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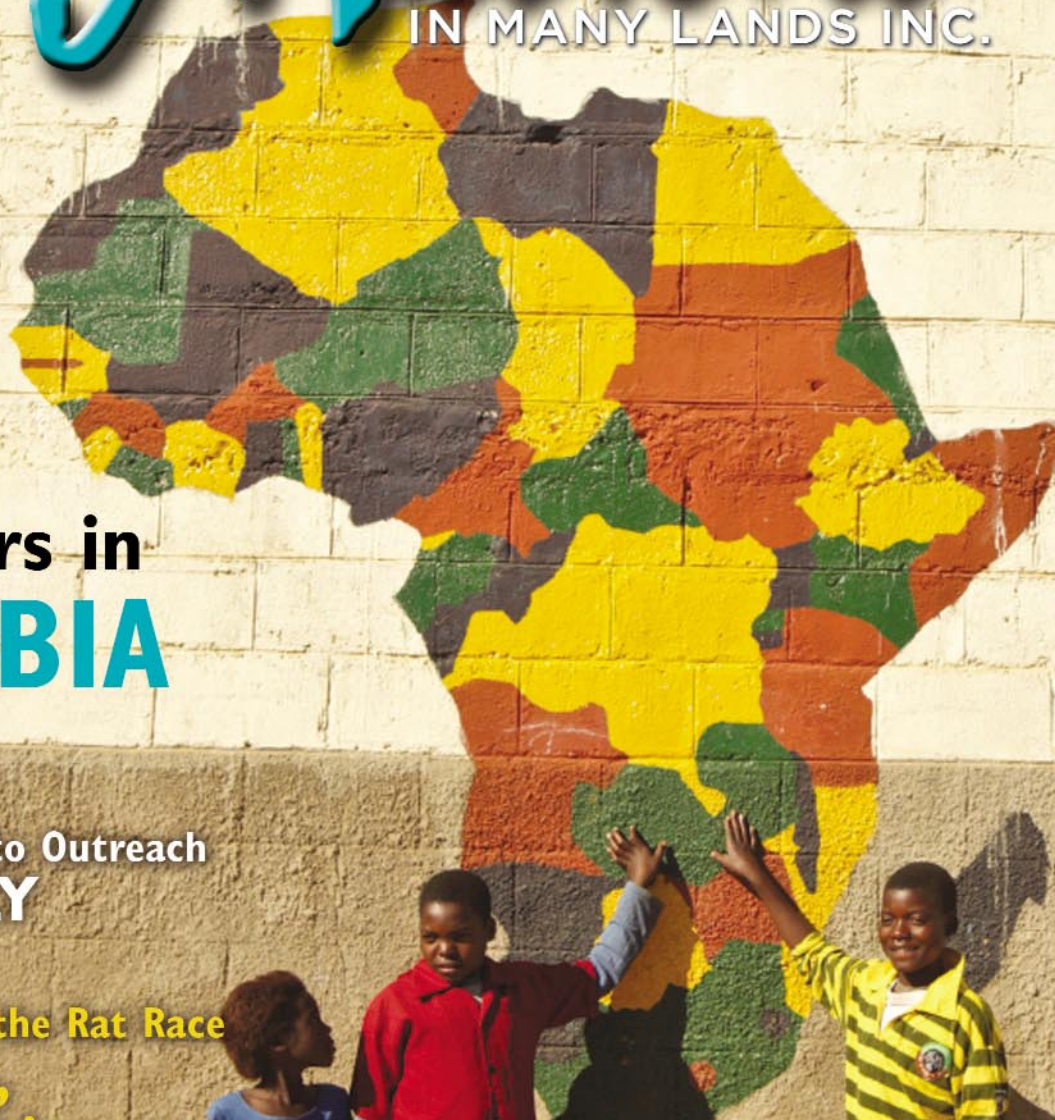
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# Thinking It Through

KEITH R. KEYSER

## *When God says “No” So That Missions Advance*

In the annals of dramatic conversions it ranks high. A man indwelt by a demonic legion—living among the tombs, haunting the highways and frightening the local community so that they bind him in chains like a rabid beast—was suddenly clothed and restored to sanity by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. The incredulous townspeople found the former demoniac sitting as a learner at the Master’s feet. They were terrified of someone who possessed the power to repudiate such darkness and radically change a demented life. Consequently, they asked Christ to leave their neighborhood. They valued the “unclean” herd of swine that they lost more than the prospect of freedom from sin’s domination.

