



Dear Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

We have a lot to be thankful for. We are all healthy and have been kept safe from sickness, accidents and other serious problems in these past few months since our move.

Things have been going very well with our construction. We have continued to make good progress and funding has continued to come in thanks to your support and prayers.

Our living quarters building is now almost complete. By the time you receive this letter we will be putting in the finishing touches.

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As you can see there is plenty being done and plenty more to do. You can see in the right forefront of the photo our living quarters with the foundation dug for the first ablu-tion block. At the back of the photo is the 'east wing' which is yet to be developed. And on the left of the photo the future dining hall and kitchen building.

We finally received the quotation from the electric company for the costs of installing single-phase electric lines to the property. Once these lines are put in Tom will be able to spend more time at the site since he will then have lights and a fan. We have the funding needed for this first step. Please pray that the electric company will work quickly and efficiently to put in these lines. Of course this is just the first step as we will eventually need to have triple-phase electric lines put in (in around 6 months) to handle the large amount of energy required to run a project of this size. Please pray for the supply of the funding for the next step.

Other projects have included putting the roof on the building in the picture below and digging the septic tank and foundation for

the first set of bathrooms and toilets.

We are hoping to move into the property at the beginning of the year as this will allow us to keep a much better eye on the construction work and also allow us to channel money now being spent on rent back into the project.

Please continue to pray for us to have wisdom as we do all this building. This is another case of the Lord putting us in a situation where we can grow as we have not done building much before. The Lord has supplied good people from the village to work with us and this is making a real difference in what we can accomplish.



This building will be our living quarters with one bedroom, living room and office. The kids will have small bedrooms in the main building.

In the midst of all the construction Tom has been working with the Chief of Kazembe, Mwata Kazembe. Maintaining good relations with the local chief is essential to long term work and also being able to minister to the local villagers.

The Chief and Tom have had some good visits and Mwata Kazembe now says that he is so close to Tom that they are married.

Tom has been helping to promote via websites the annual traditional ceremony and also the 3 fantastic waterfalls in this area as bringing in tourism will help to improve the economy.



Now that the rains have arrived the grass that was planted around the grounds has started to come in nicely. Everything looks so green and beautiful after a few rains. It is also mango season so the tree in the middle of the courtyard is full of delicious fruit. We feel so blessed that the Lord has given us this beautiful place for ministry.



This is not a swimming pool (what a shame!). This is our first septic tank .



The next big project will be the rooms for the first babies. Here you can see one of the two rooms. They will be basically the same but one will be for sleeping and the other for play and learning. We took four small rooms and connected them with arches. There will be plenty of light from the windows in each section and bright beautiful colors. A donor in the U.K donated colorful animal print fabric for the windows and a young person working with a charity here in Zambia has offered to help with murals for the walls. There will be plenty to do. Would you like to come help?

Prayer requests

The arrival of rain has brought not only green grass and plants but the usual complications. We have been struggling with power outages and poor phone service. We have a small generator which allows us to light up our living room and operate the TV and DVD player but a larger one is needed in order to run the other items in the house such as the fridge/freezer and computer.

The water situation has also been troublesome. Thankfully the water company has received some donations to overhaul and repair all the lines but this will take place in January. Until then we will sometimes only receive water 2-3 times a week for 2 hours at a time. When this happens we have to buy water at \$50 for 625 gallons. This lasts us 2 days if we are careful.

Another concern during rainy season is the mosquitoes and the malaria they carry. One of our Peace Corps friends just came down with it. Now that we are farther from hospitals and clinics than we used to be we are asking for your prayers for protection from malaria. We are doing our part by staying under mosquito nets at night.

Please also pray that our ministry to the Chief of Kazembe and all the people of the village will continue to progress well and that we can be a blessing to them.

God bless you!