



- ▶ Nkonkwa village lies within walking distance from Lusaka. Tim and team member, Glenn Ripley, recently hiked out to this village to escape the business and pressures of life in the city. They met the village headman and are hoping to perhaps develop a relationship which could lead to furthering our language program. Though we have Internet, running water and electricity (sometimes), a few amenities of urban life, we have easy access to Zambians living a traditional village life. Tim finds this refreshing and invigorating.
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# Hilty Newsletter

## June '08

**HILTY MINISTRY AREAS FOR '08**  
 PASTOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
 NEXT GENERATION FOR KIDS  
 THE CROSS PROJECT

### RECENT ENCOURAGEMENT

*"Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." - Exodus 4:11-12*

## We're swamped and it's the dry season!

We've not sent a newsletter since January which is indicative of the hectic nature of our lives over the last few months. Tim's parents, Chester and Mary Hilty, came to stay with us for the month of March. That time was such a blessing to our family as Ian and Ireen were able to spend time getting to know them. During their time with us we experienced some of our worst electricity cuts where it was "normal" to go without electricity for 8 to 10 hours in a given day. The Sr. Hiltys were troopers and I think they rather miss all the candle lit dinners!

We now have our truck back! You may remember that the timing belt broke causing major engine damage, decommissioning it for 4 months. Tim and a crew of 5 had to find a way to get our truck up onto a large flat bed lorry. Without a loading ramp to be found in Lusaka, the men dug a pit and built an earthen ramp. Once successful, it was transported to Livingstone. It took Tim a few more round trips south to sort out a snafu with our purchased engine. It was the wrong engine! In the end, we now have our truck back and it has been running well for a few months. Praise God!



### AZ Team

Upon our return from South Africa, most of our time has been devoted to our fellow team members. It has been a joy to see them grow in numbers as well as in depth of relationship with one another. The new families have gone through orientation and language learning while beginning in their ministry roles. To add to all of this, we've had 2 new babies this year with 2 more on the way!



# Nelson Reed Visits & Tim's New Role

*Nelson and his wife Linda served more than 20 years in the Philippines. Appointed ACTION International Ministries Director in March '07, he now lives in Seattle, Washington*

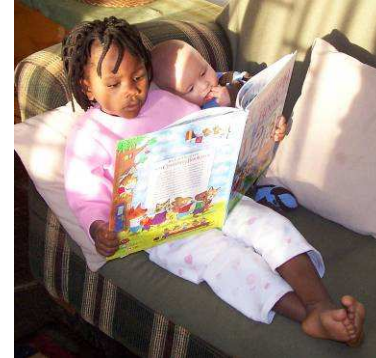
board of trustees to discuss future leadership for our team. The AZ board met with Nelson to propose that Tim continue on in his role as Field Director. The nomination was ratified. Since then, Tim has appointed Glenn Ripley as his deputy director. Tim will be appointing a second

deputy director in a few months' time in accordance with the Action Zambia constitution. Tim looks forward to the new challenge but would never have been willing to step into the field director position without Glenn by his side. Please pray for God's favor and guidance.

We had the privilege of hosting Nelson Reed, International Director for Action International Ministries. He spent nearly 2 weeks with the Action Zambia team getting to know each family and encouraging us in the ministry here. He visited with each of us in our homes and tried to see as many of the ministry areas as possible. It was such a blessing to speak with him about ministry strategies and glean from his years of experience. He was very supportive of our field work and is committed to us. He was particularly supportive of our efforts in language and culture acquisition. Also on his agenda was meeting with the AZ



## FAMILY LIFE: The siblings



Ireen and Ian are two little peas in a pod. They spend their time laughing and giggling at one another or Ireen will often read to Ian. Neither one knows what she is saying!

Ian continues to grow out of control! At the last visit to the Pediatrician he weighed 18.5 lbs. He is responsive to humor and affection. He loves to play with his tongue and hands. In the right mood, he can entertain you with his laughter and smiles.

Ireen is maturing with each day. She can make her own bed (sort of—she tries), she helps with Ian, picks up her toys and the most important development has been that she can now memorize bible verses.

We can't wait for them to meet some of you next year when we head home for HMA! By the way, we're returning to States in March '09. It will be the first time for both of our children.

## CROSS

The CROSS Project continues on with well over 100 people being trained this term. Our bi-annual CROSS conference was held June 7th with return guest speakers, Randolph and Madeline Melville from the UK. We continue to work with John Chitambo and his team to develop follow-up discipleship materials. There appears to be a groundswell of desire for the Word of God. Please pray for right understanding and right application for the ministry participants.

## Closing Thoughts

Although life has been hectic and we feel weary at times, God always gives us what we need when we need it. Often it is the friendly hello on the street, the invitation to dinner from one of our Zambian neighbors, a text message saying we're not forgotten, hearing happy news from a distant land (i.e. America) or a hike to the village that encourages us and reminds us that we are not here for ourselves but to serve just as our Savior did. There is a deep down joy that God has given us

in life and contentment to do His will. Please pray that we continue to be oriented to God's purpose for us and to endure with joy whatever trials come our way.