The saved man naturally desired to be with the Lord Jesus. “And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.” (Mark 5:18) Could there be anything more precious than being where the Lord is? It is the natural desire of believers to be with their Lord. Yet Christ, with a greater purpose in view, denied the man’s request. Generations of Christians have prayed “Even so, come Lord Jesus.” In spite of this, it is 2013 and He still has not returned to take us home to glory. Why does He delay His rapture for the Church in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18) and His second coming to earth for Israel (Zechariah 14:3–4)? Surely 2 Peter 3:8–9 gives the answer: the Lord mercifully shows His longsuffering towards mankind, using the delay to bring people to repentance and faith in Himself. Similarly, in the case of the converted Gadarene man, the Lord gave him a sort of proto-great commission: “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.” (Mark 5:19) The Lord left for other regions but did not leave Himself without a witness in that area. Though the people said “no,” He continued to testify to them through this spiritually reborn servant.

Often the Lord says “no” to His servants when they have their heart set on a certain field of labor. In Acts 16 He repeat-

edly closed doors for Paul and Silas until He guided them to Philippi in Macedonia. On the personal front, Paul asked God to remove his “thorn in the flesh,” but the Almighty used it instead to make him dependent on divine grace, thus keeping him from pride. George Müller originally came to England as a missionary to the Jews, only to have God use him in an extraordinary ministry to predominantly Gentile orphans. This change made him an abiding example of what can be done by relying on the Lord by faith alone. In the early 1960s, J. Boyd Nicholson, Sr. was preparing to become a missionary pilot in the Belgian Congo. Armed conflict in that country closed the

door on his plans. A little while after this disappointing turn of events, his home assembly commended

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him to the Lord for a gospel and Bible teaching ministry in North America—one that resulted in many people on this continent coming to Christ, my mother among them! More recently, a friend of mine made plans to serve as a missionary in Africa. Due to a major health event, her intention was set aside by necessity. Now she uses online tools to share her testimony amidst physical difficulties, reaching out with the Gospel to many friends and countless strangers, in addition to encouraging fellow believers.

The Lord is the expert at winning souls and changing lives. He used a relative handful of people to turn the first-century world “upside down.” (Acts 17:6) In His perfect wisdom, God sovereignly guides His servants’ steps in the great work of reaching out with the Good News. His direction in their lives may sometimes perplex or disappoint them, but in the end He wisely orders events to spread His Gospel throughout the world. Today you may be discouraged by an alteration of your plans for service, but rest assured that His way and timing are best. In the end, through His use of the saints, many people from every kindred, tribe, and tongue will be brought to eternal glory through the Lord using every means necessary to advance His kingdom and build His church. ■

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# Trials Turn to Outreach in Nettuno, Italy

by Chris Zito

When the Church begins to move out from their cozy confines in order to preach the Cross of Christ, the enemy starts to move in, trying to convince the believers that they're crazy to leave their comfort zone for the sake of an indifferent world. It is at this point that believers either fall into the devil's snares and retreat or take courage in the promises of God and draw together. A determined, public proclamation of the Cross of Christ has this kind of effect on the Church.

## Trials Prepare the Assembly for Outreach

Here in Nettuno, Italy, the Lord has opened doors for discipleship in the past few years. From appearances it is nothing earth-shattering, though in reality it is—whenever the church resolutely determines to take people's minds and hearts captive for Christ, the foundations of families, towns, cities, and even nations are shaken. This is not to say that we have seen signs and wonders here in Nettuno, or even hundreds of contacts and dozens of conversions. Contacts have been made, and some conversions have come about by the grace of God. What I refer to, rather, is that when the Church begins to mobilize, the once

calm—or stagnant—waters get stirred up and the Spirit “awakens” to battle.

