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Dear Praying friends,

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We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from Zambia. THE REAL AFRICA!

Our Seventh Church anniversary and conference was a blessing. Five deaf were saved. We were blessed to host His Excellency the President of Zambia Mr. Rupiah B. Banda, the First Lady Mrs. Thandiwe Banda, and their two children, Honorable Dora Sillia Minister of Education, honorable Peter Daka, Minister of Agriculture, Honorable Friday Walwa Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, and other top government officials. It was a wonderful time in that the President had lunch with us and spent more time visiting our deaf students and teachers in their classrooms. It was the first time a sitting president and his family ever came to visit the deaf in Zambia. We praise God for his favor in the ministry to which the Lord has called us. It was televised on national television which featured our choir singing and the students performing a drama.

During the conference we introduced the different categories of deaf groups to the president as a deaf awareness program. There were deaf pastors, deaf teachers, deaf managers, deaf professionals, sign language teachers, and interpreters. The pastors also reported a total of 35 deaf saved in their respective places. One of our deaf pastors, Mutunda Daka, preached a wonderful message in the presence of the President. Please pray for our president and his family. He has a great love and cares for the disabled. I want to thank and praise the Lord for providing people to help us with our needs. Zambia Sugar donated one ton of sugar to our students and pledged to buy an industrial cooker. Also, a milling company donated 50 bags of 25kg Mielie-meal for the occasion.

Please pray for our pastors. 12 Pastors need bicycles as they minister in their respective places. A bicycle costs \$200.

My family is doing fine. Leah will be 7 on June 17 and she is grade 2. Yafet will be 6 on October 9 and Bemenet will turn 6 months on the 21st June. God is good to us!

I praise the Lord that my truck is still functioning. The work on the gearbox has been completed. Only the disk brakes, ball joints, and shocks are remaining. I know the Lord will provide the need for the repair.

Brother Mutunda at our church led Thembeline Ndhlovu, a deaf man from Zimbabwe, to Christ last month. He is growing in the Lord and wants enroll in our Bible College. He has a burden for his people in his country. There are many deaf from Zimbabwe in Zambia. We have a total of 15 deaf in our Bible College at Munali and Matero.

It is always a blessing to hear from you knowing that you pray for us. Thank you for being a vital part of this ministry through your prayers and finances.

May God bless you.

Serving the King of Kings,

Yohannes, Kidist, Leah, Yafet and Bemenet

