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Sunset over the Zambezi River at Victoria Falls

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The new normal to enter any shop in Zambia

Greeting from Ndola and the new normal of wearing a mask to shop. Like many of you, Zambia has also been hit the the COVID19 crises. In mid March the government started restricting crowds from meeting. Churches could meet as long as there were no more than 50 and for only one hour. We adhered to this the last two Sundays in March by telling the children that come without their parents to stay home until the pandemic is over. As more cases were discovered and with some advise from three medical professionals in our church we suspended church services in April and started meeting through Zoom or FB live. Like many of you I am new to this and it took two weeks to get the kinks worked out. FB live seems to work better for us. The problem is most of our members do not have access to the internet so I also do a podcast as well. The government has started easing up on some restrictions so we are praying we can begin meeting sometime in May.



Discipleship Certificates

In spite of the restrictions the work is moving forward. We had one saved on visitation early in March before we suspended visitation. Four of the men I have been discipling finished the course and I was able to give them their certificate (one man is not in the picture because he was working). John Nkaka was also sent out of our church in March as a church planter. He has been involved in planting a church on the other side of Ndola. I also gave him his certificate for completing our Bible Institute course.



John Nkaka being sent out as a church planter.

In only four months we will be in the states on furlough. I need to fill my calendar. I have several open dates in October 2020 through March 2021. We will be in the midwest (mainly in IN, OH, and MI) in the fall of 2020 through January, 2021. In February we will be in Florida and Georgia, then back in the Midwest in March. Anywhere east of the Mississippi will be ok. If you want to schedule us to report to your church, contact me via riggs4zambia@gmail.com or on FB messenger.

Thank you for enabling us to serve Christ in Zambia.

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