



"ZAMBIA! THE REAL AFRICA"

THE CHILANDO FAMILY

Greetings to you all from Lusaka. Thank you so much for your prayers and words of encouragement. Praise God that the Chilando crew is holding strong through all this pandemonium and disease. Zambia has slowly seen a spike in cases but for some reason almost everyone recovers regardless of age. So contrary to what you're hearing; it's safer down here.

Zambia did not go into an official lock down, but had a shut down. Borders, businesses and social gatherings were restricted for two weeks. However people could move about freely, markets and malls remained open. The people of Zambia are resilient and have lived with epidemics for decades. So what happens is ; as long as they don't know of a friend who has died from a disease they feel that disease is not serious. Which leads to a carefree attitude. This becomes dangerous when you the preacher has to interact with the people.

We did our best to maintain constant contact with our members during this time. Most managed to maintain their employment though without pay, praise the Lord. So with no offerings coming in and support down 30% we trusted the Lord and decided to give meals and food to our church family out of what we had. I saw a different side of our people. Women and children who had been hungry for days, who didn't know what to say, so they just fell to the ground and sobbed. Others told me stories about themselves that I would have never known.

At the end of the month something unusual happened. Support was still down about 30%, then I got a letter from our mission director. A church had sent us a significant love offering. I think I had a mini heart attack. I mean I was shaking and I didn't know what to do or say. I think I scared Jen. I still don't know what to say. I didn't ask for help or tell anyone what we were doing, but God provided anyway. Isn't that amazing? PRAISE THE LORD!

The Zambian government has through this virus outbreak been revamping its immigration system. We are all required to reapply and pay for our residence permits even though they're still valid. Just part of bureaucracy of the mission field.

We are back to our normal meetings though the children are not yet gathering. We're faced with a unique situation when it comes to children ministry. A lot of them come from lower income homes and produces its own set of challenges during a health crisis. They need a \$2 face mask in order to attend. Please be in prayer with us as we decide on how to move forward in this area.

We thank you so much for your understanding concerning our delayed report as there was not much to report. Thank you for your faithful giving to your missions ministry in your church. We're praying with you.



By God's Grace

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