



MISSION ZAMBIA 2012



*Since undergoing training in Marriage and Family at the Seminar, we resolved to start having similar sessions for couples at our church. We have been having marriage enrichment sessions every Sunday, from June to the end of August, this year. We have begun to see in attendance, even couples who are not members of our church.**

Pastor Sostern Banda

*I can confess that I didn't have a proper or effective ministry to the Couples. However, after attending the Seminar, we decided to re-organize our couples' fellowship in our church. Subsequently, we first gathered thirty married couples. Presently, we are now holding monthly couples' fellowships. Consequently, we have had three couples added to our church, through the ministry to the couples.**

Pastor Gideon Mvula

*quotes from a follow up meeting at the end of August after our June conference

These two pastors express why we continue to go back and train more pastors.

After our last mission trip (June 2011), **God spoke to our hearts about doing more work in that area.** Our Zambian partner there is very efficient, effective, godly, and influential among the pastors. We had our most fruitful mission trip ever. **We believe that the Lord is leading us to return there in January of 2012.**

We have two goals:

- 1) to minister more to the ones that we taught last June, and**
- 2) to further investigate other ministry opportunities for a team in June 2012.**

Our ministry time will include meeting again with the pastor couples that we taught. We will also do some teaching to men and women separately. We will speak at a Bible college nearby and speak in churches on marriage.

Our time to investigate and prepare for next summer will focus on discerning the best place to conduct our next marriage seminar for pastors, exploring how we can help with a school and children located in a slum in Ndola, opportunities for leadership training, and possible men/women's conferences.

Since we are not sponsoring a weeklong conference on **this mission in January 2012, we are able to keep the costs lower** than the usual summer mission. We will meet in churches (at no charge) and will not give away Bibles. **Our costs will include** transportation (airfare is the largest cost), lodging, food, visas, translators, and teaching materials. **Our budget is \$7500 for the 13 day trip. We will leave January 5 and return January 18, 2012.**

We ask you to join our team by supporting the mission effort with your prayers and donations. God has ordained this work and called us to it. His mission effort will succeed through the generous support of His people. Please join us as we obey the call and allow Him to work through us in touching many in His Name. All contributions are fully tax-deductible and you will receive a receipt.

Blessings, Ed and Donna Edwards