

THE SAUDERS

Lifting up Jesus in Zambia, Africa

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Dear Praying Friends,

We praise the Lord that our daughter Avery recently trusted Jesus Christ as her Savior. After a local VBS, she came home and told Danielle she would like to be saved. We sat down with her, and it was very obvious she understood the gospel and that God was working in her heart. It was a wonderful thing to listen to her call out to God in faith asking Him to save her. Please pray for her as she continues living for Jesus. She told us after praying that she wanted to invite other kids to the VBS; so she asked several neighbor kids around to come, and she had three visitors each night the rest of the week.

Our time in the States on this furlough is flying by quickly, and we are looking forward to returning to Zambia. We recently purchased the tickets for our return, and we should be flying out on September 6. We have travelled much the last few months and have been able to visit a number of our supporting churches. It is always a blessing to see brothers and sisters in Christ who have been faithfully holding the ropes for us. We have been encouraged at how many people have told us they have been praying for us and have asked about specific things we have mentioned in our letters. It means a lot to us.



Elijah's Graduation

One of the things that was needful for us to do on this furlough was to visit the doctor. It is difficult in Zambia to really have proper tests done and to receive an accurate diagnosis when something is not quite right. Danielle has been able to recently get some of these tests done and found out that she has another autoimmune disease called pernicious anemia. Pernicious anemia affects the body's ability to absorb B12. She is in the process of having injections done, and we are checking now to make sure they are available in Zambia.

While here in the States, we have had the opportunity to attend a missionary debriefing and also a training week organized by our mission board. It was our first time to attend a debriefing, and we found it very helpful. There are many things that happen in Zambia that can not all be shared in detail through letters, videos, or short in-person reports. The debriefing allowed us to share our experience of pain and loss while also acknowledging the blessings of the ministry, and more importantly, who we are becoming in Christ.

Things in Zambia are going well. We are receiving encouraging reports of souls being saved and baptized. Everything seems to be going well in our absence which is a blessing. We also recently received the approvals for the building plans for the new school building we had been waiting on. This was a big answer to prayer. Hopefully we can get started on the project shortly after landing in September. We are now preparing for our church conference at the end of September in Kanyama. Please pray that it will be a profitable time of spiritual growth for the people.

Finally, do remember Zambia in prayer as the country heads into nationwide elections in August. We are hopeful that things will go well and that peace will prevail as the country continues moving in a good direction.

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