

# **ZAMBIA Mission Trip**

May 31 - June 15, 2006

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**Fours years ago**, we traveled to Tanzania to teach pastors and wives on marriage and family. We were amazed at the lack of training and teaching available to pastors in Africa. God touched our hearts and gave us a yearning to return to teach more of the same.

**The malaria medicine** that we took for that trip caused a condition in Ed with which he will live the rest of his life. But, in His grace, God has brought about enough healing that the condition is now manageable. We believe that He has called us to go back in partnership with the same ministry as before (more details of the trip are on the other enclosed sheet). They have asked us to go to Ndola, Zambia to teach pastors and their wives again.

**After seeing the impact God made** on our lives through our experience there, our children sensed God's tug on their hearts as well. This year, Jacque is scheduled to go with us. As we teach the pastors and their wives, she will teach high school students on purity, abstinence, and about God as their Father. She will also share the importance of her relationship with her dad with the pastors and their wives.

**AIDS is a critical issue** in Africa. Zambia has one of the highest rates of AIDS, contributing to a very short life-span in that country. AIDS in Zambia is spread primarily through hetero-sexual relationships and the highest incidence is in young women. Young women often are involved sexually with older men as a means to survive through prostitution or sexual favors for food or sustenance. Last year, a Tulsa couple we know who do the same kind to marriage teaching took their college-age daughter to speak on the same topics. Her message had great impact with the young people in Kenya where she spoke.

**You are a vital part of our team.** Many of you have prayed for us, have given, and/or have shared with others about our work. We are asking for your continued support for this trip. We believe God has called us. With that belief is the assurance that He will provide all that we need. Please pray with us that He will touch the hearts of His people to give financially, above and beyond any monthly donations. The cost is about \$3000 each, \$9000 for the three of us. We have to pay for the plane tickets in less than a month (about \$5700). We are also asking God to provide funds for study Bibles and funds for the cost of 100 participants (so that more can attend). Also pray for our health and preparations for the trip. We will produce all of the notebooks and handouts here to take over.

**If God has touched your heart** to be part of the solution for the great need, please use the enclosed envelope and card to donate.

**THE NEED IN ZAMBIA IS GREAT!**

**We have each said "Here I am, send me, Lord!"**

Our love in Christ,  
Donna and Ed Edwards