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## SUDDENLY

by Linda

I have been struggling with how to share with you all this month. I have had a hard few weeks but I praise HIM he is always faithful, bringing me just what I need, not before I need it but just as I need it. We had a child to get sick in the middle of the night and no transport could be found. I was on my way to Lusaka. Mission of Love blessed us with transport for our boy and Michael took me back to Choma so I could take a taxi back to Kalomo to see what was needed. He had fever and was fitting for 45 minutes. I knew it was serious. We arrived at the hospital about the same time and we rushed Peter in to see the Doctor. What a blessing that we were seen quickly and the Doctor shared he felt it was pneumonia and the high fever and fitting is normal sometimes with that. I was so very blessed he seemed to be OK sitting up and even able to stand for his weight. He was put on a drip with antibiotics and fitting meds given every 4 hours and an x-ray was ordered. I was so thankful, shopping for what they might need for a few days in the Hospital and caught the bus to Lusaka to meet Michael. Monday morning I received a call he was fitting again it took time for the Doctor to see him because of Monday morning paperwork. I was told they had to go for an x-ray that was not done on Friday. His meds changed, we thought because he did not have pneumonia, but it was not shared. They watched him the rest of the week, releasing him on Friday. Mama Mary stayed in town with him in case of another fitting event and they wanted to do a special sonogram echo on his heart

which is only done on Thursdays. He was playing, talking, walking, showing no signs of any problems. They where admitted Wednesday and after the test Thursday the Doctor called to inform me Peter's heart was not relaxing, just pumping. He wanted us to see a Doctor in Choma, feeling it was systolic failure. I ask if I needed to take him right away. He shared Peter was stable, just some-time within the next month would be fine. I was busy setting up last minute things for the team when they arrived back at House of Faith. Mary was shar- ing with the moms her two weeks away



and Peter was just resting on the bed. I checked in on him and his eyes where open and he was just resting very still. I said good night, and I'm thankful you are back home. We received a call about 10:30pm that Peter had started fitting again.....Michael rushed out to get them and I shared he needed to go into the hospital on their arrival there to help Mary because it's hard to find people at night. After about 20 minutes a Clinical Officer came to get his vitals and do admitting paperwork. Peter was at

peace and just took his last breath about 1:00am. It was a long night. They had to go to the Police to get paperwork that he had died so he could be put in the morgue. Then the man with the morgue keys could not be found. It was about 4:00am when Mary and Michael finally got back to the house. Saturday was busy preparing to take the body back to his relatives. I was so blessed that our church gave us so much love and support through this time, even traveling with us to have a small service with family. Sunday night we had a small service with our children and mothers. The Lord showed me that even though Peter was under the age of 3 he had a purpose as we all do. He grew up sitting with Victor, they where best friends sitting outside the house. When Peter started walking Victor also started trying in a different way to walk like his friend. He did not want to sit any longer. He had many challenges but I believe in my heart that Victor would not be walking today without the help of his friend Peter who gave him the courage to try and walk. We did many things, having Victor push a chair around in the house to keep his balance, even put up a iron bar in front of the house so he could hold on and walk. But I feel it was Peter who gave Victor the desire to NOT SIT any longer. Each time I am out Victor is walking better and better. My heart is at peace. Our large Engedi team arrived a day late because of flight issues, but next month I will share all the Lord did while they were here. The kids had a great VBS. Thanks for love and prayers!

# CHANGED by Mike Jones

A pastor in a place called Monde asked me to open a School of Ministry (MOT-MOT), where forty pastors and church leaders were already to begin. We set the date and began classes Monday through Friday approximately every other month. I was happy to meet the students, both male and female, from six different denominations. The students were not the usual farmers. They are blessed with water, making this area a major supplier in Southern Province of tomatoes even through the dry season. Trucks transport tomatoes, coming from as far away as Livingstone (over 100 miles each way). For our partners that prayed over the years for food in Zambia, God never fails! Everyday, every student, even the senior pastors, spend their mornings and evenings hauling water in five gallon buckets to irrigate their vegetables. On the first day explaining what should be expected from the School of Ministry (MOT-MOT) I said, "As we go deeper into the Word of God, your community and this whole area will change into a place where bad things like stealing will be much reduced and good things like helping one another will be much increased. It took us three years to complete. Traveling was sometimes treacherous. Several times I pulled stuck vehicles out of the mud. We met in an old grass roofed church building. They were building a new church, but it was only walls with no

roof. Several times I used umbrellas to keep books and materials dry inside the church. Students came in spite of these inconveniences, some walking distances carrying their staple food and school materials. Your generosity provided materials and special treats like meat and tea. These are things many of the students usually expected to taste maybe once a month. The people cared for me over these three years with the



riches of love. And I slept good every night on top of my old Land Rover. I don't think the greatest hotels in the world could have been more peaceful. Every week we experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit. We both laughed and cried a lot. Outside of the classroom, time after time, members of churches where these students taught and preached would tell me how much their pastor and the whole church had improved. New churches were planted before graduation, and it continues.

We finally had a wonderful graduation. The District Councilor for the area including Monde came and preached an encouraging message. One of the graduates, a senior pastor, reminded me of my words the first day and said, "It has happened! Monde has changed!" Those were the most encouraging words anyone could have said to me. When The Kingdom of God comes in manifested presence, change is evident. We continue to face serious problems like drought causing food shortages and one of our water wells with a hand pump is dry. Sickness and death raised its ugly head, taking one of our children from us. In times like these we really need the prayers and support of our partners, like you, Even in the problems we are encouraged by the overall increase in food production in Zambia because of places like Monde, the water well with solar pump in Mapampi supplying our needs, and little Peter is "home", free with God Almighty. Every School of Ministry (MOT-MOT) class becomes even greater than the one before. Through ever problem God proves, "...exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, (Eph 3:20)" We give God all of the Glory, and thank Him for working through truly great partners like you, without which we could do nothing.

Remain Faithful,

**Prayer**

For increasing need for baby milk  
 For Zambian provision through the drought..  
 For our Valley children schooling opportunities.

**Praises**

For great MOT-MOT graduation in Monde.  
 For comfort, support from churches over Peter  
 For God's favor in troubled times.

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