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## JOY IN SERVING

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I've had to find a higher gear to run faster, and longer days, to put things in order for my trip to America. My daughter, Jamie, has a baby coming that refuses my requests to delay. I'm always excited to see family and friends, and share with the churches and people all of the miraculous things God is doing in Zambia, and Africa. At the same time, the presence of the Lord has been so particularly sweet these days, I'm torn between going and staying. I want to be with you in America and see my eleventh grandchild come into this world, while everything fades in comparison to the very presence of God.

The School of Ministry (MOT-MOT) classes are happy for me, while saddened about our class meetings being pushed back. They have been "moved" by God through the classes to plant churches and are hungry for the classes on evangelism, missions, and church planting, which are yet to come. The students are charging ahead with prayer meetings so powerful that when I walked in I almost fell down, as the presence and power of God practically overwhelmed me. Evangelistic meetings are packing the churches beyond capacity, and new churches are being built,



paid for and debt free. What a miracle! Zambia, one of the poorest countries, builds churches by faith in God only. And new churches are being planted seemingly in every corner of this vast country, slightly bigger than Texas.

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## from front

Making my last visits to the orphans and care givers God graciously privileged us to raise in the valley of Sinazongwe, and Mapampi just across the Ngwezi River, and those in eighth grade and up in Kalomo, with provisions needed while I'm in America, it was a strain to hold back my emotions. Our Sinazongwe children are growing up in the Lord and would make any father proud. They always ask, "When is Sheri (my daughter) coming?" In Mapampi I got pictures of our two babies, and some of the children in their new school uniforms. To me, this is the most peaceful place in the world. Our eighth grade and up children are living in town (Kalomo is a small town) for the first time in their lives. Many temptations lie in wait for them. They are not perfect, but probably far ahead of me at their ages. I "felt" the heavy presence of God on me as I shared with them the various gifts and talents I see

in each of them and challenged them to press on to the high calling, the high life in Christ Jesus. I could see them hanging on to every word, and knew God had gotten their attention.

You may never hear anything about these or-



phans again. I truly believe God will use them in ways greater than we could ever imagine. Where would they be without people like you

praying and supporting people like me? God could find other people, but if He didn't, these children would only know suffering and death. God in His infinite wisdom chose us. What would Zambia be like without the preaching and teaching and MOT-MOT classes your generosity made possible? God could raise other people up, but He chose us. I'm aware of the pandemic and the suffering many have endured. I've also endured this period of time in a different way. I lost the joy and help of my wife. But God has shown Himself once again to be my provider, my comforter, and the answer to every problem and trouble. He picked me up and continues to take me to higher places where I've never been before. He does it for all of us that are faithful. Remain Faithful!

### Prayer

For ministry during my two months in USA  
For the Lord's protection over His ministry.  
For MOT-MOT students spreading the gospel.

### Praises

For our mother of orphans back and healthy.  
For both of our babies in great health.  
For His sweet presence and guidance..

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