

# BRIDGE

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Dear Friend of Bridge,

Thanks to God for opening doors. Ged has been contacted by a couple of organizations in Zambia who are willing to give us some trees. That may not sound so grand to you, but if you lived there you would understand better. Zambia was at one time, just next to being a rain forest as is the D.R. Congo to our immediate north. However, for many reasons (clearing for mining, clearing for infrastructure to build cities and roads, forest fires, clearing ground for farming - most of the citizens are subsistence farmers, use for firewood, as well as the timber industry), trees are at a premium. Over the past five years we have been teaching them the value of forestation. One organization wants to give us eucalyptus and another shade tree, and one is willing to give us orange trees for an orchard. While I don't know the timing of this happening, we are rejoicing in our good fortune.

The rains this year were exceptionally heavy and mosquitos bringing malaria were a very big problem. Ged has been instrumental in obtaining mosquito nets for the families in Kasongo from the Ministry of Health. We are blessed because there is always a shortage of nets.

The people continue to make bricks for the new church. The photos below show you somewhat of the process and how difficult and time-consuming it is. The dirt is chiseled from an ant hill (behind them in the first two photos - which is much stronger material than regular dirt), then pressed into the mold and, when set, removed and placed on end in the sun and covered with grass to 'cure.'



Philson continues to volunteer to work with the youth in the BYDS program and I understand they are being mentored very well. They are excited about the church coming, and will be some of the first members of our new congregation. We are trying to obtain penpals for them here in America.

We have now moved our office from downtown Ndola to the camp in Kasongo. Our Bridge committee and those working with BYDS is meeting there now. Thank you for your continued support.

God bless you abundantly,  
Ruth for the entire Bridge Team

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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”*