But the enemies of the Cross also take up the sword. This has manifested itself here in a number of ways. As we planned a systematic outreach program for Nettuno (about 40,000 inhabitants) at the end of 2011, and especially in the spring of 2012, the Lord blew in a fresh breath of His Spirit, refreshing our spirits, reminding us of the power of the kingdom of God, and encouraging us to make an even deeper commitment to His work. No sooner had this happened when a number of displaced believers from different ecclesial realities started to fill our meetings. At first we thought it was a blessing from the Lord, but when dissension started to grow because of the differing visions of the church and the work, it seemed that the Lord was testing us, to see what was in our hearts. While dealing with some of these problems, it became clear what God was showing us: two cannot walk together unless they have agreed to do so (Amos 3:3). At that time, as if on cue, a number of old, mollified issues among the long-time believers started to surface as well. It was the Lord ordering us to confront unresolved conflicts among the brethren, in order to prepare us for the work set on our hearts.

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So Antonio (the other elder) and I started to preach and teach holiness of character and integrity of relationships for about two months. At this time (mid-summer 2012) the “fresh wind of the Spirit” seemed to have faded dramatically. I asked the Lord what had happened. Were the elders responsible for this? Was I at fault? Was the church in sin? Had I perhaps misread what had occurred just some months before, mistakenly attributing it to a movement of the Spirit? During this difficult and hazy period, the Lord finally spoke a word to my heart: “The fullness of the Spirit that



your assembly had experienced for a short time is precisely what I desire as the norm for My Church. I gave you a taste of it to encourage you, and to let you know that My power is made perfect in your weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). So accept the trials and the revelation to get your house in order; I have given them to assist in molding you after Christ Himself.”

old-fashioned approach. But as we set up week after week, I observed that eight to 15 people stopped by at the gazebo each time to take literature (free tracts, books, and Bibles) and, sometimes, to be witnessed to. I thought to myself, how often do you get these many opportunities in one day to spread the Gospel? I was fully convinced, as were other brothers in the church. There are now four of us (Antonio, Gianni, Giovanni, and myself) who take turns at the gazebo, with other believers stopping by when they are available.

reach them while at the same time edify those who were already believers. On the suggestion of a brother, I found the answer—study the Gospels! I am presently going through Luke in the Borgo Podgora studies and Matthew in the Alatri one. What a revelation—a study of biblical books which are already the gospel message!



## An Old-fashioned Method Reaches Souls

Since then, we have slowly built up an outreach through the use of a book gazebo in downtown Nettuno and at the outdoor market. Personally, I was skeptical at first, believing a book table to be an

## Evangelistic Bible Studies Teach and Edify

Another ministry that the Lord has opened up are evangelistic Bible studies. I have always had a heart for evangelism, though I am not an evangelist by gift. Some years ago I began to pray earnestly that the Lord would help me do the work of an evangelist (2 Tim 4:5) in a way that fit my personality and gifts. Well, does the Lord ever really refuse such a prayer? Over the past three years I have been approached by believers (sometimes quite out of the blue) who live outside (though relatively near) Nettuno to come to their homes and teach the Scripture to their friends and families. Now I have two studies in Borgo Podgora (Latina) and one in Alatri (Frosinone). I started the studies with some basic evangelistic material, but soon found that I couldn't keep going with that. However, there are a number of unbelievers, so I somehow had to

## Getting Back to the Gospels Renews Strength

Besides being a useful method for the aforementioned Bible studies, studying the Gospels verse-by-verse has had a monumental influence on my life and notion of discipleship. It has reintroduced me to Jesus as my sole Master. It has freed me of my desire to please men, and focused me on pleasing only Jesus (still a work in progress, of course). After having spent most of my reading in the Epistles, getting back to the Gospels was revolutionary. Jesus is the originator of our faith. This is not only in the sense of His propitiatory sacrifice to save us from our sins, but also in that His instructions are the foundations of the Church and our lives. Of course this is not new, but the way of the Cross has affected me like never before.

## A New Spirit Inspires Young People

This new spirit has influenced another ministry we are involved in. Through the efforts of a group of young people from around Italy, we have seen the beginnings of a genuine movement among the youth. It is a movement that has been transformed from being typically entertainment-centered to genuinely Cross-centered. Who would have thought that youth from all denominations would start to gather together not because of the music or flashy preach-



Left: Book gazebo. Above: Bible group in Borgo Podgora.

“...the ‘old-time’ Gospel resounds once again in Italy!”





