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DROUGHT

by Mike Jones

Maize (corn) is food in Zambia. A meal without maize is considered a “snack” by most Zambians. We have live through too many years of drought over our 25 years in Southern Province. If memory serves, 4 times the relief food (maize) from the World Food Program arrived and sustained the drought stricken. We have always helped hungry people during these times. One year we were blessed with a huge truck from South Africa hauling double trailers loaded with maize. We cooked the maize and fed people during evangelistic out reaches in the hardest hit rural areas. Those years of drought, people were hopeless. One of those years, Linda was assessing the area near us and found an old man sitting on a rock, which he did everyday, literally waiting to die. He received food and hope that day from Linda, and lived the rest of his days a changed man. I just read an article in a local newspaper concerning the 2018/2019 rainy season. Southern Province experienced the worst drought since 1981. The lives of people living in rural areas depends on maize production. We are already on a four hour per day rolling blackout schedule, due to the low levels of water for hydro-electric. The power company tells us it may go to 6 hours per day next month. The country as a

whole is going through currency devaluation (inflation), making practically everything more expensive. Miraculously, our town (Kalomo) is bustling with people and activity. I believe the usual hopelessness has been replaced with the eternal hope in Christ Jesus. The Zambian Government reports the country has enough food so that no one will die of starvation, and has already delivered some relief food. Most people harvested in April and May. The next



rains don't usually come until November. Reportedly, they harvested 40% less than last year. Some people harvested nothing. As the maize is consumed, people will sell (money is needed for things like school fees), or eat, their cattle, goats, pigs, sheep, etc.. We must be ready to step in and help if the promised relief food doesn't show up. Pray with us for a great miracle that will bring glory to God and advance His Kingdom. I am persuaded that my God will some-

how intervene on behalf of people that turned to Him in a big way, taking a whole nation to new heights. You may very well be the instrument that “plays” God's praise to the nations of Africa, and the world. I'm going out tonight to show the Jesus Film to a new church planted by one of our MOT-MOT graduates. I'll preach there Sunday morning. Two American visitors that have been here before were suppose to be with me. But one of them had a medical emergency in South Sudan, forcing them to go back to America instead of coming here. No doubt, the enemy of our souls was not happy with them bringing light to orphans in the darkness of the desperate conditions in South Sudan. The light of the gospel will prevail in South Sudan, as well as Zambia. Just as the rural people of the Southern Province of Zambia depend on His provision in maize for food, we depend on His provision in prayers and support from people like you. Remain Faithful,

MIRACLE VICTOR

by Linda

There was excitement in the air as we arrived back to see the children at House of Faith, House of Hope and our town kids. Uncle Mike did his greeting of tossing the younger ones in the air and catching them and high fives all around. Our hugs with big smiles were very special. Our moms did a great job while we were away. What a blessing to me this is. We started running all around to pay 2nd term school fees and supply the three sites with June items needed, payroll and preparing for a team of two from World Orphan Relief. No time for jet lag. Michael even had a MOT MOT class planned our 2nd week back and a Jesus Film showing. After getting everything in order and set up for our visitors I received word they would not be coming. One of the team member's became ill and had to be medevacked to Nairobi from South Sudan where they visited areas they were helping before coming to Zambia. While out setting up for the team I watched Victor walk from his house to our play shelter without falling once. I cried tears of JOY trying not to distract him. When he saw me watching he waved at me. I got a picture. Our Lord has given us a MIRACLE ! Thank you all for your prayers for

our special kids. Next we are praying for him to talk, he is making sounds now. Mackmore is even talking more since his last eardrum closing surgery. Royal still has his BIG smile and we are looking forward to a new stander for him to arrive. He is growing tall. Even with all this running I



am hearing stories and seeing a few things happening in our ministry areas. The river has been dry for about a month now and an old borehole in the village was repaired and is now helping people and animals have water. We received a letter the community is trying to repair our dam. It's

been broken since before we opened House of Faith. As I left House of Hope I saw three groups of men maybe 10-15 with a couple hundred goats in each group going I think to Zambeef to be sold. We are now seeing people selling what they have. My moms shared stories that some are already eating one meal a day and young children are crying at bedtime because they don't understand why they did not eat before bed. I have received a few calls from our extended care kids that they are in need of help with food. I will be meeting with them soon. I found sweet Potatoes being loaded on a truck to be sold in Livingstone and bought for each of our sites. My moms were shocked to see them telling me in our area there was NO sweet potatoes harvested at all. Sheri arrives very soon and we are excited to have her back for a bit. Keep us in your prayers, my friends here say, we don't know where we are headed.

Prayer

For provision in spite of drought.
 For Victor to talk and Mackmore to talk more.
 For the ministering teams coming next month.

Praises

For Victor walking..
 For our 40th wedding anniversary with family.
 For continued growth of the Zambian Church.

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