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## THE BATTLE FOR THE YEAR 2018 by Mike Jones

I was inducted into the United States Air Force as a seventeen year old boy just as the Vietnam War officially ended. The physical war had ended, but the spiritual war was raging. That spiritual war continues and is increasing in intensity. Very few times did I feel the weight of war as I grew up. I was like a blind man on the battle field. The blind man (woman) doesn't know for which side he fights. Success depends on calculations and preparations used to assess the battles (Luke 14:31). As the children God put in our hands at Mapampi presented their own Christmas Pageant, using the most primitive materials (like real cow manure) they fashioned themselves, I reflected on the enemy they faced. The "play" of our Savior's birth will never be forgotten. The words I shared must equip and resupply, or else these children will suffer, and perish on the battle field of life. As I've preached in churches that I know have been fighting the good fight (I Timothy 6:12), evidenced by their numbers attending during rainy season and the all night prayer meetings on Christmas and New Year's Eve, I'm keenly aware the enemy never sleeps and all could be lost if I fail to do my part in equipping and resupplying. The Bible School (MOT-MOT) classes are full of testimonies of how they are strengthened and resupplied to go out and take new territories, evangelizing and planting new churches. The great confidence I have that we will win the



battles of 2018, and I believe the battles will be tremendous, comes from the fact that we have received the necessary equipment and resupplies without fail for the past twenty-four years. We go into battle this year without reservation, knowing our partners, led by the Holy Spirit, have never failed. And as you partners have never failed us, I have even more confidence, God has never and will never fail to supply all of your

needs (Phil 4:19).

We have shared with you previously how Zambia has fed many people in Africa over the past years with surplus production. This rainy season began better than normal in our area. As I'm writing to you, we are in need of rain. Zambia has a large population of small farmers depending on rain fall. We are not in a desperate situation, but pray for good rain in good time. For the vast majority of these farmers the only backup plan is charity.

When I was in the Air Force so many years ago, I was running away from God. At that time, the majority of the Airmen I met were genuine Christians. In Basic Training every single person went to church, by choice! After Basic, the officers over me held Bible studies and prayer meetings. I couldn't get away from Christians and Christian influence. This may have been unusual, but it was my experience. The young Christians in military service today paint me a very different picture. The United States military personnel are all over the world, even here in Africa. Pray our military presence makes it easier to preach the gospel, not more difficult. We must change this world for Jesus Christ. Because of your partnership, your prayers and support, we are doing it.

Remain Faithful,

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# SCHOOL DELAY by Linda Jones

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All my school programs are on delay because of a cholera outbreak in the capital Lusaka. We are still not sure when schools will open. We are not having any problems in our areas but are on the same country guidelines and schedules. Please pray the outbreak will be contained soon. We also could use some rain... the children's beans, sweet potatoes, melons pumpkins, squash and pop corn are at a critical time and need rain soon. We are so blessed and excited that our grade 7's passed their exams and will be starting school in Kalomo very soon. Two of our grade 9's will be retaking a couple of extra classes that are needed for them to get to grade

10. We will have our 1<sup>st</sup> grade 12 student this year. Our teacher Ronald is working hard with our kids at House of Faith since we are not yet in school, with their reading English skills. Everyone seems to be excited and they are growing so fast! I have had a recurring problem with my right knee for over 14 years and no Doctor here or in the states had diagnosed my problem correctly. I had two back to back problems this past November and December and decided it was time to try again and figure out what was truly happening. After three appointments and two different scans, one in Livingstone it was found I have damaged soft muscle tissue that gets inflamed when I sit too long (like on long flights) or walk too much. (Seems that is when it got inflamed) In the damaged muscle tissue I have a couple of enlarged blood vessels maybe even a varicose vein. I have taken many



antibiotics that did not work, many courses of prednisone which seemed to be the only thing that would help over the years. I am blessed to say 5 days on just Ibuprofen and the redness is almost gone and I feel my knee is healing. It's just nice to know what is happening. I thank Dr. Joan Jones at Zimba Mission Hospital for all her love and care to help me find the truth as to what was happening with



### Prayer

For good rains in good time  
For the end of cholera in Lusaka.  
For the new Bible School classes to start in 2018.

### Praises

For vehicle parts and repairs.  
For Christmas and New Year's Services.  
For hope of more freedom in Zimbabwe.

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