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# HILTY NEWSLETTER



The Hiltys have had a wonderfully busy 2009 thus far. Perhaps one of the most significant events for our family happened yesterday when we finally obtained Ireen's immigrant visa to the States. This "sticker" (as we've been telling Ireen) allows Ireen to travel to the USA with us and is the first step in her gaining US citizenship. Pray for us when we reach US soil and are met by immigration officials in Washington Dulles Airport.

We've been delighted to host a few visitors in February and March. First to visit the field were perspective missionary candidates, Jason and Kristi Knifong as well as Kelly and Tricia Huckaby. Both couples are interested in working and living at Ciyanjano (the missions' rural farm) and developing AZ's Centre for Christian Enrichment. They stayed a couple days at Ciyanjano where they took hikes to the outlying village, had a traditional Zambian meal before listening to African drums late into the night. Please pray with us that God would bring both families back to Zambia as career missionaries. Lord willing they will both attend orientation at the ACTION offices in Seattle in May.

Another visit was from the director of Koinonia Conference Grounds in CA Dave Breuninger. Dave came along with his wife Kim and board member Eric Sharp. They came to offer advice on the development of our outdoor enrichment center as well as to further explore the possibilities of partnership. They have been such a blessing and encouragement to our field during their time here. As we have discussed the future work of Ciyanjano with them, our vision has become more clearly defined. Pray with us about how God would have us work together.

Tomorrow we fly to the States for our first home assignment. We'll be doing a lot of travelling and hope to see as many of you as possible. If you need more information about our schedule, email us and we can give you more details. Pray for the team while we are gone as there will be much to do in our absence. This year, AZ will host 3 interns beginning in April. Each intern has a specific assignment and will be here from 3-12months. Pray for Steve Allen as he heads up the internships. Pray for the interns that they will be used by God in their roles here as well as stretched in their faith and walk with the Lord.

We do not often share with you our financial needs—primarily because our support base has been so steady and we have never lacked anything. Beginning in October '08, we have started to see our financial support levels drop by as much as \$600-\$700/month. Please pray that God will bring in our financial support as well as that of the mission in Zambia. Donations have decreased considerably. **We are not anxious about this because we are firmly in the Lord's hands and we know Him to be our Great Provider.** At the same time, we are concerned that economic downturn may perhaps be affecting you and your support of us. Would you let us know how we can pray for you?



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