From left: American Cemetery in Nettuno; I.B.E.I. Bible school class; Fellowship meal.

ers, but because of the message of the cross! I have a preaching/teaching ministry in the movement and have seen it transformed before my eyes. I have seen people from various backgrounds—Brethren, Baptists, Pentecostals, Apostolics, and charismatics—gather together because they are tired of the “surface Christianity” in their churches and are in search of the real Christ, the Christ glorified through the Cross. Brothers and sisters, the “old-time” Gospel resounds once again in Italy! I can’t express enough how overjoyed I

am by seeing people in their 20s and 30s in search of a life of true self-renunciation (i.e. discipleship), and hungry to be instructed. We are only at the beginning. Please pray for this ministry. Pray also for the possibility of a building which we can use as a teaching/evangelistic/conference center. A number of us have this project on our hearts.

### Prayer for More to Hear

There are not many who preach the Cross of Christ in its fullness anymore,

but the Lord has given us a determination not to be deterred from the truth. Implore the good and gracious God that the true Gospel—not that of prosperity but of power in weakness—might be heard by more and more in Italy. ■



*Chris and Virginie Zito, with their children Nathanael and Melissa, serve the Lord in Nettuno, Italy. They were commended in 2004 by Rutherford Bible Chapel in Rutherford, New Jersey.*

## MAY WE INTRODUCE

Elijah Rust • Missionary to Italy



I was blessed to grow up in a large, God-fearing family. Having a dad who read Bible stories to us on a regular basis had major significance in teaching me what it means to be a Christian. Through many years of attending and serving at a Christian camp, God taught me about who He is and my role as a follower of Christ. One of the calls given to us as believers is to take the Good News to all nations (Matthew 28:19). In 2009, I was given an opportunity to be a camp counselor in Europe for four weeks. This fed my desire to go to other nations and teach the Good News. Over the next three years, I

had the privilege of participating in weeklong ESL (English as a Second Language) classes in Monte Porzio Catone, Italy, through my home church Littleton Bible Chapel, Littleton, Colorado. Through these ESL classes the Gospel was spread throughout Monte Porzio, while at the same time my flame continued to be fueled to teach and reach out to those who are lost. This year presents a unique opportunity for me to continue in the work that has been started in Italy and that I have grown to love. ■

# 40 years in Zambia and Counting

by Don & Elva Brooks

Last year marked 40 years since a young nurse left New Zealand with the initial idea of serving one to two years in the hospital at Chitokoloki Mission. Step by step the Lord led Elva Pirie to a longer term of service there in Zambia. The following year a young man from Canada, Don Brooks, also came to Zambia to fill in for a missionary on furlough (Paul Grieve, Northern Ireland). This began what in March 2013 was 40 years of teaching Bible Knowledge (now called Christian Religious Education) as a volunteer in a government secondary school in Kabompo.

## our family

Married in 1975, we raised three children, Richard, Sarah, and Rachel, in Zambia. Our children, who all went through Sakeji School, married fine Christian spouses and are going on for the Lord in far-spread areas of the United States and Canada. We recently completed a visit with them and Don's dad, who turned 99 years old last October. While there we welcomed our 15th grandchild.



## Don's Bible teaching ministry

Don went out to Kabompo to teach Bible Knowledge as a volunteer in the government high school. This is a regular subject and pupils undergo both internal and external examinations. It is a wonderful opportunity to teach the Gospel and many have come to faith in



Christ through the regular teaching and weekly Bible studies. The syllabus is Bible-based and evangelical, covering the life of Christ from Luke's Gospel and the early church from Acts 1–16. It also includes a section on proper Christian attitudes towards work, money, sex, marriage, and so on. The course aims to give pupils a good understanding of the truth of Scripture with application to daily living and understanding the difference between Christianity and other religions.

## Elva's two roles— nurse and teacher

Although Elva is a nurse and uses her nursing skills constantly throughout the week, she has in recent years joined Don teaching in the school. She focuses mainly on grades 10 and 11.

## aid for children

We take care of a number of children, some of whom are albinos. Sometimes this involves counseling, helping with their school needs, or supplying various spe-





