



Greetings from warm and sunny Zambia. The rains are about to start up but right now we have very hot days with lots of sunshine. We apologize that it has been a long time since our last newsletter. Things have been really busy with lots and lots of progress, construction and new projects.

First, let us say how thankful we are to everyone and every church that hosted Tom when he was back in the States from April to July. His trip went really well and the fundraising efforts were a big success! This newsletter will highlight all the projects that we have been able to do as a result. You won't see as many pictures of the kids but we'll make up for it in the next newsletter. We have 14 now and they are all growing up so big and strong.

You, our sponsors, share a big reward for making our work here not only possible but an even bigger success because of the equipment purchases and construction advances we are able to make.

Our biggest and most exciting purchase this year is our new vehicle! We were able to find a good deal (for Zambia) on a 2002 Toyota Landcruiser Troop Carrier or Station Wagon. It carries 10 people. A 4x4 truck is very important for our rugged roads.



This car has made such a difference in what we can do each week. Our shopping trips are much easier now.



Here is Tom installing the first of 4 lightning rods for our property. Let the rains come.—We're ready!



A huge project was leveling the dining room floor. While it was fun watching toy cars roll down the 30 degree angle that used to be our floor, it is really nice to have a good, flat floor. That huge pile of dirt had to come out first and then gravel and lots of cement laid down, each step had to be watered for a couple days. It was a big job but now we have a beautiful and functional floor.

We also painted the dining room and kitchen and got some new artwork from a local artist. These two rooms are so warm and inviting now.



### **GARDEN PLOT**

We got our new garden area all plotted out and bought a drip irrigation system. The irrigation system consists of a tank which will sit at one end of the garden and have small pipes running along the rows. At intervals in the small pipes there are tiny holes which allow the water to 'drip' directly onto the plants. This helps to avoid water wastage.

We are very excited about getting it all started as soon as the irrigation equipment is delivered.

So far we are planning to plant: tomatoes, cucumbers, assorted greens, peppers, sweet corn, carrots, cabbages, onions, herbs and much more.



Tom designed a rolling metal gate for us and a local welder put it all together. Before this we had a couple wood and bamboo swinging gates that didn't really do much security-wise. For our village this gate on a metal track is high-tech.



### **NEW BATHROOMS AND SHOWERS**

Last year we were contacted by a man in Australia who wanted to do a Cycle for Africa fundraiser and decided to sponsor our building project. God bless him!

He cycled over 625 miles and raised around \$6,000 so we could get this project done. We are still working on it but it is getting close.

This building is going to be a real blessing!



We got a fence installed in July. It is pretty costly to put hurricane fencing around a property this large so in July we changed out the grass for this beautiful (and strong) fence around half the property.

As more funds come in we will be able to finish the rest of the property. We already bought the rolls of fencing and they line the grass fence which still goes around the back of the property. All we need now are the poles, cement and of course labor costs.





We got our chicken project up and running! So many people showed interest and support for this project and we are really grateful for this.

In July we got our first 100 day old chicks to raise for meat. Unfortunately we lost about 20 in the first few days. There is a learning curve with all new ventures. The good news is we found there is a big market for chickens up here so our desire to turn this into a sustainable project is on target. We sold all of them, except for 11 that we ate, in just two weeks.

Next time we are going to raise 200. We think having more will let them get fatter since they won't have as much running around space.

Below you can see Troy taking care of our other chickens. The layers!

In August Tom and I drove down to Lusaka—in our new vehicle—and bought 50 laying hens. It was surprisingly simple bringing them back in the car. Messy, but not too smelly or noisy.

They were 23 weeks old so at the perfect age for laying. We get between 30 and 45 eggs per day.

In the photo above you can see how we have the building set up: white meat chickens on one side and brown laying hens on the other.



Tom rigged up ways to feed them, water automatically and gather the eggs. Troy is responsible to care for the chickens. He does a good job!



Other things we have been able to buy or construct due to your generous support have been:

- A video surveillance system with 8 cameras
- 4 more batteries for our inverter back up system
- We laid gravel in the driveway
- A TV so the orphans to watch videos and DVDs
- Extending our security lights around the parameter
- Painted some more rooms and touched up the exterior.

**We have to renew our passports this month. Please pray that we can raise the needed funds for the fees and the trip down to the capital city to take care of the paperwork.**



We were blessed to have some great volunteers over the last few months.

From June-August we had **Lydia** from England helping with teaching the children. She is a math teacher and such a blessing.

From August-October we had **Katherine** (left) and **Kirstie** (right) from Texas. They helped teach the kids, worked in the clinic, visited with the local youth group and had fun with our young people as well.

**We're grateful for volunteers!**



Tom continues to amaze us with his inventions and ideas to make this property even better.

Above you can see one of the latest—a homemade canoe swing. There are two sizes—this one can fit all the kids and the other is good for the babies. The kids get the swing moving by 'paddling' with oars in the sand.

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## New Media

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