

Building Whatever it Takes

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## PLAGUE

by Mike Jones

Some of you have asked me about the corona virus and the locust. On the locust, our crops are fine. As a matter of fact, I've asked many people over the years about great swarms of locust eating their crops. Some of the people I asked were here in the 1930's. No one I've talked to has ever seen or heard of it in Zambia. On the virus, the numbers in Zambia are very low. I personally don't know anyone that has been sick from corona.

This is the time for Christians everywhere to shine. Whenever and wherever people are hurting, sufferings, and even dying, we should be the first (God sent) responders. I should have prayed more fervently when I first heard the name Corona. I've learned my lesson. Praying, and then helping the hurting is what we do. Meeting needs opens hearts to The Savior. John G. Lake was in South Africa during a terrible time of plague. He, with the help of a Dutch man, buried the dead when most people wouldn't get near them. After a while he was asked, "Why is it you are not sick or dying with the plague?" Some scientists looked at the "black death" under a microscope and watched it die in the hands of a man named John full of the Holy Spirit. With no chance of any personal gain, John G. Lake hum-

bled himself serving others doing a lowly and hazardous job. The compassion shown opened the door to a powerful move

of God we are still talking about today. We have unintentionally followed in the footsteps of John G. Lake, because they are Jesus' footsteps. We (our partners with us) saw orphaned children suffering with malnourishment and sickness and "took them in". The orphaned children, through no fault of their own, come with all kinds of sicknesses and diseases, including HIV. Keeping these children opened all kinds of "doors" through which to spread the gospel. And the blessing received when I hear the children cheerfully calling "Uncle Mike" is worth a lot more than silver or gold. Feeding the hungry opened even more doors to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. If I hadn't gone to where the sick people were, I couldn't have prayed for them and seen God heal them of practically any medical problem you can imagine. I travel through places that sometimes seem to be impossible, knowing danger awaits me on every side. Compassion opens their hearts to let Jesus in



as their Lord and Savior. I could go on with acts of compassion that opened doors to great moves of God, changing whole villages and geographical areas.

"The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy... (John 10:10)." Corona Virus has come to steal, kill, and destroy. If we hide in fear, the devil wins. But if we go out in faith with acts of compassion, both here in Africa and in America, the world will know the last half of the verse, "...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." I am a witness to the truth of this verse. Probably millions of people in Zambia and Africa are walking in the "abundant life" because you prayed and gave to this ministry. Stealing is still a terrible problem here. People are killed. And destruction strikes in various ways. But the devil is a loser, because the gospel is out there like a flood. We thank you, and God will reward you. Remain Faithful,



# LOCK DOWN

by Linda

Things changed here very fast with 39 cases and 2 deaths plus a lock down. No public gatherings, we are working on our 4<sup>th</sup> week and all cases are in Lusaka except 2 on the Copperbelt in the north. We have been blessed here and the police are not really restricting travel too much because we are 6 hours away from where the cases are. We have been told to wear masks when out, plus wash our hands each shop we enter. No travel to Lusaka unless necessary. My Dr's appointment was canceled the end of March in Lusaka and I am hoping to see her the end of April or the 1<sup>st</sup> part of May for blood work and updates. I am having a hard time finding Hydroxychloroquine since the world thinks its a cure for the virus. I have a 30 day supply right now and it tripled in price. Please pray I will be able to find more before the 30 days are finished. So far I have found nothing to carry me into the next month.

The second line treatment knocks back your immune system and we are praying and working on restoring mine. She is slowly taking me off the steroids now and I am thankful something must be going right. Our flights back to the states where canceled so we are hoping to travel in the fall now. I was so looking forward to see-



ing our families. All the children and house mothers are doing well and we got their 3 months closet supplies, April monthly fresh foods, payroll delivered a bit early because of the lock down. Everything went well. Our mom's are enjoying doing all the shopping for me now, what a blessing

they are doing a great job. Every time I go to Mampampi {House of Faith} I am so happy to see all the water in the newly repaired Dam. What a blessing! People in the villages are busy harvesting their crops and bringing them to town for sales. It's such a wonderful site after last years drought. People are starting to gain back a bit of their weight. Our rains we think are now finished, have not had a shower in a few weeks now. We never really had thunderstorms this year so no real ground soaking rains. We were so blessed when all the wells or boreholes around us dried we had water for the children. Continue to pray he will supply all our needs in this crazy time in our world. Thanks for your love and prayers, I have felt them.

### Prayer

For reverse of the virus curse.  
 For Linda's complete and total healing.  
 For the hurting to know The Prince of Peace.

### Praises

For freedom from drought and locust.  
 For the rebuilt Mapampi Dam full of water.  
 For peace and safety in Zambia.

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