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Dear Partners in the Ministry,

A common thread of living here in Africa is that there is never a dull moment. From snakes, ticks, monkeys, and mud, there is always something going on. This month, we have been occupied with many of our usual church programs. Along with our Sunday services, midweek youth Bible study, and weekly visitation schedule, we stay steadily busy with various activities designed to bring our church family closer together and build unity around our common bond in Christ.

Every year in March, Zambia observes National Youth Day, when many young people gather for marches, parades, and speeches from political leaders to encourage and empower the next generation. On this day, we were able to host a youth event at Brother Matacchiera's farm. We provided lunch for 18 teenagers, enjoyed some good, clean fun, and spent time studying the life of Daniel.

We looked at the contrast in Daniel's life: how he was a young man who was intelligent, skillful, and of royal lineage, desired by the king of Babylon to be used for the advancement of that world power. However, Daniel purposed in his heart to serve God and remain pure. Unfortunately, there is significant pressure on young people to begin a life of self-indulgence and promiscuity at an early age. Our desire is to see them remain pure and live their lives in service to our King, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Matacchiera and I were also able to visit with leaders at the village church where we took time to teach and encourage the men there as they continue striving to be faithful disciples of Christ in a society filled with strong cultural pressures. Please pray for the leaders of Chiyembekezo Mpingo wa Baptist Church, as it is our desire to see them grow in their faith and remain faithful.

We also ask that you pray for Zambia as it's preparing for elections in August, and there are already signs of economic fluctuation. Additionally, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East is already having an impact here. As we begin the month of April, we have already seen the effects, with diesel fuel prices increasing significantly, and they will likely continue to rise. Please pray for stability during this election season, as economic changes can create uncertainty not only affecting missionaries, but also the people to whom we minister.

Thank you once again for your faithful prayers and support.

Sincerely,

Isaiah, Alicen, Faith, Isabella, and Willow Carr