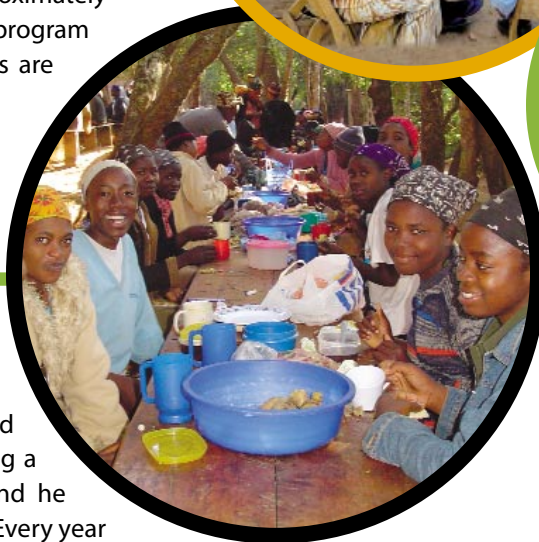
cific items needed by the albinos. Others are provided with accommodation during the school term and approximately eight are fed each lunchtime. There is also a reading program to give help to those who struggle and the results are encouraging.

## camps and Bible studies

In recent years the standard of education has fallen and teaching can involve a lot of frustration. But it is worth it for the joy of being able to contact so many young people, to see some attend camps, and some come to know the Lord. We appreciate having a very dedicated Zambian Christian on the staff, and he helps with various Christian activities at the school. Every year we help run six camps, two for girls and three for boys, plus a college camp for those who finished school. We also have a home Bible study for school dropouts and other English-speaking people in the area. As a result of these contacts, many have come to faith in Christ and it is very encouraging to see young folks who have trusted the Lord follow in obedience. This past October there was a baptism which included 10 young ladies from the secondary school. We meet our students all over the country and are always thrilled when we see them "walking in truth."

## celebrating 30 years at camp

This past year we had a day of celebration to mark 30 years since we began holding camps at our present campsite ("Samafunda" or "KRBC"). A highlight was having Paul Grieve back to speak. Paul, Don, Paul Poidevin and other brethren, were at that first camp 30 years ago. Over the years the site has been built up and now has 20 cement block cabins, a meeting place, a counselors' house, kitchen, and so on. We now work with a group of Zambian trustees and various committees to organize and run these camps and conferences. The Lord alone knows the number that have been saved and encouraged through the various efforts at this place, and many gave testimony and thanks to the Lord for all that He has done. ■



**Postscript:** Ernest, the oldest of the family of albinos who has caused us much concern over past years, is in 10th grade at Kabompo High School. After he failed to turn up for the camp transport for the intermediate camp held several weeks ago, we sent out searchers to find him and Elva brought him to camp on the second day. He apparently carried about 50 balls of marijuana with him and, as he explained later, he found himself in a tug-of-war between the pleasures of sin and the call of God to repentance and faith in Christ. Thank the Lord with us that the Holy Spirit had the victory and just recently, during these school holidays, a neighbor told us that he has "really changed," no longer moving with "those bad groups" and now helps his mother, with whom he formally was always at loggerheads. Please continue to pray for his two brothers.



*Don and Elva Brooks are commended to the Lord's work in Zambia by various assemblies in Canada and New Zealand.*

**Page 6—Top (L-R):** Elva in her early years at Chitokoloki; Don visiting Chitokoloki—approximately 1974. **Left (from top):** The Brooks' son Richard with his family; The Brooks' youngest daughter Rachel with her family; The Brooks' daughter Sarah with her family; Ernest and Abraham, studying behind our home. **Bottom right:** Some of the albino children.

**Page 7—Clockwise from top:** College camp with cabins in background; Camp attendees with memory work prizes; Camp lunchtime.

# Redeeming the Rat Race

EMMAUS BIBLE SCHOOL, BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA



by Bill and Angela Loudon



In any given semester there are approximately 100 students enrolled at Emmaus Bible School in Bogotá, Colombia. Our vision is to see the Church strengthened in our city as men and women come to know the Father through the Son He sent, which is eternal life (John 17:3), and to equip students for the work of service, the building up of the body of Christ (Eph. 4:12).

The school functions on a continuing education model. The classes meet once a week on Thursday nights or Saturday mornings. We think of these studies as being one aspect of a balanced Christian life that seeks to wisely integrate personal spiritual life, family life, secular work or university studies, and Christian service in the local church.

The Biblical Foundations program is designed for all Christians to develop a deeper love for Christ and a solid grounding in His Word. This three-year program focuses on Bible Survey, Bible Doctrines and Bible Interpretation.

We expect to launch the new Training for Bible Teachers program in the fall of 2013. This program is designed to help those with the gift of teaching develop their gift whether for Sunday school, youth, women's ministry, small groups or preaching. The three-year program will focus on Christian education and prepare them to teach the various genres of Scripture.

