



“finding our hope in Jesus - not in a feeling”

ADDICTED TO A FEELING

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ACTION Zambia has been busy preparing to receive several new recruits later this year. We are anticipating the arrival of Kelly and Tricia Huckaby, Derek and Kristin Dearth and Tyler Dingman. All have been approved by the ACTION USA office and are in process of raising support. They will be coming to fill much needed roles such as overseeing the operations of Ciyanjano, coordinating the activities of the CROSS Project, and developing strategies to make Ciyanjano self-sustaining.

The missionary journey begins long before a person makes it to their destination country; ask anyone in our pipeline! They are in process of leaving everything they know and constantly asking themselves the question, “Why am I doing this?” Kristin Dearth has written out the thoughts going through her mind as she asks herself this question:

“As Derek and I have been preparing to return to Zambia, we have been assessing our motives for going. One of the things that I was recently convicted about was the feeling of fulfilment.

When I was in Zambia before and was working with street kids, I often had the opportunity to do basic first aid. I loved it, and that was actually what precipitated the desire to pursue becoming a nurse.

As I related to people why I loved bandaging the feet of street kids, the word I almost always used was “fulfilled.” It was fulfilling to help them, because they were so appreciative. There was no charting or policies or HIPAA forms or worries about getting sued. I did what I could, and they were thankful. It was that simple.

It is always nice to feel appreciated and useful. But that is not the reason we want to go to Zambia. We are going to bring the hope of the Gospel to people dying of HIV or enslaved to cultural misconceptions or living in fear of an abusive spouse/family. And just like when Jesus brought the hope of the New Covenant to his generation and they didn't like it, so Zambians won't always like it when we bring it. And yet we go...finding our own hope in Jesus - not in a feeling.”

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A WINDOW INTO HOSPITAL MINISTRY

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Recently, I went with Luke to pray for the sick at the clinic. This is a weekly visit for Luke, but a first for me at this particular clinic. Pastor Jere's daughter Prisca also came with us to pray and translate. I was deeply moved as we prayed for each person lying in the three different wards. Each person warmly welcomed us with smiles, greatly appreciating prayers for healing. On-looker family members also asked for prayer; in their faces was a longing for hope.

The children's ward was especially difficult for me. I watched a sweet 10 month old baby suffer from open sores all over his little body and could hear the horrible coughing of pneumonia from two other babies. The mothers were fearful and weary. To these desperate and suffering, Luke shared the simple message of our hope in Christ. I was amazed to watch the Holy Spirit move in their hearts. I did not witness any immediate physical healing, but some did experience spiritual healing.

Moses was one of them. He was lying on his side, sweating badly because of his pain. As he lay there, he was certain he would go to hell if

he were to die there in that clinic. Not knowing whether he wanted to die or not, Moses questioned whether God could ever forgive him. It broke my heart as I listened. After talking more with Luke, he accepted Christ into his Heart as peace flooded his face. We gave him a New Testament and our phone numbers so we could connect him to a good church near his home once he is able to leave the clinic.

There were many other stories of people looking for hope that day. As I left the clinic I was overwhelmed with the power of the Gospel. What better gift do we have to give away than the Gospel? It is alive and gives hope to those that are hurting and hopeless. I am so privileged to be a part of this work with my husband.

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KILOMETERS FOR KIDS

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ACTION Zambia has been blessed with a 22 acre piece of land known as Ciyanjano on the outskirts of Lusaka. This past January, we started a three year development plan for a camp facility for Zambian churches and the youth in their communities. The vision is to have a place where churches located in Lusaka's poorest districts can bring children for week long camps to learn more about the love of God that is found in Christ and have fun while doing it.

Think about it. Children who come from families where the average income is \$2 or less a

day, being able to escape their world for a short time and have a chance to just be a kid in a loving and safe environment.

August 29th of this year, 7 members of our team will be headed to Zimbabwe for the Victoria Falls Marathon. We'll run it as a fundraiser for children camps in Zambia. Our hope is to raise enough money to build one of the two remaining camp sites for Ciyanjano. We have dedicated a website to the event: www.kilometersforkids.info. This site gives more information as well as a place to make donations. Check it out!



AZ Marathon Team

WITCH DOCTOR TO EVANGELIST

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We first met Kalolo Mulenga four years ago when we started attending a home fellowship group with our local church. He is a middle-aged, well educated and articulate man whose love for God is readily apparent in any conversation you have with him. He is someone with whom an average westerner would find conversation comfortable and could leave with the impression that the cultural distance isn't that significant. One question could dismantle this perception.



Kalolo Mulenga in Chikankata

“Tell me, how did you come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ?” His answer might begin with, “After three years of apprenticing with a nationally renowned witchdoctor...” Come again?

Kalolo grew up in a religious home where his parents were nominal Roman Catholic. In his early teens Kalolo developed boils or “festering sores” on his legs. Initially, his parents took him to clinics trying modern medicine which provided no relief. With this failed attempt, the next logical step was to visit a witchdoctor. Perhaps to a western mind this doesn't seem “logical”; however, to most Zambians there is a spiritual cause for every misfortune. A young man doesn't just get boils; there is a spiritual imbalance, perhaps a curse, an offense or jealousy. In order to find out or *divine* the cause, a witchdoctor is needed.

