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Dear Friends,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** Can you believe that 2013 is ending?

**The year has had many challenges** - our communities destroyed by **fierce tornadoes**, our government with its many **controversial incidents, terrorism** continuing destruction, and too many people that we know **who left this world at young ages**.

**Amidst the challenges, views of the Divine shine through. God's strength and peace** carried our communities through desperately terrifying days. We learned that we must continue to **trust in God**, not in men. Evil was hunted down. Those who are absent from us are **living in His Presence**. We personally saw God at work in **many couples who were reconciled and healed**.

Along with us, 16 fellow-believers experienced God's compassion for beautiful African kids living in a slum. We saw the excitement on their faces as we taught, sang, and played together. **Our lives changed forever**. We saw God raise up funds to continue the Wisdom Community School for another year - enhancing their education and their campus. **In very unexpected and exciting ways**, God provided the funds for clean, fresh water for the school. He has provided the funds for 12 children to go to the 7th grade next year at a school in another community.

**As a God who does more than we ever expect, He has now provided \$21,500 of the \$25,000 for a second classroom building for WSC!!! Only \$3500 to go!**

**We are returning to Zambia in a couple of weeks**. We have an itinerary-prayer card enclosed. The **scope of the mission has expanded tremendously since we first scheduled this trip!** Our plans:

- Pastoral Marriage Conference in Kitwe for 50 pastor couples
- Dedicating new water well at WCS (donated by Lakeview Baptist in Guthrie)
- Giving Christmas gifts to the students of WCS (donated by Berean Class, PCBC)
- Presenting textbooks (donated by PCBC Awana children)
- Teaching two Sunday evening marriage meetings
- Preaching on Sunday morning
- Teaching fire safety to WSC and other groups (by John Holinsworth)
- Meeting with potential contractors for classroom building #2
- Presenting other school supplies for WSC
- Training marriage educator in Nairobi
- And anything else God presents to us!

**And we hit the ground running when we return on February 1st**. In February and the first of March, we are teaching two weekend marriage retreats, heading up Together Forever marriage event at our church, and teaching a date night. It's the busiest time of the year for marriage events!

**We still have lots of preparations for the trip, coming events, and funds to raise**. Please pray with us for all of those. Besides our own expenses for the mission trip, we pay for all of the expenses of the pastor couples and take them marriage and Bible study materials. And the airlines continue to find new ways to make these trips cost more. We will pay several hundred dollars just for baggage!

Does the beginning of a new year energize you or motivate you for a new start? **Read our enclosure about the New Year - New Beginnings**.

**Thank you for your continued support! We could not continue this ministry without you!** We love and appreciate you and your support of what God is doing! Our love in Christ,

Donna and Ed Edwards

**P.S. Please pray for the Lord to provide the remaining \$15,500 for the Zambia mission trip. (We have already paid for our tickets and a deposit for the conference meeting space.)**

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