



April 29, 2019

Dear Friends,

It's time again for Joyce and me to embrace another opportunity to teach God's Word. Today, we leave Ithaca and travel to the village of Fimpulu in Northern Zambia. It is a long trip but worth every minute of travel. We look forward to reconnecting with our partners at Choshen Farm, as well as the pastors and church leaders in Zambia's Mansa District. The relationships run deep and in a sense it is like visiting our extended family.

The theme of the May 6-8 Pastors and Church Leaders Conference is "*The Gospels and Life of Jesus*". After studying *Christ in the Old Testament* over seven previous visits, we started our journey through the New Testament last October by teaching the Sermon on the Mount. This current visit lays out a foundational perspective on the person and work of Christ. The conference runs for three days and is always a wonderful time of interaction and growth for us all. Joyce and I will share in the teaching, so please pray for us as we proclaim Christ and study his Word.

As we go, we carry notes for our partners from their supporters and friends, along with educational books and supplies for Fimpulu Christian School. We also packed more than 200 bandages for burn victims and are providing "study tapes" and three tape recorders for a pastors retreat center. Five of the six bags we will carry are for ministry related activities. Our personal bag includes our clothes and whatever else we can fit in our shared suitcase. Yesterday, I was reminded of Jesus words recorded in Matthew 10. He spoke to those ready to go out on mission and said "travel light". Thankfully, it was not a command for future disciples but only for the 70 on that particular mission. Pray that our time in Fimpulu will encourage and strengthen the ministry of pastors and leaders across the region as well as our partners in Fimpulu.

As we go, please pray for our travel and ministry schedule:

April 29-30 - Flights from ELM – DTW – ATL – JNB – arriving in Lusaka at 9 pm (3pm Ithaca Time)
May 1-3 – Travel toward Fimpulu and time with the Colvins
May 4-5 – Preparation for the Conference
May 6-8 – Pastors and Church Leaders Conference
May 9-10 – Time in Fimpulu wrapping up the Conference and our visit
May 10-11 – Travel to Lusaka
May 12 – 13 - Return home from Lusaka by way of JNB – AMS – DTW – ELM
May 13 - Back in Ithaca about 8:30 pm.

Thanks for partnering with us and for your continued interest in what the Lord is doing around the globe. When we return, I will send out an Update with more ministry and personal information. God is at work and we are grateful!

With thankful hearts,
Dave and Joyce

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