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Dear Family, Friends & Partners,

Greetings to you all! It has been a very full couple of months here in Zimbabwe. God is doing some incredible things and we are honored to be able to play a small role in His plan.

Ministry Growth



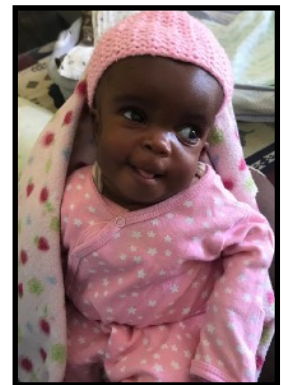
For a long time now, we have felt the need for additional administrative help with the ministry. As we shared in January, God is opening more doors and opportunities for us to reach our community, however, with homeschooling the 5 world changers we have, the growing church responsibilities, along with David's business, we were feeling we had maxed out our capacity. After seeking the Lord and counsel from our board, we have been so blessed to have David's sister, Karen McWade, join the ministry team as of the beginning of January. We are so grateful to have her on board and would not have made it through the past couple of months without her help. She is pictured here with Anaya on her birthday.

Nakiso Update –

In our last couple of newsletters we shared about the sweet baby girl who came to stay with us in December as a foster baby, after being abandoned in the government hospital maternity wing that we have been renovating. She spent three weeks in the hospital in January and was re-admitted to the hospital on February 17th due to fluid build-up on her brain, which necessitated a surgery to install a shunt allowing the fluid to drain from the brain into her stomach. It was a stressful time for all of us as we waited an entire week to be approved for the neurosurgeons to operate on little Nakiso. Each day, while baby Nakiso's head circumference continued to swell, the hospital had us running around to facilitate everything from purchasing the actual shunt from a medical supplier to be used in the operation, to organizing consent forms and paperwork for the nurses. After a long, excruciating week of waiting, on Feb 24th Nakiso went in for her shunt surgery. Another week later, she was discharged and came home to our house March 1st. At that point, due to weeks of feeding tubes and a complete



loss of the use of her mouth from the pressure on her brain prior to surgery, she had lost all ability to suck a bottle. She had a long month of tedious work trying to re-learn how to suck a bottle, supplemented by cup feedings. In order to make up for all the lost feedings in the hospital due to fasting for pending surgery on multiple days, Nakiso was on a tight every hour feeding schedule, and for the first 2 weeks out of the hospital, each feed took about an hour. Additionally, she had an average of 4 doctors appointments per week. On more than one occasion during these follow up visits, medical staff have commented that they did not believe Nakiso would have survived without all of the support and help we were able to give thanks to your prayers and generosity. She is now well on the road to recovery. Her reflexes are returning, she has started physical therapy to make up for lost time, she is sucking a bottle for the majority of her feeds, she's putting on weight and starting to talk a little bit. We praise God for His miracle working hand in her life, and we know He has an amazing plan for her future! Thank you for your prayers for little Nakiso.



Moses Basket –



In addition to our sweet foster baby girl, the maternity ward has two more abandoned newborns they are looking for places for – a sweet little girl who was birthed in the hospital by her mom who was pregnant due to abuse, but has signed the baby over for adoption, and a brand new baby boy who was found abandoned and brought to the hospital. Both babies are in need of homes, and we are striving to get our Moses Basket paperwork approved through social welfare so that we can take on additional carers and facilitate taking in these other babies while they wait for their forever families.

Please pray with us for favor with social welfare quickly, as well as the Lord's leading to bring us the right caring team and the right location to place these new Moses Basket little ones. In the meantime, Moses Basket continues to help abandoned newborns by supplying Nan 1 Formula on a regular basis to the maternity ward at the hospital.



Heart Dynamics –



In February, Renewal Fellowship hosted a long awaited Heart Dynamics Seminar over the course of three days. This is a course we have run on a yearly basis for 22 years that deals with a variety of issues of the heart, including unforgiveness, bitterness, offense, shame, iniquities and inner healing.