During divination a witch-doctor puts himself into a trance in order to communicate with spirits. These spirits reveal the cause of a person's ailment and the solution. In desperation, Kalolo and his parents visited witch-doctors across Zambia. Each one prescribed a different cure of roots, herbs, charms, tattoos, purging, and horns to ward off evil spirits. Finally after four years, Kalolo found his cure with the witch-doctor who would become his mentor.

CAMPGROUND PROGRESS

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For months, we made our plans in preparation for this year's short-term teams. After a lot of planning, we lined up four teams to help us build and promote chalets to be used by churches coming from Lusaka's sprawling urban poor townships. Just a few weeks ago a church team from Illinois was the first to arrive. Their task...to construct roofs for each chalet. It didn't take the

After apprenticing for three years, Kalolo became restless. Still living with the witchdoctor Kalolo returned to the Catholic Church. He was extremely committed in his religiosity, fasting three times a week and reading his Bible. His yearning for truth only increased and he finally left the witchdoctor and started dabbling in major world religions like Buddhism, Hinduism, Marxism and Watchtower.

In 1981 Kalolo encountered the gospel of Jesus Christ after reading “Racing Toward Judgement” by David Wilkerson. This forced on him the decision that has defined the rest of his life, “Will I trust in Jesus Christ alone or will I trust in witchcraft?” From that day he has had peace with God. He threw away his charms which up till then he believed to protect him from all evil and misfortune. He no longer had anything to do with witchcraft.

Kalolo is now preparing to become a missionary in partnership with ACTION Zambia to the people surrounding Chikankata. He believes that through his life's experience God has prepared him to face the many challenges of traditional beliefs he will encounter in his work. We pray that God will call many more of his children out of the darkness, bondage and fear of witchcraft through Kalolo's witness.

team of four very long before they caught the vision for what needed to happen. They took control of the planning and construction for the ensuing days. What would have taken the AZ team weeks to do, they accomplished in just 4 days. Now, in the middle of the Ciyanjano property, all five stand as monuments to the

Short-term team members work alongside AZ staff to complete the framing and roofing for 5 camping chalets.



provision of God and the power of teamwork. The roofed structures really do speak for themselves. Conventional, resourceful, and stout, these chalets are not typical for what we find in Zambia. Church groups and passers-by are showing lots of interest in the campground portion of the

property because they can see that progress is being made. And they're amazed at the creative yet conservative use of building materials.

Our ministry team here on the ground couldn't be more excited about the pro-

gress made for what we believe God is calling us to do. By October, our prayer is each of the five camping chalets will house 12 each. Please pray with us that funding will come in for the purchase of the materials needed and that the campground will be used for God's glory here in Zambia.

ZAMFLECTIONS—musings from a guest lecturer
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To read the full article:

<http://www.actionzambia.org/2010/05/28/zamflections/>

Up until about three years ago, Zambia was not one of the African countries of which I was aware. Not only was I ignorant about this continent, I was also indifferent. When my friend Steve Allen became a missionary to Zambia, he made it clear that he intended for me to come to teach pastors and church planters. That promise was realized with three trips to Zambia over the course of a year. My perceptions have changed and now I'd go so far as to say, *I NEED Zambia*.

I NEED Zambia for what it teaches me about the power of God working through the preaching of His gospel. The parable of



the talents has taken on new meaning for me here, because I see men and women who have scarcely a single talent but have, through

God's grace, more than doubled it through tireless and faithful ministry. They are eager to learn as much as they can – far more than I've seen anywhere else – and they have a wonderfully uncomplicated reverence for the Word of God as authoritative and true.

I NEED Zambia for the perspective it gives me as an American pastor and citizen.

Revelation 3:17 (ESV) keeps coming back to me: *"For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked."* Until I came here I'm not sure I would have ever understood how rich we Americans are. We have no vocabulary for the poverty and suffering that are a part of the day-to-day life of most Zambians. We are rich, but in reality we are incredibly poor. God does not give us all that we have to spend on ourselves, but to share with those who have nothing. Zambians understand this and because of this they are far richer than us. Zambia has

shown me how much our prosperity has become a substitute for relationships.

There is nothing in the world like walking through one of the many compounds surrounding Lusaka. It is one thing to see poverty in the pages of a *National Geographic*, but quite another to actually walk in it. And yet, what is so striking to me is how much the people who live here seem to be content and even joyful in spite of their prevailing hardships.

I am very encouraged by the work being done here by ACTION Zambia, especially their focus on befriending and equipping Zambians for the work of the gospel. The pastors in the ACTION Pastor's College program are already putting into practice what they've learned with great enthusiasm. I am thankful for the missionaries whom God has called here, each brings their own unique abilities and personalities to the team, but all are united in their love of God and the Zambian people.