



Dear Family and friends,

June, 2018

Many Thanks!!!



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Greetings in the most wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for praying and for giving towards the recent mission trip to Zambia. The Lord worked in a miraculous way in the lives of over 700 women and men who attended the conference. It was a Women's Conference, but some men were there to support their wives and others were pastors who came to support the women from their congregations. Nineteen churches were represented and there were more than 700 people who attended. The ushers had a unique way of counting the people who attended each day. When the morning session ended, everyone was asked to pick up a stick, twig or stone to drop in the basket by the door when leaving. The ushers then counted the sticks, twigs or stones to determine how many attended the session. I thought that was remarkable. The theme for the conference was, *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge,"* – Hosea 4:6.

I thank God for meeting many people's spiritual, financial and material needs through the gifts that you sent with me and ahead of me through, *"Barrels of Blessings,"* donated by friends from Damascus Missionary Baptist Church. The barrel and boxes arrived in Zambia at about the same time I arrived there. I was able to pick them up from the clearing warehouse and take them to Kasempa with me to distribute to children. The barrel and the two boxes were filled with school supplies, shoes, clothes and personal hygiene items. The aim was to get the items to children by Christmas, but that did not happen because we missed the September, 2017 shipment deadline date. When we did ship them, the shipment was delayed by winter storms.

When the people received the gifts, they paused for a picture; it was such a great joy to see everyone so happy. I thank you for being a part of this ministry, for building the Kingdom of God together with me and thank you for investing in the Kingdom.

Goats For Zambia

Before I returned home to the U.S. after the conference, I had the chance to visit the young people and the families we gave the goats to. They were very happy and I rejoiced together with them. The Bible says, *“Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble”*. Psalm 41:1.

A few other young people also came to ask if they could have a goat too. I pray that God in His providence will provide for them.

Last Stop

My last stop on this trip was at the site where we are building a school for the children in Kasempa, Zambia. The three rooms still stand there unfinished, waiting for a miracle from God. We serve a big God and there is nothing impossible with Him. I thank Him for \$1,485.00 that has come in through donations. We are holding the funds and waiting for them to increase before we resume building.



Please see enclosed paper for more information on the cost of materials. A brick cost a dollar and 725 bricks will build a room. You could donate a \$1 to buy a brick, or 725 bricks to build a room. The school consists of 24 rooms that include restrooms, offices and living quarters for children who travel from a distance away. Thank you for standing with me in prayer to ask God for a miracle.

Many thanks to God for your prayers and donations. To help build a room, you can donate in one of the two ways:

1. You can make your check payable to Village Hope and mail to:

Village Hope,
P.O. Box 32660,
Euclid, Ohio 44132.

2. You can make a secure donation online on our website at: www.villagehopeintl.com by:

Givelify - which is a secured network we use for all credit or debit card donations. Givelify will require you to sign up and create an account. You will need to choose a personal password for security purposes.

Once your donation is received, we will mail your receipt that you can use for tax purposes to the address that you will provide. Thank you!

"May the Lord bless you and keep you, ...the Lord make his face shine upon you and give you peace..."
Numbers 6:24-26.

Yours together for the Gospel of Christ,

Ruth Munkubanda-Powell