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*Happy New Year Everyone,*

We trust that all of you had a quiet and blessed Christmas, with time to reflect on the reason for the season. Regardless of what we experienced in 2009, we all now have the fresh start of a brand new year. How will we use it to benefit the Kingdom of God? The possibilities are endless.

The rains in Zambia have been especially hard this year. There has been much flooding and loss of property for those who already are struggling. Keep them in your prayers please, because with the flooding also comes loss of crops and their food security for the year. At 'the camp' where we are trying to finish the community school and two homes, we have not yet been able to completely roof them in order to keep them from the ravages of the elements. We had managed to put a partial roof on the school, but in a severe thunderstorm the wind blew off and mangled some of the roof panels. We are trying to salvage them.

Last month I received a phone call from someone who has been a good friend of the ministry from its inception. She told me that she and her family had discussed it and decided that whatever they would have spent on gifts for one another for Christmas, they would combine and send that amount to Bridge to roof one of the houses! Talk about a wonderful gift – and some much-needed encouragement! Wow. You know who you are, so thank you. Bless you.

If any others of you feel that you can help purchase one or more roofing panels – a bit on top of your regular support, or as a special one-time gift - it would be such a blessing. We remain in need of 75 sheets, and each sheet costs \$20. If you wish to participate in meeting this need, please indicate how much you are giving toward it, and we'll make it happen together.

Other news coming from Zambia includes our participation in World AIDS Day, which is so very necessary when the numbers of those with the disease simply keep increasing, in spite of all the efforts of government and private organizations to inform and provide testing. As we have said before, with the increase of deaths come the increase of orphans. We very much feel this area is a large part of our mandate for the ministry; therefore, we plan to continue to mentor and disciple the young people; work with, pray with, and love those who have the disease and their families; and comfort the dying. Prayer is one of the most important things we do, and we surely appreciate all the prayer warriors among you who stand with us. By praying for us, you cooperate with us in building the Kingdom.

God bless you abundantly,  
Ruth for the entire Bridge Team

You may send support by check to Bridge International, 78 Brookside Drive, Terre Haute, IN 47802.  
-OR- You may make a bank transfer directly to our ministry account in Zambia. For simple instructions on how to do this please contact me at [mcclintock\\_ruth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mcclintock_ruth@yahoo.co.uk), or write to the address above. **Either way is tax deductible.** Thank you!

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***“Not a hand-out, but a hand up”***