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Dear Pastor and praying friends:

Happy New Year! This is the year we will be back in the United States for our furlough. We look forward to seeing many of you as we travel across the States, updating our current supporters and meeting some new churches along the way. For some of our supporting churches, it has been as much as 10 years since we were last with you all. We are most especially looking forward to spending time with Family and Friends. All in all, we thank God for the previous four years here in Zambia and what God has allowed us to do in His Service.

We have had a wonderful last few months at Sunrise Baptist. We were able to build a local wooden shelter for the Children's Ministry, as it was desperately needed, seeing that the rainy season had started. Attendance among adults has increased. As I mentioned in previous letters, we were averaging about 5-8 adults; attendance has risen to 12-18 per week. We even have several married couples attending together, which is a huge blessing, as couples often attend separate churches.

Our Christmas Service was a blessing, as we had the Children's Ministry sing the song they had been practicing for the last two months, "Joy to the World." I preached a message that Jesus' coming to earth was not by chance but was something God had promised in prophecy hundreds, and even thousands, of years before. We popped 13 gallons of Popcorn and had a big Popcorn Party after church.

One thing that has drastically changed here in Zambia is that over the last year, the US Dollar has lost 10 kwachas to the dollar, with most of the value drop coming in the previous month. A year ago, one US dollar would get you 29 Kwacha. As of today, it only gets you 19 Kwacha and is still dropping. Our rent has gone up by \$200 a month, a gallon of Milk has increased by \$2.60, Diesel has gone up by \$0.30 a gallon, and the price of a gallon is currently \$1.80 above the US average. The cost of things is going up right as we are going to start maintaining expenses in Zambia and the USA.

We have received several donations for a ministry vehicle in Zambia, and we hope to purchase it sometime in February, so long as the dollar doesn't continue to devalue here. For our furlough vehicle, Lorin is still praying for a Motorhome or Travel Trailer. In the meantime, we are considering the following types of vehicles in the Eastern Tennessee Region: Chevy Suburban, Toyota Sequoia, GMC Savana/Chevy Express, and Ford E-350. If you are aware of anything similar, please let us know so we can investigate it.

In Christ's Service, The Norris Family.

I Thessalonians 5:25 "Brethren, pray for us."

Prayer Requests:

- For our ability to learn quickly as we are studying Chichewa.
- For us to be a blessing to those with whom we are working in Zambia.
- The work of planting a new church.
- For the People of Zambia, that God would work even now in the hearts and lives of the people to prepare them for the Gospel.
- For God to provide for our every need.
- For our continued good health.
- That our Spiritual lives will remain close to God, for us to grow each day closer to him, and not stray from His will or be caught up in the snares of the Devil.
- For our raised support that it will continue, and that God will bless our supporting churches.
- For the funds to purchase a ministry vehicle that can be used for the continued work in Katete.

Our Furlough Schedule is almost complete. Given the way things are lined up on the Calendar, we will not be in the Northwest during this furlough, except to visit Family. Lord willing, next furlough, we will be able to come and update in person. In the meantime, we can send you our updated Ministry video and some updated prayer cards upon request. We still have a few dates available in CA, the Southeast, and the Midwest. During furlough, we will be in California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Delaware, Washington. D.C, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and Louisiana. If you are in one of these States or

an adjacent State and would like to meet for Coffee or a meal, check our schedule on our website at [www.norrisfamilyministry.org](http://www.norrisfamilyministry.org), then contact me. Let's get together.

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