

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



You will notice in this edition of our newsletter that we don't have the usual array of articles detailing the various ministries conducted in Zambia. This issue is about one thing, and one thing alone: HUNGER.

The rains didn't come to Zambia this year, and the corn crops failed. It is difficult to describe the tense situation in Zambia at the moment. Due to a multi-national technical failure the electricity is off more than half the time, the Zambian currency is losing value daily, and most importantly, only a few rural residents have enough food to eat. Our vision at Zambia Mission Fund is to Reveal Jesus through, among other things, humanitarian service. We WILL be distributing food to those who, without our help, will go without food. We need your help. Will you join us in our efforts?

We will immediately purchase and begin distributing portions of ground corn to the needy, but more importantly while we don't have commercial farming capabilities, we do have a small army of loving college students and volunteers who will raise vegetables using drip irrigation to distribute to those in need. Two years ago we asked our supporters to help us with our to develop our water supply, and some of what we raised went to bolster ability to use water from Maunga Lake. That preparation will pay off this year, as we use that water to raise vegetables in a time of need.

Our single tractor is about finished. We have worn it out over the years and we desperately need another. We will need at least \$30,000 to replace it. We can lease Oxen and plow the field by hand, but a tractor and a few other agricultural supplies would change everything. If you know those who have a heart for serving and understand agriculture would you share this message with them? The need is too complex to explain in a paragraph, but if you would like to know more about our plans to use our agriculture for God's Glory don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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## A Desperate Hunger

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Join us as we fight to alleviate hunger in Zambia.

Last February I stepped off the plane to a muggy, hot and green Zambia. It's a beautiful season if you can tolerate the oppressive heat of the day while you wait for the rains. This year, the rains didn't come. The skies didn't open. The water didn't fall. Looking up to the sky we knew that no rain meant no crops, no livestock, no water. No rain meant...hunger.

You'll notice in scripture how often Jesus refers to meals. In fact, our relationship with faith is repeatedly equated to a hunger. It's unlikely that it's referring to the gentle rumbling reminding us that we need sustenance between our daily meals. It's talking about the desperate longing for food after days of getting by with barely enough to survive. It's the pain in the belly from one meal a day because the rains didn't come and the crops didn't produce and the livestock is dying. The people that Jesus would have encountered knew a different kind of

Zambians will know a desperate hunger.

Because the rains didn't come Zambia Mission Fund is focusing our end-of-the-year efforts on hunger relief in Zambia through The Joseph Project. The Joseph Project is an effort to alleviate the effect of the drought by planning, organizing and distributing food with the same wisdom Joseph used in the book of Genesis. Our goal is not only to alleviate the hunger of those affected by the drought with immediate food relief but also to implement longer term solutions through sustainable gardening and supplements for the staple crops that will be lacking. It's a big goal, but we believe that through God's provision we will raise \$164,000 through the end of this year to relief immediate need and build a long term solution to drought in Zambia.

Please help us with your donation at [ZambiaMission.org/hunger](http://ZambiaMission.org/hunger).

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## The Joseph Project

by Richard Prather DVM, Zambia Mission Fund, Executive Director

“... you always have the poor with you...” – Mark 14:7

Jesus and our heavenly Father never intended such a declaration of fact to imply lack of concern or class prejudice. Instead, the harsh realities of life are perhaps intended to motivate initiative and preparation. God understands that the devil will be ever present in our lives outside of Eden and before Heaven. Jesus spent His life here encouraging us to anticipate and mitigate the misery caused by Satan and utilize the blessings from God that empower us to overcome and provide relief.

Namwianga has been providing relief to the poor, the widows and the orphans for decades. In years past, when the region was struck with the effects of drought and subsequent hunger, Namwianga, Zambia Mission Fund and numerous others provided food relief to literally hundreds of thousands in the name of Jesus and the Gospel was heard. Once again, drought has revisited the region. And once again, Namwianga is poised to provide relief and spread the Gospel.

