

## ***THE VANCES – SEPTEMBER 2006***

***Greetings*** from Zambia!

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of June ***Rev. Ken Enright*** passed away. He was a man of God who lived 83 years, married for 61 years and served God in Africa for over 50 years. He founded the Wings of the Morning Flight Ministry; Kafakumba Pastor's School and other programs that continue today. I had the honor of preaching at his "celebration of life" and felt like John the Baptist as Jesus came to be baptized. It was Ken Enright who took me for my first airplane ride when I was 11. It was also at that time I knew God was calling me to be a pastor and missionary. He was fearless and lived a life of faith. He looked death in the face on numerous occasions through war, hostage situations, soldiers ready to execute him, and airplane accidents. He had a faith that smiled and was victorious both in life and now in death. Ken Enright was my *hero* in the faith. He was buried at Kafakumba Training Center along side ***Rev. Kasongo Munza*** who died last October. Both these men lived lives that embodied the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We must now continue the vital work of building the Kingdom of God. Both these men 'fought the good fight' now it is up to us to continue in faith.

***Change of Status:*** As mentioned in our June letter the General Board of Global Ministries is taking a different direction in missionary support. We will no longer be employed by GBGM after March 2007. ***We will continue to be United Methodist Missionaries.*** Ken is a clergy member of the North Indiana Conference and will continue to serve under special appointment to the African Church at the invitation of the African Bishop. The significant change is that we will no longer have a salary, medical insurance or pension coverage. We must now begin the process of raising our own salary.

After consultations with officials from GBGM we had meetings here in Zambia, with the treasurer of the Marion Mission Storehouse, and a CPA accountant, it was determined that we initiate the transition process as soon as possible. Thus, the following timeline was devised to guide us in this process. We must 'actively' begin funding our salary support prior to March 2007. We've been advised to start this process immediately with 40% funding in the Marion Mission Storehouse by the end of December 2006; 70% funding by March 2007 and 100% by July 2007. In order to meet this schedule *we are hereby asking churches and individuals who are supporting us to now send the remainder of your 2006 support to the Marion Mission Storehouse.* This will establish a foundation upon which we'll build the salary support base. Churches in North Indiana who send their support through the Conference office must clearly mark and designate "Ken Vance Salary Support/Marion Mission Storehouse #161401" to avoid confusion. This will not affect our current salary support as it will continue through the Mission Personnel Program Area through March 2007. We are asking that you ***NOT*** send salary support through Kafakumba Training Center to avoid confusion as this is also being used by the North Katanga Annual Conference and others. Where we are living and working in Zambia is a newly designated Annual Conference and does not yet have advance special numbers.

The Marion Mission Storehouse is an approved Advance Special! (To simplify paperwork and insure proper credit, please put "Vance # 161401" on the memo line of checks sent to MMS!) There is a board of directors, among whom 5 members have visited our work in Africa. They send containers of used clothing, medical supplies, machines and equipment for our work here. The

machines for the wood working factory have been shipped through the Marion Mission Storehouse. Over 1 million pairs of shoes have been shipped and have found new feet. The Storehouse is over 40 years old beginning in Fowler, Indiana (Ken's home church) and moving to Marion in 1987.

We want to reassure churches that have a 'covenant' relationship with us that we will continue to be your missionaries. Nothing has changed between us. We will continue to visit your church and maintain direct contact through letters, emails and other means of our work and ministry.

We will continue to live and work in Zambia under the appointment of the Bishop. As mentioned above this is now a 'new' Annual Conference and we are working in the area of development. Ken will continue to teach and work with the Kafakumba Pastor's School, Pastor the Ndola Town Center UMC and work with the Banana Plantation Projects. Many of you have supported the Wings of the Morning Flight Ministry since Ken Enright founded it in 1960. We thank you for your loyal support of this program. Prior to Ken Enright's death he was able to witness that the North Katanga Wings of the Morning is now self supporting through a 300 acre farm near Lubumbashi. This was one of his goals and dreams. We too celebrate that in his lifetime the program was born, developed and completely turned over to the African Church in a self sustaining program. Gaston (our Congolese pilot) is remaining in the program and will be directing it. In addition to the farm in Lubumbashi he will be responsible for 4 airplanes and the conference program. As we open new work in Zambia, with the possibility of an airplane program here, we ask that those who have helped support the Wings of the Morning Flight Ministry now direct your giving to our work and projects here in Zambia by sending your support through the Marion Mission Storehouse. Again, this will avoid confusion with the existing programs.

We will be returning to the States at Christmas to complete our term of service with GBGM. We will be available to speak in churches beginning January 2007. Though our term 'expires' March 31, 2007 with GBGM we will continue to speak and visit churches. Shirley Dominick (765) 864-0655 (email: [kokomo.aa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kokomo.aa@sbcglobal.net)) Kokomo District Administrative Assistant will be handling our speaking schedule and all requests need be directed to her. For technical questions concerning the financial change please feel free to contact Rev. Mike Dominick (email: [mike@stlukesumc.net](mailto:mike@stlukesumc.net)) (765) 453-0555 (newsletter coordinator and Pastor St. Luke's UMC, Kokomo, IN) or Brent Williams, North Indiana Conference Treasurer (email: [brent@nicumc.org](mailto:brent@nicumc.org)). The mailing address for the Marion Mission Storehouse is: P.O. Box 38 Marion, IN 46952. Please don't hesitate to write, call or email us directly with questions, comments or thoughts about our work together here in Zambia. We appreciate your patience, understanding and continued support of our work and ministry.

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