

NEWS FROM THE NIGHS- Special Edition

November 2011

This month we hand over the prayer letter to Meredith!

Hello Prayer -letter- readers! So, this month my parents were discussing what they were going to do for their prayer email, and I decided, hey, why not write it for them? Well, here I am, and here is the news!

On the ministry side of things, Mom and Dad are enjoying working with the Chinese church here in Lusaka. We are starting to introduce prayer meetings every so often before church, and so far, they have been fairly successful. Mom was teaching our youth/junior church/Sunday school class for the children of the attendees of the church. We enjoyed having fun, doing sword drills, earning stickers for answering questions, and reading the verses in Chinese as well. Dad is just starting to meet with some of the men in the Church, going for coffee or lunch and just getting to know them better!

Thank the Lord for one young man in particular, who is very enthusiastic about the Church and keeps bringing his friends! It's awesome to see God work through this one man to help our Church grow. With the help of all the church-goers, the attendance is usually about 20 people, depending on if there is a pot luck that week. If there is, the number of people can go up to 50! (now you know the key to planting a Chinese church!)

Dad is enjoying being a teacher again, this time teaching a class on the Minor Prophets at the Baptist Bible Seminary, and every month teaches a class at TCCA in Ndola. He is loving the joys of teaching and is satisfied that is he doing what he first came to Zambia to do.

On a different note, Mom recently gathered some ladies from around the neighborhood (our neighbours are all families who work with the Evangelical Church in Zambia (ECZ)) to the swimming pool, and gave a short lesson on the basics in swimming and had a good time just getting together with the ladies of the ECZ.

As for home life, we are all doing superbly, even though we still don't feel like a whole family, due to lack of Timothy-ness around the house. We are all very busy in our social and school lives, and loving the rain that has finally arrived in Zambia, after a dry, sweltering October.



A couple weeks ago, Mom and Dad took a break from life, and civilization, to go to South Luangwa Park for their 25th anniversary, and had a lovely time going on early-morning game drives, watching hippos by their chalet and just chilling out. (If you were wondering, Mom and Dad just upped and left us at home, with no clue where they went, to fend for ourselves for a week... just joking! We were at our friends' houses, and we had great fun as well!)



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Christopher is pulling through the ups and downs of grade 7, and got back from his field trip at Treetops in Kafue National Park with stories of wild elephants, hippos, cheetahs and classmates, all equally dangerous. He still gets mountains of homework, and teachers have begun threatening both of us with end of term exams, in a whole 3 weeks! It's terrifying, really!

Timothy is enjoying learning about Bible Stuff at Heritage, and is making new friends every day. He has a full plate of going to classes, hanging out with friends, cooking, and rocking out. I would tell you more, but as we are on separate continents with terrible internet on our end, we can only do so much to know more than that.

As for me, I love my busy life of various everyday events. I am currently simply going through life, fulfilling my International Youth Award (Duke of Edinburgh Award, if you prefer) requirements, trying to put my fat cat on a diet and doing my homework.

With love to all,

Meredith, on behalf of Gilbert, Lydia, Timothy and Christopher.

PRAISE AND PRAYER FOR NIGHS

Thanks Meredith for your view on our life in Zambia. Thanks to you all for your support of our family and ministry. Here are some of the things you can be praying for us about over the next few weeks.

1. Gilbert finishes teaching next week at both TCCA and the Baptist Seminary, November 14-18. We thank God for keen students. Pray these classes would end well and he could get the marking done in good time. Pray too for wisdom on what to do next! Both colleges are asking for his help next term.
2. Gilbert is also teaching at the YWAM training course this week. There are about 20 Zambian men and women studying about missions, with several of them already planning to serve in missions overseas.
3. Lih and Judy Chen work with OMF in the US and are visiting us and the Chinese Fellowship from 3 - 11 December to do research on the Chinese in Africa. Please pray that through all the contacts, God would use them to encourage the members, that unbelievers would receive the Good News and that we would get good insights into ministering to Chinese.
4. The Young Disciples on the Move is a group of youth that Lydia works with in a Zambian compound, at Matero Evangelical Church. This year, ten of the youth will go to Teen Missions, an annual 5 week work camp, several of them for the first time. Pray for the fund raising efforts that the youth are doing. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please let us know. Each youth needs about \$60.
5. Three of our youth will be going as leaders to Teen Mission, including Donvan who is only 16!! He is an amazing young man that Lydia is mentoring. We thank God for this great opportunity and pray God will use him and build him up!
6. Pray for Susan, Mwasapa and Mrs. Bukama at Matero, who teach a Junior Church class of about 25 children. Each week finds them discipling these little ones into the Kingdom. Pray for Lydia who has started monthly training sessions for the teachers.

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