

De Jong Update November 2009

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you
with lovingkindness and tender mercies. Psalm 103:2-4**

As we approach thanksgiving season, we realize Who it is that provides all we have; the one who created us, sustains us. We are overwhelmed with the many legitimate requests of needs for prayer and provision that recently came across our desk as our African friends share their burden. Below are many of these requests as we share these burdens with you. We continue to be astonished at the ways in which our Almighty Father answers and meets these needs. The ministry God has given us, is a work of faith; trusting Him to touch us and those we communicate with, to respond to His prompting according to His will and purpose.

Zambia – Shortly after the food distribution to the widows (9/19), we received news that **Jean Zulu** was diagnosed with cervical cancer-squamous cell metastatic carcinoma, stage 3. She and Davison are pictured below (in front of their house) on extreme right, back row, with the widows and orphans who received food.



Jean is now in the capital city, Lusaka, **receiving chemo and radiation therapy to kill the cancer cells.** They are staying with a relative and are driven back and forth to the hospital. Jean hemorrhaged and was admitted to the hospital 11/8 for transfusions. **Please pray for God's healing process in her body.** They need money for their expenses in Lusaka and for **Davison** to make the 5 ½ hour bus trip home to be with the children, his church and the JAFI widows for a few days periodically. Also they **need money to buy fertilizer, maize (corn) and beans** to plant their farm (planting season is now). \$2-3,000 would make a big

difference for this family. I do not have space to list their expenses, but the food Jean needs to eat, to build up her body, is costly. Their family is pictured below.



Davison is at the left side of the picture and Jean is on the right. The two youngest boys are grandsons. The youngest girl is their nine year old daughter, Blessing. Eight of their children and a grandson are still living at home. The oldest daughter and her son have their own home.

Rose – Some of you are asking about Rose. **Praise God**, I received news 11/5 that **all of her expenses for this fall have been funded** by generous people (including lawyer fees and school fees for the boys). Friends are providing room and board for her. On her immigration case, the judge did grant her asylum status in July but the government attorney appealed the decision in August. This means that she and her immigration attorney need to prepare **a detailed reply to the government's appeal and that the decision with the supporting materials from both sides will be reviewed by a three judge panel later**. A possible time frame for a decision is 2-3 months. Regarding **the criminal case**, the process and extended time frame for the trial is complex. **It could take at least nine months for her case to be ready**. Rose finished her law degree in May and is currently studying nights and weekends to be able to pass the bar exam in February. **Rose's greatest need at this time is prayer** for her endurance, for a paying job, safety for her boys and for asylum to be granted.

Kenya – An **urgent request** has come from Kenya for **maize (corn) and bean seeds** for the **300 Kiteta District widows** (many pictured in our Africa Trip Report Part 3 – Kenya). It is their planting and growing season – the rains have come in abundance; after a horrific time of drought and hunger. **The estimated cost of this project is \$3,200**. They can prepare the ground and plant as soon as seeds are available. Please pray that God will fund this project as soon as possible.

The **AIC Muunyni** pastor, **Joshua Muendo**, a student at Scott Theological College (STC), requested prayer for God to provide the funds to complete his education at STC. He also requested prayer for a lap top computer. He reports that **his church just raised over \$6,000** to pour the slab and start the walls of their new church. Praise God! Pray God will provide the funds for the remainder of the walls to be erected and bring together a mission team and materials to put on the roof in His perfect timing.

Benjamin and Annah Nzwili – Annah, mother of eight, is working as a school teacher and hopes to get a teaching degree from the university. She **requested prayer** for God to provide needed funds. She has studied this term but lacks enough money to sit for the exam in December (\$800). In addition, it will cost her \$1,854 to complete the remaining three years to graduate. Benjamin, pastor at AIC Kakuswi, oversees their farm, is chairman of the Kiteta District and is Principal at **Nduluku Bible Institute**. He has outlined plans for projects at the Bible Institute which we will soon post on our web site. He is requesting a mission team to help repair the school's buildings and funds to implement repairs and projects that will generate funds for future needs. **Pray** for God's timing and provision.

Boniface, Mary and baby Samuel – Boniface, a student at Scott, works with Kenya AIC. He **requested prayer** for God to provide needed funds to complete his education (\$1,934) as well as \$267 for baby Samuel's adoption fees.

Joshua and Abigail's son, Willis, wrote us **that torrential rains washed away the houses of the widows** that live near their center about a month ago (see their picture in the Kenya report). **The homeless widows are living in the prayer center**, dependant on Joshua and Abigail for their food and needs. Pray that God will send teams to rebuild their homes. Several large churches have been supporting Joshua and Abigail's ministry for some time. Their daughter **Joyce** continues to recover from her recent difficult experience.

Widows of the Old Testament book – The contract with the publishing company in Zambia (for publishing in English for all of Africa) is still pending until they finish working on a strategy for distributing the books in the east, west and north Africa. They use colporteurs in southern Africa. **We received a promised gift of \$1000** for the translation of the book in Arabic. The quotes from the publisher we are considering in Lebanon are very high. We are comparing them with another publisher that has been recommended. **Pray for God to give us wisdom and direction.**



James' family was all together for Philip & Kami's wedding.

U.S. - Philip (grandson) and **Kami** De Jong had a **beautiful wedding** September 12 and are living in St. Louis. The **seminar** the following weekend at **Heath Church** (Ohio) went very well. Thank you for praying. The annual Prayer Partner Gathering, October 12, at Wooster Community Hospital was well attended. David has enjoyed getting caught up with some home projects in between trips. Maintenance and improvements wait until they become priority. On **November 19, David** is the featured **speaker** for our church's **senior meeting**. He will show the DVD of his Ghana mission trip (2008) and a power point presentation of ministry in South Africa and Helps International Ministries. He is also teaching a **Men's Bible Class Saturday mornings**. Please pray for God's blessing.

Mark De Jong's father-in-law, **Art Yohner**, continues to struggle with Parkinson's/Alzheimer's. Ruthi's Blog www.ruthidejong.wordpress.com will give you information on how to pray and encourage them. Good news! Mark and Ruthi's daughter **Amber and husband Jesse will make us great grandparents** - number 10.

Sylvia's daughter, **Rhonda**, just received MRI results and learned that she has a **new brain lesion** and is experiencing a mild MS exacerbation. She must **take IV steroids to bring the MS into remission again**. The treatments are difficult for her and weaken her immune system, so please **pray** for God to sustain and strengthen her through these next three weeks as she continues to teach.

The Lord God is faithful and helps our friends and family through difficult times. We praise Him that He never leaves or forsakes us. His mercies are new every morning and He fulfills His plans in our lives. For this reason we do not lose heart and we trust Him to provide all that is needed for them and for us. As we pray together, we will see God provide in miraculous ways. Thank you for standing with us in the gap.

Trusting Him,

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