The following are two students' testimonies of how studying God's Word has impacted their lives.



## John

My alarm clock goes off at 4 a.m. and it's time to get going. I need to hit the road by 5 a.m. to start my morning school-van route. I'm 30 years old and I have a wife and two sons, ages seven and 12. To make ends meet I have to maintain driving contracts with two different private schools for morning and afternoon routes. I earn about the same as I used to driving a taxi, but with fewer hours behind the wheel. This gives me more time for my university studies where I'm about halfway through an industrial engineering degree. All of this keeps me pretty busy but it's also important to me to make time for my weekly Bible school class on Thursday nights. It is three hours of class time and about 10 hours of homework each week, but I'm determined to complete the Biblical Foundations program.

Since beginning my studies at the Bible School in 2009, the courses have been a great blessing in my life. I not only have acquired intellectual knowledge about the Bible and all of its themes, but they also have helped to strengthen me spiritually through difficult times. All the classes I've taken help me share the Gospel. Biblical Interpretation taught me to interpret

the Bible correctly, and in Bible Doctrines I came to know God's teachings better. These have helped me explain God's Word more clearly so that others can come to know Jesus Christ.

Studying in the Bible school has required a great effort on my part. The courses I've taken have required me to spend 10 to 12 hours each week doing homework. Trying to juggle this with my work, the university, ministry in my local church, and my duties as husband and father is not easy. But I do it because I'm convinced that studying God's Word, and all it involves, is necessary and foundational for my life.

The Lord said, "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (John 17:3) The only way to truly know God is through His Word. If we don't study it, we will not know God the way He wants us to know Him. That's why I think it's vitally important for the Church to study God's Word and all the teachings it contains. In a world where so many human ideas are taught that bring confusion and separate people from God's truth, it is important to prepare ourselves to go and take God's truth to everyone. The Bible school offers a genuine study of the Bible, its origins and teachings, and how to interpret it correctly.





## Consuelo

In the morning, I don't get to sleep-in either, even though I'm a stay-at-home mom. My schedule allows me to have a good deal of time for ministry at the church where my husband is one of the founding elders.

My studies at the Bible School have been very important in preparing me to serve Christ in many ways. Last semester I completed the Biblical Foundations program and I'm very happy with the class called Bible Study Methods I'm currently taking on Saturday mornings. Now that Christian Ramirez has returned to Bogotá from his seminary studies at Dallas Theological Seminary, I'm excited about the upcoming new program he will head up which will help me develop my teaching gift. I'm also very proud of my daughter Sandra who is currently about halfway through the [Biblical Foundations] program in addition to her university studies.

On a personal level, studying in the Bible school has led me

to know God better and to have a closer relationship with Him. I enjoy studying His Word much more and my devotional life is much deeper and more edifying. I have learned to redeem my time better and above all to invest it in what is most important: to search the Scriptures each day. As far as ministry goes, it has allowed me to teach the women of our congregation with greater clarity and conviction. I have been able to share the great truths I have learned with my worship ministry coworkers. Also, when speaking to unbelievers about controversial issues in the Bible, I've been able to clarify certain topics for them.

Studying at the Bible school has meant that I don't have much time anymore to do some things I used to enjoy, like sewing, reading, and watching TV. Denying myself is not easy, but I believe that I'm investing my time better this way. Investing my time studying God's Word is far better because the benefits are spiritual, not just for me but for my family and the other women in the church.

## Encouragement for and by the Students

As the primary teacher of the Bible Foundations program at the Bible school, and on behalf of Gilberto Vanegas and Christian Ramirez, my fellow members of the school's organizing committee, and on behalf of the other teachers, I would like to acknowledge all the students who have completed, or who currently study in, the Foundations program and the other courses we offer. They all work hard and develop a good deal of spiritual discipline. It is humbling for us to see their personal sacrifice and dedication to becoming better instruments for the Lord because of their love for Christ. It is truly rewarding for us to see their growth and see the Lord use them in so many ways, inside and outside their local churches.

Thanks to John Vargas and Consuelo Salgado who kindly consented to be interviewed for this article.

