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WE PURCHASED LAND FOR OUR MINISTRY BASE!

Back in August, we announced our vision to build a ministry base in the heart of Chipata. Since then, we've made a lot of ground- literally! We've been eyeing a beautiful five-acre plot of land for years, but it wasn't on the market. So, it was quite a surprise when the owner asked about our plans for the land after we inquired about it again. Once we explained our desires for the Hope Zambia base and the ministries we were involved in, she said she'd get back to us. The "don't call us, we'll call you" line was what we were used to at this point, so we didn't have high expectations. Surprisingly, she called an hour later to discuss the terms for purchasing the property! It's been an incredible journey since then, and we're grateful for the generous support from several individuals and churches. We're excited to announce that we already have the funds to purchase the land, clear it, and put up a security fence! We're just days away from closing and obtaining the title in our name. **However, we still need help with two remaining goals as we wrap up phase two of the project: drilling a well and putting up a small storage building.** This is a big project, but we can make this dream a reality with your continued support! We're grateful for all the help we've received and are excited to see how fast everything is coming together! **This work will tremendously impact the Gospel in Eastern Zambia and the regions beyond!**

Earlier this month, we organized our quarterly Bible school. During this meeting, we emphasize the importance of sound doctrine as we work on deepening the commitment of our disciples in the rural areas. Despite the busy season as local farmers prepare their fields, we were thrilled to have twenty-one students registered. Each student independently covered their expenses, showing a significant step towards personal responsibility for their education and ministry. This initiative embodies our present and future commitment to the village as we advance our mission of equipping and empowering local believers. The knowledge we're passing on is being taken to far more places than we can travel. The doctrinal studies we're printing are being preached to local congregations in a way they can relate to. The investment we're making is yielding a far greater reward **as Christians become disciples.** Please continue to pray for this work and us as we labor for Christ's Kingdom!

A LITTLE LETTER FROM LISA:

A mere 18 months after beginning this term, I am getting around to hanging some vinyl wall decals in our school area that I had picked up on furlough. Progress! This particular phrase is five words long, so I centered the middle word and then finished the phrase before going back and applying the beginning two words. My ten-year-old walked in mid-application to what she didn't know was the ending of this inspirational phrase, "Do hard things!" To which she responded, "Well, that's kind of depressing." I showed her a picture of ALL the words, and they're much more encouraging in context! "You can do hard things!" Like... finally apply an inspirational phrase to the wall, apparently!

The 4th quarter, 2023 Village Bible School class!



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