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## GOING HOME

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Preparing to go to The States usually meant Linda would go to the various government officials and businesses to take care of the necessities. God gifted her with a sweet voice and genuine loving kindness that has been a magnet for His favor.

With Linda in The States being treated for cancer, I was running here and there to get it all done in time. I've learned to make time for whoever God puts in my path. Since most of us are walking, God puts a lot of people in my path. Probably every other person

I'd greet (we greet every person we meet) would ask, "How is our Mother?" After telling them she was being treated in America they would tell me their story. "I was sick and had no family to help me. Our Mother/Auntie Linda came to the hospital with food, prayed for me and encouraged me." "I am really, really praying for her

and know God will raise her up." "We need her." Others said, "She brought us food without our asking, when we were so hungry." Still others said, "She sent a friend to the hospital to cook and care for me, and visited me herself."



Young people would say, "She paid our school fees and for our uniform. Without her help we would have been chased away from school." Every shop or office, without exception, would ask about Linda, tell me they were really praying for her, and encourage me with the same words I had spoken over the years to them, "God

will make a way for her and raise her up." Even those that seem to be "a brick short of a load" and the drunkards would tell me, "We know God is with her and will heal."

It seemed like every person I met had a healing story. They

would say, "You remember when you prayed for me when I was almost dead, and here I am today, completely healed." Most of the time, I didn't remember. Then they would say, "We know if God healed us, He will surely heal our Mother/Auntie Linda." After thanking them for their pray-

ers of faith, I would assure them that God doesn't give us what we deserve. If He did, we would have been killed a long time ago. But for the work of Jesus on the cross, I should have died a horrible death long ago. I should have been the one hanging on the cross, but by His grace, I live.

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## from front

I have a friend in Kalomo that has his own taxi business. Every time he meets me he says, "I'll take you anywhere you want to go." He drove me the six hours to Lusaka. Then, I walked to get the covid-19 test, etc. Before leaving Zambia, God gave me a battle plan to use against the enemy, cancer. I had my "guns loaded", ready for war not only spiritually, but together physically. Before leaving Zambia, through our daughter Jamie at Linda's side, we began implementing the battle plan. Linda had been at war for twenty-seven years in Africa. Warring and defeating our enemy (the devil) was "old hat" for her. When I got to The States and was able to see her, the cancerous growths were clearly visible, bulging through her shirt. She obviously was glad to see me, but surprised me by not panicking over the growths. She practically ate nothing and drank very little,

spending her days trying to rest comfortably. Sixteen days after my arrival, my wife of forty-two years went home to be with the Lord.

Linda was the one often telling me not to do dangerous things, or go in danger-



ous places. I knew she would be earnestly and fervently praying and keeping me safe in His will and hands. I never had a thought of her reaching heaven before me. I never thought of Mike (me) without Linda. My physical eyes

were on her and no other for every one of these forty-two years.

I love the old song "I have decided to follow Jesus...no turning back". God has taken me this far, even though I should have been dead many times over. A huge part of my life is gone (until the resurrection). Linda never turned back, never, never. Over the past year without Linda with me in Zambia, the Holy Spirit has increasingly moved in power over all of the ministries He put into our hands. He touched me last year with a fresh anointing to keep doing His work in a way that gives Him all of the glory. In Zambia for now, and wherever He leads me in the future, I faithfully follow Him. The call to Africa, at present, is as strong as ever; while I long for the day when the last enemy, death, is defeated. Thank you partners for going with us.

Remain Faithful.

### Prayer

For me to again miraculously "get it done".  
For peaceful and Godly elections in Zambia.  
For the orphans and ministry while I'm out.

### Praises

For nation changing work of God through Linda.  
For the best harvest I've ever seen in Zambia.  
For good health and success over the ministry.

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