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Dear Friends,

We're back! We thank you for your many prayers and support! As we write this letter, we returned less than a week ago. Besides the physical recovery from the long trip, we have finished writing and presenting for two events here in OKC since our return.

We enjoyed seeing the children of Wisdom Community School again and many of our pastor friends. We were able to spend time at the school, getting to know their community and the children better. We spent time learning from people who are running community schools.

Please read [Ed's letter](#) about God's message to him while were there! We are already planning our next trip; see the details on the enclosed sheet. God is giving us a big mission for this summer! **Please consider whether God may be calling you to be a part of the mission.**

We also made some significant progress towards providing year-round, **clean drinking water with a new well** for the children of Wisdom. **Please pray with us that the project will go forward. What a great opportunity for those children!** Right now, they drink from a hand-dug well that is dry during three or four months a year (no water to drink or wash their hands).

At the follow-up to our pastors' conference, we heard **many testimonies from pastors** of what has happened since last June when they spent a week with us. One young pastor shared **how he took four couples in his church through the material that we had taught him. Now those four couples are teaching other couples.**

A well-dressed, articulate man got up to speak. He said that he had something to say even though he had not been at our conference and was not a pastor. He shared that his pastor had been at our conference and had taught his church the lessons on marriage. The man identified himself as being a **high court officer** in their government. His office processes divorce requests. He explained to these pastors that the number of people seeking divorce now in Zambia is increasing at a staggering pace. **In his government office, using what he had learned from his pastor, he had been able to reconcile three couples!** He also challenged the pastors to spend more time strengthening marriages and help slow the growing swell of divorcing couples. **What an unexpected blessing we received as we heard him speak and challenge these pastors!**

We are leading a team that is presenting an event on February 23 to celebrate marriage. Together Forever is open to the public (for married/engaged/seriously dating couples) and is featuring Michael O'Brien, a Christian recording artist. We heard Michael sing and share his marriage testimony a few years ago. **His music appeals to all ages and his testimony is very powerful. Our evening includes specialty coffee bars by Café Evoke (and other drinks), photos (photo booth, portraits, party pics), great door prizes, and exquisite desserts.** We will honor couples who have been married 50+ years and encourage those who are in their early years. The event is at Putnam City Baptist Church; contact us or visit the church website.

You are a valuable part of our ministry! We love and appreciate you and your support of what God is doing! Our love in Christ,

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P.S. Please pray with us about our next mission to Zambia.

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