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DID YOU SEE ALL OF THE HANDS RESPONDING

We traveled through the bush from Mapampi to Bbilili Sunday morning. It was a rough journey, but we all arrived in one piece. I was surprised to see other churches from other denominations in other villages were in attendance. The number of people could not squeeze into the church building. We gathered outside under some trees for shade. The team of six from Engedi Church in Michigan quickly recovered from the ride to church, meeting the large number of wonderful people gathered singing beautiful songs of praise and worship. Jay (one of the team) shared a good "right on time and target" message from the Lord. The people were "moved" into responding, wanting to know God more. After the main service we were fed and enjoyed genuine Christian fellowship. That evening I setup the equipment for showing The Jesus Film. It was a good night (not too cold). The people kept coming right up until Jesus was on the cross. I don't think anyone counted, and it's hard to estimate in the darkness, but hundreds filled the outdoor area. After seeing Jesus walk through their village speaking their language, we gave the "altar call". I've spent fifteen or twenty minutes before asking only those wanting to make Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior for the first time to respond. Because the people have lived such a



strong communal life for so many years, they respond as a group. This night, as is often the case, the vast majority of people raised their hand and stood on their feet, coming to Jesus. Then, people with special needs were invited to come forward for prayer with the team of six (with some interpreters). The prayer time was so powerful, they haven't stopped talking about it. I'll let them tell the stories. Driving through the bush at night, everything looks different. I had a

local teacher as a guide, but he got "off track". We drove through some rough places, even through a field, trying to find our way and didn't get home until mid-night.

This team completed a bunch of jobs that would have taken me months, if not years to "catch up". Steve fixed and made things with the materials on hand, which practically any American would throw away as junk. He could have been

one of my relatives. All of them worked hard physically and accomplished even more spiritually. Leaving Mapampi on the way to Livingstone for sight seeing and final departure, another memory was made as the old Land Rover had a breakdown right at our drive way in Kalomo. By the grace of God, we quickly shifted into another vehicle as God again confirmed, hardships become weapons against our enemies when the fruits of The Spirit are produced in our

lives. God never promised us a smooth and easy life if we care for orphans and teach a School of Ministry and preach the gospel wherever we go. Just the opposite. We are promised persecution along with, "I can do all things through Christ" and "No weapon formed against me will prosper" and "My God shall supply all of my needs" and "One day in your courtyard (presence) is better than a thousand else where". Your partnership with us is "like a tree planted by

the waters, that spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. (Jer 17:8)" The production of spiritual fruit working through you and by God's grace will continue into eternity. It's not about keeping Mike and Linda going. It's about rescuing the perishing and caring for the dying. Jesus Saves!
Remain Faithful,

THEY THAT SOW IN TEARS SHALL REAP IN JOY

What a month! I have seen many things happen, some that threw me a bit and others that have amazed me. At Royal and Victor's P/T visit it was requested we go to Zimba Mission Hospital for a pelvic X-ray to understand why we have seen so little improvement with Royal and his leg braces. It was found he has small unformed hips and hip sockets. Seems if a child has not walked by 2-3 years or active crawlers their socket does not form well and this is found in many CP children. I was told Royal would never walk. We put up a pipe rail so Victor will gain confidence in his walking since he took a fall and bumped his lip and nose. He is using it and spending a lot more time walking now. Mackmore's surgery was delayed because of a bit of infection in both ears. A hearing test was done

and he can hear and we were told after the surgery to close the ear drums he should hear almost normally. I ask why he did not like the hearing aid and some other questions of things he does and the Dr. told

us she has always felt he had mental issues not just hearing problems and that maybe the sickness he had at 8 months old did damage a part of his brain. She has told us before she felt there was another problem other than his hearing, I just did not expect this, feeling he just could not hear us well. We are blessed JoAnne



will be visiting us for about 5 weeks this summer to try and work out some new routines for our special needs children and do some teaching that is required for our moms by Social Welfare. Please keep them in your

prayers. On the exciting things this past month we had our first team of 6 arrive full of joy to work with our kids and help us with anything we needed to get done. So many thorns in my side were repaired and updated on site! Our new team toilets/showers building was useable but is now working without leaks and has shelving to keep items dry while showering. Pull string lights in each house for our solar and 2 teachers on the team helped with our older students as a teacher was out. They helped the children pick their beans, gave out winter clothing, did crafts and nightly devotions the list goes on and on. So much love and fun was given. We always praise the Lord for groups who come from Engedi Church and the love they show us. Thanks Team Engedi! Linda

Prayer

For Mackmore's operation and total healing.
 For final MOT-MOT class in Naluja..
 For future orphan care in a changing world..

Praises

Good leaders and missions conference.
 For great teams helping from America..
 For our health and strength for ministry..

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