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## COMMITMENT by Mike Jones

Come and go to church with me. We don't need to arrive early. We have the only car in the parking lot. Even if all seats are taken, a place to sit is always given to visitors. The seat is a 2x8 board already packed with more people than you thought possible. The people on the bench squeeze together and make room for you to at least get part of your rear end on the board. You won't have to sit for the whole two and a half plus hours of the main service.

Make sure you have taken care of business before church. Public toilets of any kind are as rare as "hen's teeth". We are sheltered from the sun and rain by a tin roof on poles. Some reeds were tacked to the sides. The temperature will reach the upper 90'sf, so you and your seat mates will sweat on each other. This church has a keyboard. I'm working to give the keyboard player elbow room, having been given "the preacher's seat" beside him. These people have not

gathered out of any sense of duty, or religiosity. They are genuinely happy to be there. The pastor of this church of probably 400 people has asked me to preach on "commitment". I wonder how many American churches would be full on Sunday morning under the same conditions. In Zambia, if church attendance is any indication, their commitment to God is strong. They have endured hardships that are beyond the

comprehension of most Americans. No one need tell them about life separated from God. Experience clearly taught them, life in fellowship with believers is the good life. While people have turned to God, living God's way has not yet permeated society. Churches preach and teach against the sins of lying, cheating, stealing, adultery and fornication. Tribal law is also against these sins. But these sins, by and large, are not hat-



ed and continue to weigh down society to a low altitude. Zambians are familiar with yokes. Even in Kalomo we see cattle yoked and pulling carts. Commitment to God is like being yoked with Him. Moving with God avoids so many problems. And when the burdens of life come to weigh us down, because we are yoked with Him, "The yoke is easy and our burden is light." In Zambia my message is, commit to the Lord, get in the yoke with Christ and go high, or get in

the yoke with the world and go low. By the power of the Holy Spirit, eyes are being opened to "see" the good life is the life of holiness. God is changing nations. I'm so glad He chose to work through both you and me to have a part in changing the world. We hear every day about tragic and terrible things. I can promise you, if not for your obedience to God in partnership with people like us, the world would be unimaginably worse. The only Savior of the world is Jesus. Thank you for joining us in proclaiming the good news far and wide.

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Your prayers and support have kept us moving forward in care for orphans, widows, schooling of children, buildings, and The School of Ministry (MOT-MOT). We torture our vehicles driving where we believe the Lord leads us. By His grace, we make a lot of repairs, but never

stop reaching the lost, hurting, and downtrodden. I would love for all of you to stand where I stand and see what I see. The good news of The Kingdom of God continues to take territory and people. The world system reacts by lashing out in terror. When the enemy "hits" you, "hit" back by doing more for His Kingdom. We are on the winning side, unless we turn back. The answer to trouble is an unshakable commitment to God. Remain Faithful,

# THREE SPECIAL BOYS by Linda

We traveled to the capital, Lusaka, for Mackmore's ear surgery and everything went well. His stitches were removed here at Kalomo Hospital and the Dr. shared it was healing nicely. We had a long ride from the children's home, but Mackmore has now grown up he just turned 9 years old. He sat so nicely on the middle back seat and looked out the windshield smiling every time I looked back at him. We remember earlier trips when he was much younger and he always was upset he did not have his normal foods. I remember stopping and getting him two pieces of fried children and french fries. Thinking how blessed he would feel getting to eat at Hungry Lion a fast food place. He ate and then cried that Auntie Linda did not get him any food. There was no

Nshiema, their staple so there was no food. I learned as we traveled after that trip to just stop for what he likes. It made our travel easier. Mackmore is working 5 days a week with a young lady at the Children's home learning how to pronounce words and letters. He loves his one on one time and is starting to talk to his friends sharing what his teacher is teaching him. Victor is such a joy these days. We have seen much improvement over the last year with him. Found him walking across the living room just last week and this week Mama Mary shared



with the same young lady and can now make sounds. Still no words, but it's a start ... Amazing! He came to us so sick and malnourished at almost 2 years old. It was shared after seeking help in several places he is developmental slow because of his very poor nutrition at his start to life. It was shared he can learn. It will just take time. Victor just turned 6 years old. Royal is also well and is doing his workout routines with two different ladies who come 5 days a week to help with his care and learning. Royal just turned 10 years old. Keep all three of our special boys in your prayers and the ones who are helping to care for them. It's a big job and our Lord supplied just the right ladies for their love and care. Thanks for all your love and prayers for me, I'm still running for HIM.



he was even working hard to walk on the uneven ground outside the house. He used to open his mouth and no sounds would come, BUT when he cried he was very loud. It always puzzled me. Victor is working

### Prayer

For God's blessing in spite of poor rains.  
For starting MOT-MOT classes in Nkandanzovu.  
For evangelistic outreaches starting June.

### Praises

For Mackmore's successful ear operation.  
For churches full of worshipers.  
For God's unfailing provision.

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