

Greetings to you brothers and sisters in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. We are enjoying a consistent rainfall pattern as a country and that is a good sign for us. Large and small-scale farmers all over Zambia are busying themselves with tilling the land and planting crops hoping for this kind of rainfall to continue until April.

With the onset of the rainy season, evangelism becomes tricky especially for rural areas. In spite of this Sebastian Chikongwani and his wife have accorded Michelo and me a day every week to study the Bible with them. We are really thrilled that brother Chikongwani has lived up to his promise; to help us engage his wife (and close cousin - Chris) into regular Bible study. Sister Chikongwani was delighted and quick to express her willingness to be having studies with us every Sunday afternoons. November 22 was our first Bible study encounter with both Sebastian and his wife.

Sebastian and his wife have been attending different denominations since their marriage. Now they have a two year old girl Natasha and they are still attending different churches. (By the way, "Natasha" is Bemba for English "Thank you." Her English name is Blessings. The Chikongwanis are thankful to God for His blessings upon them). In addition to this, they are from two diverse social "classes". Sebastian is from a humble background while his wife affluent. This combination in conjunction with in-law interference has led to constant marital problems in the Chikongwani home. The couple has requested for urgent marriage counseling and prayers. Actually the reasons I am sharing this is so that you can participate in helping them solve their marriage issues through prayer. The couple is very willing to let others help them with their problems which I think is positive attitude to approaching any difficulty.

Recruitment for both the January and May intakes has intensified considering that time is of the essence. Since the January intake is for the Mapepe Bible College/George Benson Christian College arrangement, we at Mapepe have focused most of our efforts into recruiting for the May intake. Our brethren from GBCC are going to recruit most of the January guys. This will not only lessen the burden of recruiting two intakes but will also accord GBCC an opportunity to recruit people who will be fully qualified to pursue teacher training course that George Benson will offer

to these prospective students.

In a quest to advertize the school in areas that really need trained preachers, on November 18 I left for the Central Province towns of Serenje, Mkushi, and Kapiri-Mposhi. While there I managed to identify two prominent brothers in Serenje (brother Sibajene) and Kapiri-Mposhi (Brother Katota) who will serve as our connections in the two districts. Both brothers are in leadership positions in their respectively congregations and will help us recruit students.

I came back from this expedition on November 21 only to be knocked down by a terrible cough. After managing to brave the attack up to Sunday evening, I was bedridden until last Sunday (November 29). Now I am gaining some strength and hope to be fully healed within this week. Antibiotics and prayers are helping very much. Unfortunately, I have passed whatever sickness I had (still have some) to the rest of the family and suddenly our home is like a hospital ward – with everybody coughing and on medication. That's another item you can add to your prayer list.

We love you brothers and adore your continued commitment to enlarging God's kingdom in Zambia. You and we stand shoulder to shoulder in expensing the saving Word of God to the many Zambians who are walking in darkness. Sometimes the rewards for this work are obscured but one day we shall all smile as a family when we see the number of people we have influenced singing praises with the chosen ones around the Throne.

May God continue to work among and through His children forever and ever. Amen.

Your partners in Christ,

Kennedy & Cynthia