



# Hilty Newsletter Aug '05



The words that Jesus spoke in Matthew 6 have pierced our hearts. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Our foremost desire is to lay hold of the immense treasure found in Jesus because it has been in Him that our hearts have tasted the only peace and contentment that we have ever known. Over the past few years, God has opened our own eyes in a new way to see how abundantly he has blessed us and how far his mercy reaches into our broken lives. We are grateful for this and we have simply asked you for the opportunity to extend it to others. The Holy Spirit has been at work in each of our lives, drawing our attention to the physical and spiritual needs of those dying of HIV/AIDS. We are simply overwhelmed by the desperation that AIDS has brought to much of the world. There's so much guilt, darkness, rejection, fear, pain, and isolation which accompany this disease. Our hearts are breaking as we testify to the abundance in our own hearts while so many are dying with empty hearts and longing souls. Our vision is to share the Gospel with those who will both die and survive AIDS, that they will be comforted by the love of Jesus and enter an eternal rest. There is a hope that arises from the knowledge that the Lord God is with them who alone brings them comfort even beyond this life.

## Scenes from Zambia



### Vulnerability of Women in Zambia

Some of you have asked how you can pray. You might begin by praying about the alarming patterns of transmission that affect Zambians. Women are very vulnerable since they are more likely to be infected with HIV. Between the ages of 15 and 24 young women are more than twice as likely to be HIV positive as young men. Over a lifetime, men in Zambia have many more sexual partners than women, creating more opportunity to transmit HIV to women. Because men have more sexual partners than women, changes in men's sexual behavior have a more significant impact on the epidemic than changes by women.

Part of the reason why Tim feels a great burden to minister to men is because of their propensity to be abusive. Deep transformation needs to happen within the male population as masculinity is largely defined in terms of sexual prowess, risk taking behaviors and male dominance and superiority over women. Men in Zambia have considerable power and are seldom questioned about having several sexual partners, often expecting to have their demands met. Men's abuse of this power is a primary factor driving the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Please pray that Zambian men will embrace the new identity found in Christ and challenge any destructive concept of manhood.

*Tim & Andrea Hilty*

**Monthly Support: 69%**

**Outgoing Support: 56%**

We recently had to adjust our support based on 2005 guidelines. We are required to raise approx \$200/month and \$750 for outgoing expenses more than what we originally reported.

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