We had about 30 attendees that went through 10 hours of teaching sessions by David, and then the teachings were interspersed with small group sessions facilitated by our dedicated group leaders. It's always a labour intensive weekend, but so rewarding to watch chains of bondage be broken off of people's lives, and their countenances filled with hope at the end of the three days. Praise the Lord for all He did in healing broken hearts that weekend!



FFI Training –

Renewal Ministries has had a long history of partnership with Family Foundations International, with David and Maxine serving for many years on their International board. We were very blessed to reconnect with FFI and attend a 5 day workshop going through Ancient Paths 1 and 2. If you have not been on an FFI course we highly recommend you do so. The teaching and insight shared by Craig Hill is life changing!!! We are praying we can continue to promote FFI and asking the Lord how we can serve with them in the future.

Renewal Fellowship –

The church continues to grow, and the Sunday School ministries have spent the last couple months training new volunteers to help oversee our ever-expanding younger congregation of children.



Additionally, in February the church hosted a Saturday marriage conference put on by Mark & Pat Rosa that was well attended by seeking couples, followed by a March special Men's breakfast with special speaker Wayne Nel from Bulawayo. The men thoroughly enjoyed his teaching. We are currently in a season of learning for a lot of new couples and families so we hope to do more of these focused topic teaching times in the near future.

Pari Project –

The exciting work continues at Mbuya Nehanda Maternity Hospital. We are currently in the final stages of negotiations with the hospital to renovate their Kangaroo Unit. Under the guidance of their Neonatologist, who God connected us with supernaturally, we have the chance to transform this unit into a world class Kangaroo Unit where instead of premature and at risk children being taken from their mothers and placed in intensive care, mothers will be present 24/7 with their little ones through the course of care.

This is going to be a large project and all told the investment estimate is roughly \$100 000! Please pray with us for His provision for this and that the outcome would be many little lives saved and released into their destiny when the enemy wanted to take them out!



In addition, this month, we were able to erect a shaded area for those awaiting admission into the hospital. Previously these folks had to just sit on the grass and when the sun would get too hot, many often would move into the covered ambulance bay area creating congestion there. Much thanks to a local business - Shades Ahead - who donated this structure!



Homeschool Club –

On Saturday March 25th, Homeschool Club hosted the 2nd Zimbabwe Homeschool Track & Field Athletics Day. We had over 100 kids between the ages of 3 to 17 join us to compete in a full program of races and events. Gateway Junior School was very generous to allow us the use of their field and equipment. At the end of the program, over 550 award certificates were presented to the competitors, and as Chairman of the Homeschool Club Committee, David got the privilege of hand signing every single one of them!! ☺ It was a very special day to watch so many kids get the opportunity to compete. A particularly emotional moment was getting to witness the spectators all cheer on one little girl who is severely physically handicapped but

chose to run the 400m anyway. She was at least half a lap behind everyone else as they crossed the finish line, but everyone rose to their feet to cheer just for her as she labored with all her might the rest of the way around the track. Many of us had tears streaming down our faces, as we witnessed this “first” for this little girl. It was a personal victory day for many families, and a poignant reminder that the Creator calls for each of us to press beyond our perceived limitations. He is able to do much more than we can think or imagine.



Family –

Also in February we were thrilled to get the opportunity to host Amy’s brother and his family from Atlanta, Georgia, who visited Zimbabwe for the very first time! It was a wonderful whirlwind of a twelve days, but we squeezed in as many Zim highlights as we could, along with trips to the maternity ward hospital and some church ministry as well. We loved having them come see all they’ve heard about here in Zimbabwe, and we hope they’ll be back again one day soon!



As we continue to seek the Lord’s direction for all the projects and ministries here in Zimbabwe, we are so grateful to you all for your prayers and support. You are a valuable part of what God is doing to build His Kingdom! May God bless you and your families.

In His service,

David & Amy

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