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goes to

ZAMBIA

AIDS-HIV malaria poverty lack of education refugee camps strife.....

The Hope of Christ joy peace the Church

Thoughts about the plight of Africans drown our minds.

Let's not think about it maybe it won't affect us they are far away that's why we send aid.

We have been to Africa twice ... and cannot stop thinking about them.

We cannot forget the faces of joy that Africans project in their worship, even when faced with continual destitution.

We cannot forget the way those pastors and their wives sat in hard chairs all day and most of the evenings to listen to us teach about marriage and family.

We cannot forget the lack of training and teaching that even pastors have about what God wants for their marriages.

We cannot forget how those couples wrote down as many words as possible as we shared, and how they treasured every hand-out we gave them.

We cannot forget the distance between couples when they started the conference contrasted to the laughing and looks of affection by the end.

We cannot forget the misinformation and superstitions they have about husband/wife relationships, sex, and family issues.

And we will never forget the way God changed us when we went. He gave us —

A compassion and love for a group of people with whom we had nothing in common except the Spirit of Christ.

A heart to make whatever difference we could to as many as we could teach, despite the cost time-wise, financially and physically.

A humility to think that God would use us to teach people with such great need.

A heavenly vision of what The Church really is.

A much greater appreciation of all that God has given us.

OUR MISSION:

To partner with Africa Leadership and Reconciliation Ministry (ALARM) to teach and train pastors and their wives in Biblical principles of marriage and family, so that they can strengthen their own marriage, model a godly marriage, and train others in marriage and family. Four day conference, June 5-8.

To teach high school students on purity, abstinence, and about God as their Father. Possibly train others to teach students on the same topics.

To bring resources to strengthen and encourage pastors and their wives in their ministry and their marriage.

THE MISSION FIELD:

The pastors and wives in the city of Ndola in Zambia (formerly Northern Rhodesia), south-central Africa. Zambia is a country the size of Texas. Zambia has a population of 10 million people. Ndola has 400,000 and is in area known as the "Copper Belt" because of the copper mining in that area. The average life expectancy is 37 years old (men and women). The religious beliefs are estimated to be Christians (50-75%), Muslims (24-49%), and indigenous beliefs (1%). Unemployment is 50%, with an 86% poverty rate.

OUR NEEDS:

1. Prayer
2. Team Funds: \$3000 each (\$9000 total) for Ed, Donna, & Jacquelyn Edwards (includes airfare, food, and lodging)
3. NIV Study Bibles for pastors: \$10 each for 50 pastors (\$500)
4. Participants funding: 50 couples for 5 days = \$6000
5. Production of conference materials: \$1000