

Prayer Concerns: Ken will be in the States September through November speaking in churches and assisting the shipment of containers through the Marion Mission Storehouse (we are short \$2,500 for a container ready to ship). ***Kasongo Munza is back in Zambia! His report is good and the doctor said it is a miracle!*** Thank you for continued prayer support of Kasongo during his recovery. Pray for our family: When we (Debbie, Joshua and Ken) return to Africa in December, Stacie will remain to attend university. We'll be renovating a house near Kafakumba Training Center (uninhabited for 10 years) to live in, and we'll be replacing a vehicle (\$6,000). Many transitions and adjustments!

Thank you for your support and encouragement of our family, work and ministry. Please feel free to write, email or contact us by phone if you have questions or are interested in further details of being involved with this ministry.

Your servants in Christ,

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