

Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord! Lift your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint for hunger at the head of every street (La 2:19, ESV).

Hilty Newsletter



We have some exciting news to share with you! We would ask you to pray with us that God would make it possible for us to leave for Zambia before the end of 2005. Our goal departure month is this November. This date is not set in stone and will depend largely on the amount of support that comes in over the next couple of months.

One of the factors that plays into this decision is an opportunity to be trained in Community Health Evangelism (CHE). Medical Ambassadors International (MAI) is offering a training session on October 16th - 21st in Marion, NC. We heard about this program after our dear friends Matthew and Melinda Talley traveled to South Africa and observed an active CHE group.

CHE is a tool we hope to use in Lusaka to aid the local churches in reaching out to families devastated by the overwhelming effects of HIV/AIDS. Especially critical to us is its design to consider the whole person. We are convinced that our chief mission is to present the Gospel of grace and hope so that people may repent of their sins, be saved through faith in Jesus Christ, and have a true living hope. However, we want to be faithful not to stop there, for each and every person has bodily needs as well as spiritual needs. Please pray with us that we will find the proper balance.

A heartfelt "thank you" to those of you who have committed to support us! It is so humbling how God is providing a way for us as he works through your prayer and giving. An update is coming soon about how we are progressing with our monthly support goal of \$2,800 and outgoing expense costs of \$14,500. We hope our newsletter this month was easier for you to identify as a support letter and not junk mail. Since our first newsletter was sent without our name printed on the front, some of you may have accidentally thrown it away. If any of you did not receive it, we would love to mail you another.



The following information is taken from a recent report on the impact of AIDS in Zambia conducted by UCSF's AIDS Policy Research Center. Our intention is not to overwhelm you but to accurately portray the far-reaching nature of the disease.

Political Economy

Zambia achieved independence in October 1964. Until two decades ago, Zambia was one of the most prosperous nations in sub-Saharan Africa. It is now one of the poorest countries. Zambia's per capita income of \$300 per year is half of what it was at the time of independence in 1964.

Life Expectancy

During 2000-05, Zambia will have the world's lowest life expectancy: 32 yrs. By 2000, 749,000 had died because of AIDS, with AIDS having increased the number of deaths in the country by 32%. By 2015, AIDS will have increased the number of deaths by 83%, bringing the cumulative total of AIDS deaths in Zambia to 2.8 million. Zambia will lose 20% of its labor force by 2020.

Orphans

At the end of 2001, there were an estimated 570,000 AIDS orphans (ages 0-14) living in Zambia. The percent of orphans due to AIDS rose from 11.5% in 1990 to 65.4% in 2001. In most cases, extended families take in orphans who have lost both parents. However, these families are finding it impossible to provide both for orphans and their own children.

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- Your email has been appreciated! Hearing from you is a blessing and gives us a chance to serve you better.
- Help us network with your friends, families and churches by sharing our newsletter or mentioning our name.
- Some AIDS/HIV related issues are difficult to discuss in this context. If you have particular questions that we have not addressed, please contact us.
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