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DO YOU LOVE THE SINNER? by Mike Jones

Since my last writing, I've seen so many miraculous works of God. At Sichimwa Church, where I hadn't been in years, I was asked to come and show the Jesus Film on Saturday night and preach Sunday morning. It was a cold night, but many people came to see Jesus. I gave the "altar call" and as best I could see in the dark the vast majority accepted Christ as Lord and Savior! I was still "high" on the Holy Spirit when I enter the church Sunday morning. They have built a new building since my last visit, twice as big as the old building. And it was full. They had a keyboard and sound system, which not many churches in the rural areas have. The praise and worship was truly heavenly. After the service many people expressed supernatural encouragement and presence of the Lord. I had to tell them, "No, I'm the one that received the tremendous blessing of God's presence and of the maturity of the people in the church." It's not just optimism when I say, "We are winning in Zambia!"

The School of Ministry (MOT-MOT) seems to be an unending supply of church growth. One pastor of a young church has built a permanent building. Remember, most of these people sleep on dirt floors, yet they have built God a house. Several other pastors are scheduling for me to show the Jesus Film and plant new churches. These are students, not waiting until they complete the course to do the work. A visiting American asked me, "How many missionaries have been sent out from the School of Ministry? Their eyes are just opening to that possibility. Now, they must open the eyes of their churches and then we will see missionaries. The world thinks

we are crazy to believe these people could ever be missionaries. It will happen!

We have been extremely busy recently, with the blessing of many teams this year from America, building the house on the hill in the Valley and bath house in Mapampi, preparing for a few months in the States (the orphans must be cared for in our absence), along with our regular duties. When I go to the Valley I'll work until 11-12pm and begin each morning in the dark. The time passes fast and I'm very happy with the building. It preaches the gospel. It is in



the shape of The Cross and also looks like a Light House. I thank God for good health to work hard, still loading and unloading 100lb bags of cement. I was surprised to find myself lying on the concrete floor, with the scissors I had been holding now laying across the room. Over these 23+ years I've suffered through problems without seeing a doctor, and only passed out once before. I'm not "on" any medication and usually feel great. I rested but didn't improve and thought my digestive track was blocked. Linda left the team from Michigan except for the 22 year experienced ER Doctor (can you believe it), picked

me up and took me to Zimba Mission Hospital. They treated me wonderfully and very respectfully, but could only refer me to a more equipped hospital. I ended up in Livingstone Hospital where they don't have the equipment needed for a good diagnoses or for certain procedures. Linda and my daughters tried to fly me to South Africa for the surgery. They had never seen me down like that before. But I refused. I had that peace from God that the surgery should be done in Livingstone. It was life or death serious (the doctor didn't think I could make it through another day), yet I had absolutely no anxiety or fear. The doctor was a strong Christian, having worked 7 years with a missionary doctor, and proclaimed the goodness of God as my bowels quickly came back to life in his hands. Livingstone was the right place for me to have this surgery as they see cases of typhoid, which I should now have immunity. Linda found the nurses having Bible Study every morning at change of shift. People from around the world prayed for me and God answered. My recovery has been quick and practically painless (I've hurt more injuring myself in construction). Once, when something was stolen from me I asked God, "What do I need to change for your protection?" I believe I heard the Lord say, "If nothing was ever stolen from you, you wouldn't care about those suffering lose, or the sinner." I don't know where I may have "dropped the ball" (I know God is always perfect), but I know I must keep my eyes on Jesus, care for the hurting, and love the sinner. Together, we are changing the world one village at a time.
Remain Faithful,

PEACE NAMED ELIZABETH by Linda Jones



and special and we thank the Lord for them. Michael came into Kalomo Monday to take Sheri to Livingstone so she could catch her flight back to the states the next day after seeing friends. She is working on her last year of her Masters in Education. Michael had some paperwork to do in town on Tuesday morning

I thank the Lord she was with us for the next two days. What peace it gave me to have her by our sides. She was even able to do a couple of procedures before surgery to relieve Michael from some pain as things continued to back up I do not do well when someone I love is hurting and was able to stay strong even when the decisions being made were not the ones I wanted. Each time I ask the Lord to help me he did in very real

My last couple of months have been full of HIGHS and lows but I thank the Lord he is so good all the time and all time HE is so good. Having family and 5 members of our Noah Board here in Zambia for a visit to see what we are up to was such fun and a real blessing. We took them all over and had quite an adventure. The beginning of August we had our 4th team of the season arrive with 10 members ready to love on our kids and have VBS at House of Faith. Each team is unique

and was suppose to return by lunch time with me and the team. He called said he was not feeling well and would try to come before dark. I should have known something was not right but trusted if he needed me he would tell me. Later that day he said he was feeling a bit better but would come in the morning. I was surprised when



he did not show up at breakfast and called. He shared he thought he had a blockage and needed to be seen. I said I am coming. When I shared with the team they said they would be ok and Elizabeth a Dr who worked in the ER for 22years ask if she should come with me. I said yes lets go. What a ride out of the village we had!

ways that I needed so much. The Dr and staff at Livingstone Central Hospital were so helpful and caring and we saw Jesus through them. What a blessing. Michael is resting and recovering well, I am still running without swelling joint problems and praise HIM for all his love and care for us. Prayers have been answered. Thank you for praying. (More on my blog)

Prayer

Special covering over our Moms and orphans.
For the new converts and churches.
God's continuous new ministries for Noah.

Praises

For the teams this year.
For Mike's recovery.
For church growth in Zambia.

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