



HILTY NEWSLETTER sept '07

We recently took a trip to Southern Zambia to the Tonga Valley. This is where the CROSS team will be ministering in Oct. The above picture is taken in a place called Mbole. The missionaries we were visiting help support a church very near this home. Tim and his brother Ben taught a few of the village children the basics of baseball. It was amazing to see how well they did with a large stick and tennis ball! Our adopted daughter is Tonga by tribe making this a special trip for us to see where and how her tribal relatives live. Teammates, Susan Hundhammer and Stephanie Brink have moved to this area to run medical clinics throughout the valley. The Lord mightily answered prayer by allowing them to pass the nurse registration exams. This will allow them to practice freely and legally amongst the villagers. It was great to get a taste of rural life before heading back to Lusaka.

Our team continues to go through times of transition as missionaries come and go from the field. Our interim director, Steve Stein and his family have headed back to Minneapolis. Another family, the Stranbergs will be traveling to the US for a four month furlough. In addition to this, we have two new families arriving and our next interim director isn't due to come until November this year. With all these transitions Tim will be assuming more responsibility within the mission. He has been named "Officer in Charge" and will be overseeing missionaries and several of the ministry areas until further leadership arrives. This is a temporary responsibility, possibly through the end of the year. Our family has already found this job assignment quite challenging and stretching. Please keep us in prayer regarding this.

God had already been preparing Tim and the CROSS team for these new responsibilities for some time. It was apparent to us that the CROSS ministry had made much progress in the area of indigenous leadership and that the team would be strengthened by being given added responsibility. Acting on this, we've encouraged our national staff to teach almost exclusively in the vernacular. In addition, Tim named John Chitambo as his assistant coordinator for the CROSS Project. John has proven to be a faithful worker in bringing churches along in the curriculum. Tim has begun praying about the future place of discipleship in the CROSS program. Our lessons are built on the Word of God and it seems that the Spirit is stirring a desire for the Word in many of the members who attend our training. While the 5 month course has been a good starting place, we sense peoples' continued desire to know the Lord deeper. Please pray with us how we might help churches do this.

NEWSWORTHY ITEMS

C.R.O.S.S. PROJECT

UPDATE

- For the first time in our lessons church members are opening up and revealing their HIV status with other members of their care team. Praise God, trust is being built!
- Tim & Andrea are handing over the C.R.O.S.S. teaching and training to national workers for the remainder of 2007. Tim will still supervise while he takes on different responsibilities within the mission

- Andrea is 41/2 months along in her pregnancy. We are in process of applying for visas and a passport for Ireen to travel to South Africa. Andrea would like to be with her mother there for the delivery.
- Ireen's Zambian adoption has been completed. She is now officially a Hilty. Her full name is Ireen Mushomi Hilty. Mushomi is the Tonga word for "believing or faithful one".
- We will temporarily be moving into the Stranberg's house while they are on home assignment. We will need a place of our own by December so that we can move and get set up before baby Hilty arrives!
- By way of update from our last newsletter, God has provided for the majority of our financial support needs. Thank you for responding and praying for our need in this area.



Tim & Andrea Hilty

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