Zambia Newsletter

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Report: Mapepe Bible College.

Students have just returned from the break and ready to begin the second semester. Classes began just this week (May 6). We have a good group of students this year and we are quite pleased with their spiritual development thus far this year. They continue to be dedicated to their students and active in their ministry work in the local villages.

Report: Mission Outreach Program.

For the past year we have been actively engaged in ministering to the local compound (Sonadi) across the highway from our campus. I have often spoken of this compound as it is quite an immoral community with many problems – similar to certain rough areas common to large cities in the USA. Our students have been quite active in trying to reach out to the people of this community and many have now become Christians and are attending our Sunday worship services at Mapepe. Many of the children who are attending our primary school are from the Sonadi compound and their parents have become quite involved with the school and many have begun attending church at Mapepe.

Daybreak Primary School.

The children attending the Daybreak Primary School have been on break for most of the month of April. Prior to leaving for break at the end of Term I, the children sat for term exams. For the most part, they did very well on their exams. We have 45 children enrolled in our primary school; 26 in pregrade, 9 in 1st grade, and 10 in a 2nd/3rd combination class. We have a small lending library and the children love to check out books to take home to read. They are very good at returning their books. During their term break from school, about 5-6 children came by daily to check out books to read during their break. We ever had some children who do not live in our compound but were

visiting relatives during their school break come to check out books. Our children are very proud of their library. We did provide some incentive periodically for those visiting the library during break...balloons and lollipops (see picture).



We began our Term II on Monday of this week, May 6. All of our children have not yet returned from their holiday, but we had thirty five in school. During the children's break from school, our primary school teachers were busy preparing for this new term. They came in daily to work on lesson preparations and also to continue their study in Principles and Practice of Education towards a certificate in Primary School Teaching. Our teachers also have worked very hard to improve their teaching skills and have done very well on unit exams throughout the course of study which began last year. — Mary Settle

Kerin's Kids (by Kerin French)

<u>The twins</u>. The twins are getting really tall and they both have teeth! Jackson (in blue) is the outgoing, loud one and Jason (in yellow) is more reserved and prefers to sit inside.



<u>Harriet</u>. We have a new baby girl named Harriet. Her mother is sick with cancer and also has multiple STD's. Please pray for her mother's health.



Lameck. We have a new baby boy named Lameck. His mother couldn't care for him and so he has come to stay with us. He was born small and because his mother had no money to buy food, he started losing weight. Within a few weeks of being with us, he has gained weight and now weighs over 8 lbs.



<u>Danny</u>. Danny has returned to stay with us for a bit. His relatives were having some problems and asked us to help them again. Also pray for Danny's sister, Maggie, as she has now tested positive for HIV. She is only five years old.

Ally. Ally is doing well and is really growing.



Construction at the new campus.

Construction continues at the new Daybreak campus. Pictured below is the new classroom for the M.T. students. It was built using our Hydraform Block machine that makes interlocking blocks out of dirt.



Below is a new road that we are having to build through the brush to get to our campus.