May the Lord bless His people in Bogotá, Colombia, through this school to His own glory. ■



*Bill and Angela Loudon were commended in 2008 by Westminster Bible Chapel, Westminster, California.*



**Opposite page (from top):** Students studying; Christian Ramirez teaching the Saturday morning class; Thursday p.m. class. **Above (clockwise from top):** Saturday morning class (Bill teaching); Local assembly meeting place used for classes; Thursday p.m. class.



# One Year Later

## An Update from Chitokoloki



by **Gordon Hanna**

For many of us there are moments in life, incidents that occur which were unplanned and unexpected, that leave long-lasting impressions for many years. One such occasion for those of us who were at Chitokoloki occurred on June 2, 2012, when late in the afternoon we received the first of numerous phone calls telling us that the Chitokoloki Mission plane had crashed into the Zambezi River. The location was approximately 40 kilometers north of the mission station.

The events that unfolded from the minute we got the first phone call have impacted us immensely and caused us to dig deep into our faith in God, who knows the end from the beginning. We know that nothing happens without His knowledge or consent. If we believe in God's sovereignty, as we claim to, we must accept and believe that Jay and Katrina Erickson, our fellow missionaries, did not die in the plane crash in the way they would have chosen or wanted to, but they did die the way God intended them to. It is not how

long we live that counts, but what we do with the time that God has given us here on earth. Jay and Katrina chose to use their time to serve the Lord. Now, in a moment of time, they are with Him enjoying what many of us are still waiting to experience: the wonders of heaven and seeing the Lord, being able to thank Him for His offering of Himself on the Cross for us.

Those next few days were the hardest that we have ever had to deal with, especially the phone call to Jay's parents at dusk a couple hours after the crash. Standing there on the banks of the Zambezi River right near where the plane was submerged in the river, we looked out although no visual sight could be seen of it. The following day it took several hours of searching before we could actually locate the plane. The funeral service two days later was attended by thousands and the Ericksons were buried alongside other missionaries who have served at Chitokoloki.

It was only with the Lord's help, and the prayers of believers all around the world, that enabled us to make it through. We were humbled and amazed at the thousands that have communicated with us and were touched by this incident that occurred here in a remote location in Zambia. Hard as it was for

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View from the plane (left).  
New plane (right and top).  
Erickson memorial (page 11).





us here, and also for Jay and Katrina’s family in the US, we are thankful that God has used this incident for souls to be saved.

The world would call it a “tragedy,” but we know that no such word can be used when God allows it for His name to be

**“It is not how long we live that counts, but what we do with the time that God has given us here on earth.”**

honored. A year after the plane crash, we erected a billboard at the hospital with their picture and the quotation from Proverbs

10:7, “The memory of the righteous is a blessing.” (A picture of it can be viewed at Chitokoloki.com).

Earlier this year we were made aware of a very suitable replacement plane that was being used in mission service with AIM (Africa Inland Mission) in Kenya. Don Amborski (*Missionary Prayer Handbook*, Day 4) and I flew to Kenya in March and in three days we were able to inspect the plane, finalize the purchase details, complete all the necessary permits and paperwork, and then fly it back from Nairobi, Kenya, to Zambia. The plane is extremely well outfitted and has all the components that we prayed for.

On the very first trip to Chitokoloki, just a few minutes after landing at the mission, we received an urgent call that one of the visitors who was at Dipalata had a steel beam fall on his head and needed medical attention. The plane was able to be there in less than 20 minutes and bring the patient to the hospital. We were thankful for it being here just when it was needed.

Since its arrival, the new plane has flown more than 90 hours. It is our prayer that it would be a blessing to many and used for the furtherance of the Lord’s work. ■



*Gordon and Ruth Hanna were commended in 1986 by the assembly in West Hill, Toronto, Canada.*

**Editor’s Note: Update on the Erickson Girls**

Allan Wilks, CMML Vice President, and his wife Fiona recently had the privilege of visiting the Erickson children, Coral and Marina, now ages two and four, who live with their aunt, uncle, and three cousins in the United States. They were delighted to find the girls happy, well-adjusted, and well-loved. Coral and Marina are perfectly blended in with their new family and receive frequent visits from their grandparents, on both sides, and other family members. We continue to uphold these girls in prayer as they adjust in this new situation and pray that they will grow up to be godly women of God, eager to serve Him.



**Coral**



**Marina**



## *Romans 12*

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God; which is your reasonable service.

<sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office. <sup>5</sup> So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

<sup>10</sup> Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; <sup>13</sup> Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

