

HILTY NEWSLETTER mar '07



The “African Queen” lazily drifted along the Zambezi just before sunset. Hippos yawned in and out of the water along the shore. Baboons stared curiously at us perched in their favorite acacia tree. We were with Grandma and Grandpa, new terms for Chester and Mary Hilty. They treated us to this sunset cruise while we were in Livingstone visiting one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls.

As some of you may know, the mission field is often a place of great stress, and as a result, we here with Action Zambia (AZ) have been facing some challenges and struggles over the past months within our team.

In consultation with representatives from the ACTION International Council (IC), the AZ Board has granted both Glenn and Liese Ripley and John and Noel Powell early home assignments up to a maximum of six months, for the purpose of rest, reflection, and further training/mentoring. Both families have left for their time away; we're excited for what God will do in their lives but have already begun to miss them.

In the interim, the ministries of AZ will continue under the leadership of the AZ Board, Steve Stein, and each respective ministry leader. Steve Stein will fill the role of designated team leader until an interim leader, appointed by the AZ Board in consultation with the IC, can arrive on the field. Please pray for us as we continue to minister during this time of transition.



-The C.R.O.S.S. project will be finishing this month with 2 churches and selecting new churches to begin in the second half of April.

- April 11th we will be holding 2 all day seminars for the 7 churches we have worked with. Our guest speakers are Stan and Donna Armes, Andrea's parents. Stan will be addressing the church leaders with the topic of Biblical discipleship. Donna will be speaking to care team members about counseling techniques.

- We've hired on 2 additional national workers. This is in an effort to go deeper with the churches and spend more time on location. Previously we have been visiting three times a month for lessons and occasionally built individual relationships. We hope that we will be able to get to everyone's home and minister on an individual as well as group level in the next term.

Tim & Andrea Hilty