



HopeBuilders Ministries

Rapidly Winning Communities for Christ through Indigenous Disciple Makers

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Dear Partners in Ministry — Time to meet the entire (dedicated) team at HBM US.

With summer arriving the race is on to use every opportunity to serve the people God has called us to reach with His Word. Never before has HBM mustered so much effort to Equip, Empower and Encourage so many of our Partners and students in Africa. In total we will be hosting 7 different outreaches during June and July. Please pray with and for us as the logistics and compact itineraries will be very testing to the personal health and comfort of US Partners going on these trips. If you are interested in going on a trip indicate it on the reply slip.

We appeal to each of you to help cover cost of Bibles and Evangelism curriculum needed on these outreaches.



Newly retired Steve and Janet Slater, welcome to full partnership.

Pastoral Training: Steve will lead the Seminars to equip our top leaders further for their task of training their students for their ministry roles. Initially he will be working with Br Joseph in the Chipata area. For the second half of this outreach Jeff will be accompanying him and Br Matthew (while Lou Ann will be teaching with Lida in the Disciple Maker Program). A total of 8 Pastoral seminars will be conducted serving two different Ministry Partners. As theme Pastor Steve will focus on The Ultimate Disciple-Maker from the Sermon on the Mount. Sharing Communion with the pastoral students and tutors, at the end of each conference as a graphic symbol of the Unity of the Body of Christ, will be a very significant object lesson for what Jesus' sacrifice means for all of us in our Christian journey today—it cost Him His life. How committed are we?



Jeff & Lou Ann Hawkins longtime partners with Zambia

excitement, expectations are words we hear from people going on two short-term mission trips traveling to Zambia/Zimbabwe this summer. The first group will be working in the Livingstone district. They will engage with Zimbabwean leaders also. Serving orphans is part of the outreach at Kwathu House.

Disciple Maker Program: Both Johan and Lida will be leading different Ministry team outreaches. The first 4 conferences will be with Lou Ann and the last two with Ilne and Kristen respectively—all in the southern region of Zambia. The Disciple Maker Conferences' theme is: "Growth; God desires progress".



Johan & Lida Gous

Lida's testimony of events leading up to this trip is inspiring: "Earlier in the year God impressed His desire for His disciples to grow in their faith so that they can 'represent Him in the community'. This requires 'personal growth' and God has graciously allowed me to grow—now His command: go & teach it."

We are very thankful that Lou Ann has recovered enough from surgery to tandem-teach the Disciple-Maker basics to lay leaders (mostly ladies) who are the Evangelists in the local communities.

The second group will be ministering in the areas of Mazabuka, Monze and south of Lusaka. The goal for each of the short-term outreach groups is to Equip, Empower and Encourage local church leaders to invest in their most mature laity so that they can be the witnesses in their surrounding villages just as Jesus said we are to be in Acts 1:8 & 9.

Serving both our major partners in Zambia and growing our Zimbabwean partners at the same time, has been a goal for a long time.



Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC): Blaine and Anna (left) together with Allan (right with family), are serving the Body of Christ in DRC. Access to the country is difficult (visas are not easily or cheaply obtained) and the needs of Christians are acute. Due to years of war and seclusion, not much by way of training and encouragement have reached them. Earlier work done from Zambia has had to be restructured to ensure



broader opportunities for local leaders to be served. Fortunately, through locals access for the Gospel is open. We are excited to see the enthusiasm with which Blaine and Allan have addressed the problems and difficulties as well as the results already accomplished. Blaine & Anna will be leading a group of business men to northern Zambia in June to meet with DRC leaders with the goal of building awareness of the needs and strengthening the support base for the work in DRC. The soil is fertile in DRC for God’s Word to spread rapidly through the DMP.



Recently retired Pastor Gerald and Miriam have relocated to Florida from where they will continue to advocate and direct the work to the Makua people of northern Mozambique. The Makua Report

submitted after the April trip was inspiring and has had a lot of appreciative response from Partners. God is doing a mighty work through willing and obedient servants. The impact that the Training Team had in April cannot be overstated—local Pastors and teachers have embraced the multiplying Disciple-Maker Program & results are stunning.



Carl, Ilne and family have just returned from a deputation trip to the Netherlands. Everything at Nongo Farm was fully intact—God answered our sincere prayers for safe travel, security of the farm and a fruitful time “at home” for Carl. His mother’s health, at 90, is deteriorating.

The family will be playing a central role in the logistics and child care during the DMP conferences, so that the mothers can fully participate.



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For decades, David has been the key overseer of the Pastoral training and Disciple-Maker Programs In Mozambique, Malawi & Zimbabwe. Traveling hundreds of thousands of miles over bad roads, negotiating tough border crossings and unraveling culturally sensitive issues, he has faithfully served us and we look forward to the future together.

All of us have sacrificed time away from home, uncomfortable circumstances, bad roads, food we are not familiar with—all to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ and those He sent us to. Thank you for making Ministry possible. Every one of the ministry outreaches mentioned is dependent upon specific “tools” that make our work impactful. Curriculum for each program, Bibles for Pastors and new believers, picture based Evangelism materials, vegetable seed, watering cans, gardening tools—and for the trainers: Bicycles and motorcycles. Much of this has to be imported from South Africa.

We need your prayers and financial support this time, the need for Bibles and training materials as well as personnel laboring in the different programs has never been bigger.

Sincerely, *Johan, Lida and the HBM team.*

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