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Dear Praying Friends,

Wow, the last 3 months here in Zambia have been busy and exciting! The Lord has really blessed and we have seen progress on many fronts. **Thank you so much for your faithful prayers.** Without your dedicated partnership and support it would be very difficult for us to do what the Lord has called us to do.

Our family is doing very well. We are currently in the midst of our hot season. Daytime temps flirt with the 100's, but the rainy season is just around the corner. We look forward to the refreshing rains after almost 8 months with no precipitation.

We praise the Lord that the meetings with the government office that we have asked you to pray with us about since May have apparently concluded! **Once again, the Lord intervened** and the result was in our favor. We appreciate your patient, faithful prayer for our family during this difficult time. **It is such a blessing to have a Lord that we can rely on and who will intercede for His children.**

The presidential and parliamentary elections that we asked you to pray about in our last letter are over. In our area of Zambia there were some riots and two people died, but in the end order and peace were restored. The opposition party's candidate was elected as the new president of Zambia, and the very next day he was sworn in and took office! Our new president's name is Michael Sata. **We are encouraged by this proof of the democratic process and are praying for the Lord to guide and bless President Sata and his ministers.**

This month we had our first baptism service at our new church plant in Miengwe. Five men were baptized. **We look forward to seeing much growth at Miengwe as this Zambian-led Bible study matures into a church.**

Although the tribal chief of the Miengwe area offered us land for a church property, we ran into some difficulties getting the local government to approve. When the headman at Miengwe heard about our difficulties he traveled all the way to Ndola on public transportation and met with the government official on our behalf. It turns out that **although the headman does not attend our Bible studies, his grown son does.** (He was one of the 5 baptized) **The headman explained to the government official that the change in his son has been so evident he wants our Bible study to continue and have a permanent meeting place so that others can be helped and changed the way his son has been.** What a wonderful testimony! The government official gave approval and we have now moved on to the next step in the bureaucratic process. **Thank you for your continued prayers for this new church plant.**

Our work permits expire in December so we have applied to extend them. We have to do this every two years. In a few months we will be eligible to receive permanent residence permits which, according to the immigration department, would **never** have to be renewed. **What a blessing they would be for our family. The cost would be around \$2500 for our whole family.** We have started saving for these permits and would appreciate it if you **pray that our work permits will be renewed and that the Lord will provide the funds for the permanent residence permits for our family.**

If you have a **FACEBOOK** account you can receive weekly updates and photos from us on your wall. Just **search for Schultz Ministry and Like our page.** We are able to send prayer requests and updates through FACEBOOK much faster than through email or post.

Thank you for the sacrifices you make so that we can serve the Lord here in Zambia. Please continue praying with us for more laborers for this ripe and ready harvest field.

"I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be,
I am not what I hope to be; But by the grace of God
I am not what I was." John Newton (1725 - 1807)

No Turning Back,