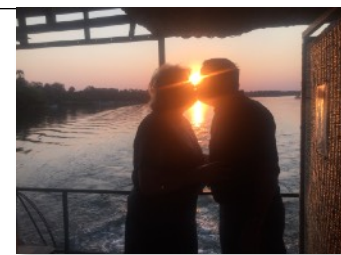


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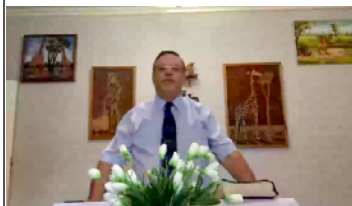
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Sunset over the Zambezi River at Victoria Falls



Preaching from our kitchen in April



Meeting at our church building in May with the new normal



Monthly mens meeting that we started in June.

These are trying times for churches around the globe. After suspending our in person church services in April, during which I preached from our kitchen via Zoom or FB live, we began meeting in person in May. We had to apply through the Zambian Ministry of Health to begin meeting in person. After they came and inspected our building we were granted a certificate to meet as long as we adhered to their requirements. No one under 12 could attend. No more than 50 people and no more than one hour for any service. Everyone has to wear a face mask and seating has to be more than one meter apart. The building had to be sanitized and hand washing provided at all entry points. Probably much of the same things you are having to do to reopen your churches. Even with all of the restrictions it was great to be back assembling with our church family in May. Our attendance has not yet rebounded to where it was and we are missing the children's ministry as well. I keep telling our church I will be glad when we can return to the normal normal and leave behind the new normal.

The latest statistics in Zambia are 1,594 positive cases of COVID19 with 24 deaths. With a population of 18 million in Zambia that is a very low number of COVID10 positive cases. We are praying that God will continue protected Zambia from this pandemic. Even though wearing a face mask in public is required, I am seeing very few people wear them. The word on the street is "where is this COVID19."

Our furlough starts in September and 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](mailto:riggs4zambia@gmail.com) or on FB messenger.

Thank you for enabling us to serve Christ in Zambia.

Your Missionaries,  
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