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Missionaries to the

## DEAF IN ZAMBIA

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are excited to share with you the wonderful work God is doing here with our community and the church. As we entered the new year, we had the joy and blessing of witnessing the wedding of our brother and sister Tembo of our church members. It was a joyous occasion, and we praise God for the marriages He has blessed. During the wedding celebrations, five family members gave their lives to Christ after hearing the gospel, and we are overjoyed for their salvation.

However, we also experienced moments of sorrow in this season. One of our beloved students, Peter, a faithful servant of the Lord, has gone to be with Him. Peter loved the Lord deeply and gave his life in service until the day he was called home, even at a young age. Peter started his schooling at the Faith Baptist Community School for the Deaf and later attended high school before enrolling in the Bible Institute with a desire to serve as a pastor. His death was a loss to many, but it also brought many together, especially among the young deaf students. His passing inspired them to continue his mission and carry on the work he started. We also mourn the passing of another student, Mike, who tragically was struck by a train. Mike was only 15 years old and a grade 7 student. His death stirred deep questions about Heaven and Hell, especially among his peers. During chapel, two students asked the Lord to save them, and we are rejoicing that they made the decision to follow Christ. Additionally, many parents of the deaf students have begun attending the chapel hour, and we are thankful that they are hearing the gospel.

The rain situation here in Zambia has improved, and the people are busy planting maize. This is a blessing, and it is encouraging to see the joy and hope in the people's hearts. Some have even replanted after the first rains caused their crops to fail, but they are not losing hope. We ask for your continued prayers that the rains will remain consistent and fruitful for the harvest.

We also have exciting news regarding the sewing ministry. By God's provision, one of Kidist's friends was able to buy a sewing machine for our ministry. Kidist will be using it to teach deaf women and young ones valuable skills that will help them in life. They are incredibly talented and learn quickly. In addition, we are expecting two more sewing machines soon, which were sent from the USA. These are manual machines that do not require electricity, and they will be a tremendous blessing.

Another great blessing is the opening of our new school building. Our students now have a more conducive environment for learning, and we are grateful for God's provision in this area. We are especially thankful for the support from Brother Justin's pastor friend and their church, which helped make the building project possible. Our students and teachers are very happy in Kanyama, and many are praying that we can expand the school to offer education up to grade 12. I have made inquiries with the local authorities, and we will need to build additional classrooms for labs, a library, and a kitchen. We trust that the Lord will provide the resources in His perfect timing.

Please continue to lift up our ministry in prayer, for God's guidance, provision, and blessings as we continue to serve Him. Thank you for your faithful support and prayers. We are truly grateful for each of you.

May God bless you.

Serving the King of Kings  
Yohannes, Kidist, Leah, Yafet (Ben) and Bunny