



**Dear Friends,
Happy New Year!**

We now have electricity! The first bathroom area is halfway complete. Our septic tank has been completed. The roof is nearly finished on both the baby wing (Rocious Wing) and the first bathroom area. Window and door frames have been installed in the Rocious Wing.

We are very happy with the progress that has been made so far. This is not to say that there haven't been challenges though. Last month there was a widespread cement shortage. As is often the case in these situations, the price of cement increased significantly. Thank the Lord for his amazing supply—just as this was happening we received an extra dona-

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If you look closely in the middle of the photo on the right hand side you can see our first wildlife.
A pair of guinea fowls.

Another big victory this month was in getting electricity lines connected. Most people tell us that getting the lines installed in under 6 months (it only took just over a month) is nothing short of a miracle!

Now that we have power we can have security lighting at night and Tom will be able to spend a few days at a time living on site and supervising the work.

Ongoing projects: We are painting all the new rooms and putting electrical lines in 9 rooms. Over the next month the bathroom area shown on the next page will be completed and only missing the fixtures. We will be laying a stone floor in the Rocious Wing. These stones are local to our area and will be a beautiful addition. Doors and windows will soon be placed in the Rocious Wing.

tion and this allowed us to buy a big order of cement at a lower price. Now we have enough cement to see us through for awhile and we won't be forced to buy in small quantities for exorbitant amounts.

Please continue to keep this whole construction project in your prayers as we face many different challenges from day to day.

As you can see from the picture to the left we finally got our retaining wall completed. This project was more complicated than meets the eye because our buildings stand on a large hill and, since the rainy season started, rivers of water have been washing down the hill and twice knocked down the wall. After digging three ditches up the hill and then building a good drainage system our wall stands!



Here is a nice view of half the buildings. On the right are the volunteer/guest rooms. Directly in front are the two rooms for babies and toddlers and the reception/office room. On the left we plan to have an infirmary and a reading room with a good library as well as other rooms as the need becomes clear.



Here is Nkandu with the completed septic tank. A helpful, knowledgeable contractor came and checked it out and said the design was perfect. This was a relief for us as we are learning as we go. The tank is now covered with dirt and will have grass growing on top.



Tom will be visiting the States. He wants to speak at your church!

To invite him and set up a date and time simply e-mail: aeszambia@gmail.com.

Tom will be in the U.S from March 14 to May 8. He is very excited since his last visit was in 2004. The main purpose of the trip is to find sponsors for the children we will be taking in. Another aspect of the trip will be the opportunity to get some much needed supplies. To find out how you can help please e-mail or write us.

If there is anything special you would like Tom to bring with him from Zambia just let us know and we will do our best to get it for you.



Here is our first toilet/bathing area. This is attached to the main staff house and will be for our immediate family plus volunteers at least until we get the second large ablution block completed. There are two toilet stalls, two sinks, a shower stall and a bathtub. This will accommodate up to six people at any one time! It has actually been quite fun to be able to design rooms and make things work.

Prayer Requests

- That the needed funds will continue to come in for the orphanage construction.
- For our visa to be renewed with no complications.
- For continued protection from malaria and other tropical illnesses and accidents. **Thanks to your prayers although we have had four cases of malaria they have been easily treated.**
- That volunteers will see the need to come and help and that they will be willing to take up the challenge that is Zambia.
- For our ongoing utility challenges—pray that we are able to have access to all that we need.
- For Tom's upcoming trip: that he will raise the needed support for the orphanage and that he will be able to collect the necessary school books and clothing needs for our kids.

If you would like to send a gift to help our work, you can make the check out to **Thomas Morrow**. On the other hand, if you'd like a tax receipt, **African Educational Services** is a project under the umbrella of a 501 [c](3) charitable foundation. Therefore, you can make gifts payable to **Family Care Foundation**, designating it for **African Educational Services (02F19)** in the memo section of the check. Mail it to: **Family Care Foundation, P.O Box 1039, Spring Valley, CA 91979-1039. THANK YOU!**

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