

A Major Step Taken Toward Trip to Zambia and Kenya

We praise God and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers and gifts so that we can share Christ's love to people here and abroad. There is no way we could do this on our own. But with many of God's people partnering with us, we are enabled to share the Good News of God's Word.

Those who keep up with our e-mails realize that we have received several invitations from African leaders and pastors, to come for a time of ministry. Since the American economy is declining, we were not sure if this was the right time to take such a trip. We sought God's direction, received the assurance from His Word, and asked Him to provide the funding needed to purchase the tickets by mid January or at the latest, the first of February. Praise God for His provision. Our home church gave the final amount so we could go ahead and purchase the tickets. This was God's way of assuring us that He wants us to move forward with our plans.

The next goal for the trip will be for Him to provide around \$4,000 (of which \$1,000 came in this past week) needed for expenses while in Zambia and Kenya. Pray with us for God's provision.

In the meantime, we are continuing with our preparations for the groups we are to address in seminars, plus the preaching, private meetings, and widow meetings. Other preparations include getting shots, firming up schedules, making sure our passports are up to date and gathering items we must take with us.

Some Details to Help You Know Better How to Pray

We will drive to NJ Friday, March 13, fly from Newark on Sunday evening, the 15th, lay over in Amsterdam for 10 hours on Monday the 16th, fly to Nairobi Monday night, and then to Lusaka, Zambia on Tuesday morning, March 17. On Wednesday, March 18 we begin our ministry with Davison Zulu who has been translating Sylvia's book into Chinyanja. He is hosting our visit in Zambia and has set up a packed schedule for us the two weeks we are there, with adequate times for rest and relaxation. We will have seminars with pastors and church leaders in three different areas. Sylvia will speak to church women and widow groups. David will also preach several times during the week and on Sundays. We will investigate the logistics of publishing the Chinyanja translation of Sylvia's book in Zambia.

We fly to Kenya April 1st and will spend the month of April in several parts of Kenya. The first two weeks we are considering potential plans to be hosted by Stanley Muttai (a part of the Kiswahili translation team), for David to meet with

regional elders and give a seminar on Missions, possibly at the AIC Missionary College in Eldoret, as well as preaching on Sundays. Sylvia has been asked to speak at a widows group of 200 and also speak to the General Conference of Women in several districts. We plan to meet with Paul Isayi (translator) and Stanley while there concerning the completion and publication of the Kiswahili translation of *Widows of the Old Testament*.

Then we will spend time in the Machakos area where we are being hosted by Joseph Kavuli, AIC Elder and CEF Director for East and Central Africa. A weekend seminar for pastors and elders and their wives from several districts is planned. We will also preach, and meet with widow groups in the Kiteta District. From there we go to Taveta, where we will encourage the believers through preaching and conversation. While there we hope to meet with Christina Mbwambo - CEF Director of Tanzania and a part of the Kiswahili translation team. All of this is still in the planning stages. We plan to arrive back in the U.S. on April 30.

Because of Calvary,

David & Sylvia De Jong