In addition to providing immediate food through the delivery of maize for grinding into the local staple of n'shima, the Joseph Project is gearing up to provide vegetables such as tomatoes, cabbage, carrots, onions, beans and other nutritious commodities. Construction of sustainable garden plots are already underway and water conserving drip irrigation plots are being planted. In less than 4 months, Namwianga will be ready to assist with thousands of pounds of fresh vegetables grown locally without the added cost of transportation. The unique nature of the Joseph Project lies in the labor utilized to build the garden nurseries that will supply the drip irrigation plots. High school, college and Christian leadership students work every day after their daily classwork planting, watering and weeding the tender precursors that will one day feed the masses.

Like the story of Joseph in Genesis 21, these young Christians are finding ways to provide food during a time of famine. This is why we called it the “Joseph Project.” In addition to meeting the need of the moment, the Joseph Project intends to follow through with long-term training in the methodologies of drip irrigation for sustainable gardening via the Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team of Namwianga Mission.

Please join us in this effort by visiting [ZambiaMission.org/hunger](http://ZambiaMission.org/hunger).

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## Harding in Zambia

by Janice Bingham MSN, RN, APN, BC

Some experiences are hard to put into words; that's the way I feel about our first experience with the food relief effort here in Zambia. As many of you know, the southern province of Zambia has experienced a significant drought. Only about 1 out of 10 crops produced anything during the last harvest. As we go further into the dry season (often called the “hunger season”) we hear of more and more people suffering. So on Friday we loaded up several large sacks of corn meal and small bags of beans and headed down some rough dusty roads to find people in need. Thanks to many of you for your generous contributions so we would have funds available in this desperate time.



Harding in Zambia (HIZ) students at a food distribution moment

After traveling about an hour into the bush, we stopped at a small path where people had been told to wait for us. Most of the people we encountered were the elderly. In the African culture it is the responsibility of the children to care for their aging parents but many of the younger

generation have died of AIDS thus leaving many “elder orphans”, older people with no one to care for them. One older woman was unable to walk to meet us and was brought by ox cart. According to her neighbors, she had been surviving mostly on fruits and things she could find in the bush.

We traveled another hour and finally found the little hut of a man who had suffered from polio as a child. He was in a wheel chair with both legs atrophied and with terrible contractures. Sadly he had no family to look after him so a kind Christian lady was serving as his care-giver. He thanked us over and over for remembering him in his time of need. There was hardly a dry eye in the group as we drove away from his tiny dwelling.

Can we as well-fed comfortable Americans truly understand the plight of people who are hungry? As we live with our excess, can we really comprehend that there actually are people who survive on so little. Tuesday some of us came closer to that understanding as we again came face-to-face with people in desperate need. We traveled over punishing roads deep into the bush to find a little church where people had been told to gather. When we pulled in at the church a crowd of women came running out singing, clapping, and overwhelming us with their welcome. We had taken twenty 25kg bags of corn meal but when we got everyone into the church building we realized there were 60 people. Again, many were elderly women with no one to help care for them. In the crowd I found one badly malnourished baby and another with cerebral palsy both being cared for by elderly grandmothers.

As we sat on the bricks they had arranged for seating in that little church building with all those women, I had to wonder yet again, why did God chose to bless us? Why are we not one of these women that it seems the world has forgotten?

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That's a question that is impossible to answer. I do know for sure that we can never again say, “I didn't know”. Now we know at least something of the plight of the poor and I pray that these students who are being exposed to these situations, will be motivated to dedicate their lives in service to the poor and down-trodden of this world. It is definitely what Jesus would do.

Again, thanks to many of you for remembering the poor with your generous contributions.

## What Does Zambia Mission and a Goat Have in Common?

by Sandra Hazlip D.O.

She had walked for many miles to bring her five grandchildren to be examined by one the American doctors...

I was the American doctor who examined those five precious children. I started with the oldest. I always start with the oldest child, so that the younger children can watch and perhaps not be so frightened when it becomes their turn to be examined. Watch as this strange looking person who has this strange looking pale skin and who speaks a strange language pokes this strange looking light into their ears and shines the light into their mouths and then uses something else that looks weird (a stethoscope) to touch their chest and back (listening to their heart and lungs). Finally it was time to examine the youngest child, the one the grandmother had carried for miles, hoping someone could help. He sat in his grandmother's lap and leaned against her body for support. It was obvious that he has cerebral palsy. There would be no “magic pill” that would ever help him to get better, but there was something special that was about to happen.

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