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HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEWYEAR

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Dear Praying Friends,

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many blessings God has bestowed upon us in this past year. The Lord has truly been good, opening new doors in our ministry, and we are deeply grateful for your prayers, support, and partnership in the work He is doing here.

We are thrilled to report that the new churches of the Deaf in **Chinsali** and **Serenje** are thriving. Both congregations are growing in number and faith. One of the greatest blessings this year has been the provision of bicycles for our pastors. Thanks to your generous support, Pastor David, Pastor Lakson, Pastor Samson and Pastor Phillip were able to receive their bicycles in Lusaka, and they successfully shipped them to their respective ministries. These bicycles have made a significant difference in the lives of our pastors, making it easier for them to travel long distances across their villages to minister to their congregations and visit new areas.

Another great blessing this year has been the salvation and baptism of **Hanna** at the Deaf Bible Baptist Church. Hanna is the daughter of Berhane, the man who generously provided us with the land for the Deaf Church several years ago. Hanna's decision to get saved and get baptized to follow Christ is a testimony to God's faithfulness, and we are excited about her involvement now and in the future in the ministry.

Eighteen of our Grade 7 deaf students graduated, and the auditorium was filled with proud parents who came to celebrate the achievements of their children. It was a moving sight to see so many families supporting their children's academic and spiritual journeys. Meanwhile, one of our **deaf teachers, Patrick** has been missing for over three weeks, and we are concerned for his safety and well-being. Please pray for his safe return and for wisdom as we seek to locate him. Unfortunately, there have also been several attempts by **scammers** to swindle money from parents by falsely claiming that they have located the missing teacher and asking for funds for food and clothing.

We recently had to bury one of our deaf church members Clives, who went to be with the Lord. Before the family transported his body 200 miles for burial, I had the privilege of preaching to his extended family. It was a blessing to witness **twenty family members** accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior.

Finally, I want to express our heartfelt thanks for the **solar system** you provided for our family. For the past seven months, my wife was not able to use the refrigerator to store food. Unfortunately, the power situation has not improved; in fact, there was a national blackout recently that affected the entire country, including hospitals and schools. We are so thankful that our solar system allows us to function without interruption during these blackouts. Your generosity has made a significant impact on our daily lives. Thank you Thank you.

As we enter a new year, may you experience the joy, peace, and hope of Christ. We are grateful for your faithful support and prayers in partnering with us in the work of the Lord.

May God bless you.

Serving the King of Kings

Yohannes, Kidist, Leah, Yafet (Ben) and Bunny

To Send support to Getaneh's family you can send through Baptist International Outreach, P.O.Box 587, Jefferson City, TN 37760



Pastor David with his new Bicycle and Bible in Serenje



Hanna got baptized for the glory of God



Grade 7 graduated with style



At the funeral of Clives, 20 of his family members got saved



Student's carrier's day



Praise the Lord for new church building of Deaf Bible Baptist Livingstone chu.

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