

May 2008

Dear Friends,

We greet you in the Name above all others. With all the new green leaves, spring blossoms, and flowering trees, the landscape has been transformed into a wondrous delight, and one for which we are thankful after what has seemed like a very long winter. Of course that is only in the US. In Zambia the rainy season is at last over, and we are now approaching our winter season. It seems strange to consider that, but it is true.

Mud Bricks for Construction

With the ending of the rains, we will continue making and baking mud bricks for construction. It takes \$50 for 1000 bricks (including labor). Before the rains began we had managed to make around 2500. However, we need over 10,000. So if you feel so inclined, we would welcome support for this project.



Pastors and their Wives

We have great news! It has long been our desire to have a greater impact among churches and pastors, and it seems we at last have begun walking out that part of our vision. Last month Gedaliah arranged a meeting of 50 pastors and their wives in Ndola. They came from within Zambia, as well as a delegation of 20 or so from Tanzania. While Bridge hosted the event, the featured speaker was Marvin Fisher, representing ISAAC. We were quite pleased with the turnout and response, and a similar one is being scheduled for June. Please pray with us that this is the beginning of an exciting aspect of our work there.

BYDS

We continue to meet with our various committees on a regular basis, as well as the youth in BYDS.



Empowering Women

The women we have helped obtain pigs are taking proper care of them, and new piglets have been born and are thriving.



Plans are underway, and we at Bridge expect to be receiving our own pigs to raise shortly. Our crops (tomatoes, corn, and beans) at the new land are looking good and appear to be doing well. Pray with us for a good harvest.

Malaria

There has been an unusually high rate of malaria this year, causing many children and infants to die, as well as many adults. Also, due to the run-off from the rains, bad water is named as the culprit in a number of deaths. Part of our process has always been to teach people how to help themselves. Pray we are able to reach more, and that they will have ears to hear as we educate them about such things.



Receiving this Newsletter

Some of you may note a change in the way you are receiving the newsletter this month. If you have a preference to receive it either via hard mail or e-mail, you have only to let us know. Thank you very much to those who continue to support us as we persist on this journey of faith.

God bless you abundantly,
Ruth for the entire Bridge Team