

February 28, 2018

Opening Thoughts: Screeeech.... Bang! No, we haven't been in an accident but we were going 90 miles per hour getting ready to take off for Zambia when something hit Dave hard - of all things a bug - not any old bug but the flu bug! After visiting the doctor's office, we were strongly encouraged to put off our trip for a couple of weeks so that Dave could fully recover and Joyce could take her "tame the flu" (Tamiflu) pills!

For whatever reason, God stopped us in our tracks and although we don't know why we are grateful for his clear leading and change of plans for us, the Colvins and the pastors. Yes, our plans have changed and we are now scheduled to take off on Thursday, March 8th from Elmira NY and return Tuesday, March 20th. We thank God that Dave is on the mend and so far, Joyce shows no signs of succumbing to the flu.

Rescheduled Trip to Zambia

March 8 – 9: Fly from Elmira, NY to Lusaka, Zambia. Trip totals about 30 hours door to door.

March 10: If the luggage arrives on time, we drive 12 hours north of Lusaka to Zambia's Mansa District and Choshen Farm in the village of Fimpulu.

March 11 – 13: Prepare for the Pastors and church Leaders Conference and help the Jeremy and Bethany Colvin in preparation for an important upcoming trip.

March 14-16: Our sixth Pastors and Church Leaders Conference featuring "Christ in The Old Testament" material. The sessio's focus is on the Poetical Books.

March 17: Possible picnic with Mansa Area pastors and wives at Choshen Farm.

March 18: Full day trip to Lusaka, with the Colvin family, in order to return to USA.

March 19 – 20: Leave Lusaka at 1:00 pm, fly through JNB to ATL onto DTW with final arrival in ELM at 2:55 pm.

Trip Prayer Requests

Pray for God's strength to handle the various segments of travel and for good health throughout the trip.

Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of the participants and us as we study the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.

Pray for the ministry of Choshen Farm and for the multi-faceted program they offer to the Mansa Region of Zambia.

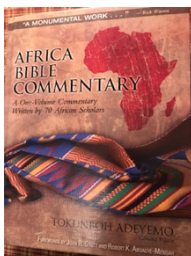
Give thanks for the flexibility of the Colvins and Mansa Pastor's Fellowship who were able to change the date with eager anticipation of our study of God's Word.



**Training the Trainers
Kampala,
Uganda
February 13-15**

Entering our second year of developing future trainers, Pastor Andrew Mwenge and Daudi Nkuggwa led this most recent Training session. Eighteen individuals, from three different Ugandan regions, met at Kampala Baptist Church with a renewed commitment to study and apply the truths of Scripture. Highlights of their time include:

- 1)The focus of this session was on the subject of the Holy Spirit. Through lectures, study assignments, discussion groups, and individual presentations, the importance of a biblical understanding of the Spirit's work was stressed.
- 2)Leadership styles, the benefits and challenges, as well as the pitfalls of leadership in church ministry were investigated and applied to their current roles as leaders.
- 3)Stressing the importance of church planning, the group considered the role that vision and vision statements as well as mission and mission statements play in the development of a local church.
- 4)A resource book on the Holy Spirit, written by Pastor Andrew Mwenge and printed by "Partnerships", was handed out to each participant. Pastor Andrew used this material for the teaching sessions and encouraged the group to teach the material as they return home.
- 5)**Pray for the group as they serve in their home locations and look forward to the August session that will focus on The Acts of the Apostles and Pauline Epistles.**



Providing and Developing Resource Material - 2018

- The African Bible Commentary will be distributed to pastors of the Mansa Pastor's Fellowship in memory of Betty Schmick Hollinger of Manheim PA and in honor of Richard and Sharon Jacobson of Batavia, IL. Funds for the Commentaries were provided by their families.
- In addition to printing Pastor Mwenge's book on the Holy Spirit for Ugandan students, we hope to print a Sermon on the Mount Study Guide in Haitian Creole (More on Haiti in next update).