



# Roberts Ministry Update

## May 2012

Hello again from Zambia. A lot has happened since our last update and some neat things are happening in the near future. So, we wanted to update you and ask you to continue to pray for us.

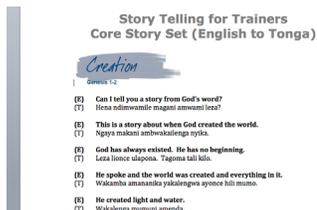
### A SUCCESSFUL OUTREACH



Saturday, March 31st, we held our first Jesus Film outreach on a neighboring farm. There is a church meeting at a school on the farm which helped us coordinate the event. Aside from power issues (which fried our projector), the night was a success. There were over 350 people (men, women & children) who were able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. Also, as part of this event, Luke and I held a 1 day training for the leaders of the church on the Basics of the Gospel and Our Identity as Christians.

### TRANSLATIONS CONTINUE

One of the most difficult challenges we face is illiteracy. Upwards of 70% of the Tonga speaking Zambians in Chikankata cannot read and write in English or Tonga. This makes it difficult for our friends here to learn and know what God says in His word. One way around this challenge is through Story Telling. Story Telling is the method that most



Africans have used and continue to use to educate their people of the past. So, why not use stories from the Bible to educate them about our

spiritual past and future? As of now, we have translated 7 of the 21 chronological stories we will be using to teach our friends here about creation, the fall of man, God's promise to redeem man through a Savior, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, etc.

### OUR FIRST VISITORS

We are very excited to have two different guests arriving in the middle of this month. The first, The Community Church of Honiton is a church based in the UK. They are part of a larger group of churches known as New Frontiers. They have relationships with over 30 new church plants in Zambia and are coming for a few days to dream together of what a partnership would look like in this area of Zambia.



The second visitor, Brian Oldrieve, is the founder of Foundations for Farming (previously Farming God's Way). He will be staying with us for a few days. During his time here, we have arranged for a workshop



with the commercial farming community of Chikankata as well as a visit with Chieftainess Mwenda. Brian is very well known amongst the commercial farmers across the entire sub-Saharan region of Africa, including Zambia. So, we are very excited for this opportunity to connect a little of what we are doing with the commercial farming community here.

### A BIG THANK YOU

In our last update, we shared about our vehicle situation. The Lord provided in two ways. First, we received an interest free loan from a friend in the States, which allowed us to purchase the vehicle. And, secondly, since then, we have received roughly \$8,000 in donations of the \$23,000 we need to cover the loan. Thank you so much to those of you who have sacrificed in order for us to have a reliable vehicle.



### PRAYERS

Please pray for us as the Lord leads, for our family, ministry, health and protection!