

Dear Prayer Partners,

Over the years we have asked many to pray for our children to have opportunities to make friends and socialize. The environment where we live makes it difficult. God has answered that prayer in various and amazing ways. Jordis' best friend, Fanny, is no exception. Her family lives some kilometers away on the other side of the river. They are Jehovah's Witnesses and are very careful about who Fanny spends time with. They have know our family's values and testimony and so send Fanny to live with us on the weekends and school breaks despite our religious differences. Jordis was very concerned about her friend's salvation and begged me repeatedly to share the Gospel with her. We are careful when ministering to children to involve the parents, which is difficult in this case. We prayed that God would make a way to reach the family. One day Fanny's father told me that as long as Fanny is living in our home as our child(a Lamba tradition), we should guide her spiritually as our own child and take her to our church. We praised God for opening the door. Donna and I had to travel to town for a few days, and we left Fanny and Jordis with Aiden and Danica who are adults. While we were away, Jordis read a children's book called "The Lamb" with Fanny daily. The book presents the Gospel in a clear way through a series of chapters with scripture reading and comprehension check questions. We were so happy to see Jordis' heart to share the love of Jesus with her friend and to take time to make sure she heard the Gospel message. When we returned from town, I asked Fanny a lot of questions to she how she had understood the Gospel. As I was concluding, Jordis eagerly asked Fanny if she believed and wanted to be saved. Fanny said that she did believe and had asked God to save her. Now she wants her family to know the Gospel too. She has taken the book with her to read to them. We are praying that God will continue to use these little ones to lead others to Jesus.

We communicated in the past, that we had an opportunity to host a Zambian missionary intern. We are pleased to announce that God has opened the door for Charles Longwani to join us and gain some experience with rural ministry. Please pray for wisdom for us as we teach him the things that we have learned. Please pray for endurance for him. The environment is harsh and dangerous. We recently had lions creating a panic around the villages in Mapota where the church is and he is staying. Being from the city has not prepared him for the hardships he is facing. We praise God, though. He is already learning and growing and contributing to the ministry.

We have had significant difficulties with immigrations this year. Some immigration policies and procedures changed during our last furlough just as most immigration services where switched to online self service. A perfect storm of COVID19 restrictions and lack of input from immigration officers left us in a position where the legal status of Donna and the children expired, meaning they were in the country starting just days after our return in 2020. The remedy has been expensive in time and money. Please pray as we are trying to recover from those unexpected bills and time away, in town, from ministry. Please pray as Danica's status is still being considered. She may still have to leave the country next month unless they allow her to remain on compassionate grounds to complete her orthodontic treatment. If she cannot complete it, she may have to start over in the USA with another dentist. These things, while mundane, do unfortunately cause a lot of stress and distraction. Please pray with us about these things.

We have a praise. We have been waiting for years to get a borehole well. We have drawn all our water from the river for personal use and also to provide for the community so people do not have to approach the river personally because of the risk of crocodiles. The river water causes a lot of health problems, though, so was not ideal. A generous donor gave money to dig two wells according to the estimates of the drilling company. We were able to get our first well, and we and the community could not be more pleased. We are waiting to drill the second well because the drilling company's estimate depth for hitting good water was fifty meters when they didn't hit good water till eighty-five meters. After fifty meters the cost per meter skyrockets. We owed the money with or without water so had to pay for the remaining portion with the the money for the second well. We hope to finish the second well for the other community next year. Please pray for God's provision.

It is always in our mind that we could not be here ministering the Gospel and showing the love of God to the lost in Zambia without you. I write to you with a grateful heart and eager anticipation of they day you can personally witness the change you are making. May God richly bless you.

Love in Christ,

Wade and Donna Rasmussen