



Dignity Prayer Bulletin

Building on the foundations
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“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.
Matthew 7 v 24 (NIV)

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ
1 Corinthians 3 v 11 (NIV)

The new season

(This month, we join Jon Witt in Mkushi, Central Zambia)

September is when winter starts to fade in Zambia. Throughout August there has been a strong wind with a slight chill that can make it unexpectedly cold here in Africa. Just like the seasons change, different emphases arise within our work here in the African bush, the work of Dignity is no exception.

Our goal is to see a movement of people across rural Africa taking hold of their God given abilities and calling to make a difference in rural communities everywhere. By definition this means that we are wanting to do ourselves out of a job from the very beginning. In the next few months we are hoping to lay some of those future foundations. We need your prayer to ensure that we lay the correct foundations, in the correct way at the correct time. There is plenty of scope for getting it wrong!

Impact Teams

As mentioned in August’s prayer bulletin, our first Impact Team in Luapula Province has begun! An Impact Team is a team of 3 people who travel about supporting the work of Life! Groups, helping people to use our two main biblical

sources of teaching ‘Love Your Village’ and ‘Rooted in Jesus’, encouraging and stoking the work everywhere they go. They work alongside those who wish to start Life! Groups in their own villages and help those who have already started to overcome challenges and, in due course, to act as support for others.

We want to start more of these teams over the coming months, particularly one in Zambia’s Central Province. We need to find the right people and help them to come together in the right way.

The work will carry on whilst we are structuring

In the last 2 months, we have begun work in 8 new areas through our School of Rural Evangelism. Simply put, we run Life! Group planters conferences based on biblical and practical teaching about how and why we should have an active faith that changes our lives and the lives of those around us...but we take the conference to the people! This has been exciting as more and more people are showing a genuine interest and taking on board our vision. Over the next few months, either an Impact Team, Jude or I will follow these areas up. Pray that we do not lose focus as we seek to make the work more robust and have longevity. Whilst making the walls stronger we need to stay razor sharp in our commitment to keep on taking the work to new places and new people.

Legal status

It may sound boring, but Dignity’s work in Zambia requires a legal framework to allow us to see the work move forward in Zambia. In September, the first meeting of a prospective Zambian leadership team is going to meet. There are so many questions; who? what? where? when? but we need your prayer as we work on these questions to make our vision a reality.

- Pray that we do not lose focus as the intensity of our work increases – that all those involved in the work of Dignity within Zambia would have a renewed passion for the vision.
- Please continue to pray for Cornelius, Augustine and Agnes—members of our newly formed Impact team based in the Luapula province.
- Pray that God would bring the right people to start an impact team in Central Province.
- Pray for God to give clarity in regards to Dignity’s framework in Zambia. We need to know what form this should take, who should be involved, where it should be based and when it should get going!
- Continue to pray for John & Jude Witt and their 3 boys (Ethan, Josh and Jacob) living, working and going to school in Zambia where even the everyday tasks can be more complicated than you might expect.
- Pray for ongoing provision for all we are doing in terms of finances, resources, people and strength!

Pray, make a difference