

Hiltys on Home Assignment

► Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Ps 119:17

We are asked a lot, “So, are you on furlough, deputation, holiday...what is home assignment?” While there is a sense in which our time home, i.e. in the States, is a break we are still ‘on assignment’. Speaking in churches, small groups and with individuals we are reporting first hand what God has been doing over the last three years with our time. Tim is still directing the field and weighing in with the team on issues concerning the team and ministry. We continue to work on recruitment of needed personnel for the field and raising our own support as well as funds for AZ’s ministry initiatives.



The picture above was taken in Banff while Tim was attending his first IC (International Council). Along with him is Joseph Mbangwe, AZ’s vice chair of the board. Tim enjoyed having him along and the two of them were asked to do a presentation at the closing banquet for the IC. This trip

was the first in a full travel itinerary. We arrived in the States on March 14. Since then we have been to Chicago, Calgary, Orlando, Springfield IL, St. Louis, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Branson, Wisconsin Dells, and Minneapolis. This week Tim is preparing to leave for San Jose, CA and fly from there to Colorado Springs. Then our family flies to Houston and from there back to Colorado Springs and then...well that’s all we had planned but God might have something else in mind for us (see note on family life).

We’ve been able to see many of you, our supporters while on our travels. Thank you to all who have had us in your homes, fed us a meal or watched the kiddos. You all are fantastic. Although we’ve been busy, the time home has been good for us and very productive. We’ve been so encouraged by our meetings and presentations and believe that God is solidifying our vision through the positive feedback of our supporters.

All in all the last three months have offered time for reflection and perspective on our time in Zambia. We are eager to return and continue the work we are called to. The AZ team is growing and it is an exciting time to be part of what God is doing amongst us. Continue to pray for unity, love and mutual submission on the team.

Back on the Field

AZ ministries continue to click along in Lusaka. The team has had its first intern, Tyler. He was immensely helpful, especially to the pastor leadership development team. There are two more interns coming this year to assist in a variety of ways with administration, CROSS Project and PLD.

AZ is getting ready to host its first short-term team in over a year. This team will work out at Ciyanjano relocating a football pitch (soccer field) in order to serve the community and make way for the future development of that property. In addition, they will be planting trees and shrubs around the property as well as helping us prepare to overhaul an nsaka.

Prayer Items

- Praise God for two successfully recruited families.
- Praise for the interns who are lending a much needed hand to our ministries.
- That Ireen’s certificate of citizenship would be processed quickly.
- That God would give discernment and wisdom during this time.
- For contentment and productivity in our circumstances.
- That God would provide the funding needed for the development of Ciyanjano.
- For Andrea as she ventures into the world of homeschooling.

FAMILY LIFE:



Developing Story...

As many of you are already aware, we are most likely facing delays in our return to the Zambia field. Ireen’s immigration has not been as straight forward as we had envisioned. Without going into all the detail (I don’t have the space), the USCIS has said that we may not receive her certificate of citizenship for another 6 months. We were also told that to travel with her now, before we receive the appropriate documentation, would jeopardize her chance of ever gaining US citizenship.

In some ways we are very frustrated at our current situation and the implications it has for our return. Yet, God is in control and we trust that he will prosper His work in His ways. We desire to be faithful in all the responsibilities we have and ask that you pray with us through this time.



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