

Dear Friends,

During our recently completed trip to Zambia, I woke from a deep slumber at 4:00am on January 15. It soon became very clear to me that the Lord wanted to speak to me. Now, this kind of thing hasn't happened very many times in my life, but there was no doubt in my mind this time. So, with my flashlight, notebook, and pen, I got out of bed and spent the next couple of hours with God as He outlined what I believe is the next step for our ministry in Zambia. The Lord has used our ministry to touch over 400 pastor couples in Africa since 2002 in our marriage enrichment and training seminars. Those seminars have been, and will continue to be, the core of our ministry in Africa, but I believe the Lord spoke to me about ministering at the Wisdom Community School during this year's June mission trip. [\[The scope of ministry He showed me is outlined here\]](#)

Quite frankly, as these things were revealed to me, I began thinking, "this is too much Lord!" But, as someone once said, "If the mission God gives you isn't frightening, it's not big enough!" So, the more God spoke and the more I wrote, the more peace and excitement I felt. And, during my quiet time that same morning following my "meeting" with God, He clearly confirmed the mission in both Scripture and devotional reading. That day's devotional by Max Lucado was titled "A High Stakes Mission." The last verse in my scripture reading that morning was Matthew 10:42, *"Those who give one of these little ones a cup of cold water because they are my followers will truly get their reward."* Message received loud and clear!

Living Well began supporting the Wisdom Community School in Ndola in January, 2012. This school is located in a slum area in Ndola. Current enrollment is about 175 students, grades 1 -6. These kids can not afford to attend public schools and many are orphaned or double orphaned. This school is their only hope for an education, which is their only route out of the slum. Without God's leading us last year, the school would have closed due to lack of financial support. In June, while we presented our marriage seminar, a team of eight Living Well volunteers worked at the school, some conducting Bible school, while other worked on the building.

Before waking me that morning, God had prepared my heart by allowing us to spend the previous two days at the school, getting to know the kids and teachers better and ascertaining the current needs. We also had the opportunity to walk the dirt roads through the Mwenye community observing the poverty in which these kids live. **By the time we got back to the school at least 100 kids were tagging along with us, reaching up to hold our hands.** We also had the opportunity to meet with two other groups that operate community schools in Zambia. Their input was very helpful.

Is it a bold mission? Yes! Can God accomplish it? Absolutely! But, He gives us the privilege and blessing of doing it with Him. This mission will take prayer, people, and finances. **This is an incredible opportunity for you to come with us and be part of our team.** We need lots of both Bible Camp and Construction Team members. **For those who can't go, it's a wonderful opportunity to give so others can. And of course, prayer is essential throughout the whole process.**

Much is needed at the school. We will continue to raise monthly support for the wages of the teachers, caretaker, and part-time school manager in 2013. We are currently working with an international service club both here in OKC and in Ndola to hopefully provide a water well at the school this year to provide a reliable source of clean water. And, **the June mission trip is a vital element in God's plan to touch these dear children and their community with Christ's love as we deepen and reinforce the footprint the school is making there.**

Is it a long trip? Yes. Is there a financial commitment? Yes. But, **the spiritual rewards are beyond measure! Your lives will simply never be the same again. Don't miss this opportunity to go serve or help others to go. Time to complete our team and necessary funding is short. Please contact us immediately if you're interested in being part of our team or want more information.**

Blessings, Ed