



The last few weeks seem to have gone so quickly. Back in December, I again was teaching 15 pastors in a week-long Institute setting. I was asked to teach specifically on the subject of missions. Amen! We had a great time as we all learned the responsibility of every true local church to reach the world with the gospel.

We stayed in Chipata for Christmas this year. Savannah's mother was able to come for a 3 week visit over that period of time which was very refreshing! We visited a small school room church on Christmas Sunday, enjoying our Christmas meal with the church family. Later in the afternoon, we invited some friends over for snacks and dessert. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, sharing, and focusing on our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am now teaching every Saturday to a group of individuals that want to learn more about the Scripture. At first the meeting was simply me going through some basics of the Bible. When I started discussing the principles of discipleship many of the people became excited. So, we will soon begin going through a more organized teaching on discipleship and Christian maturity. We are hoping this group will really embrace these teachings and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A few weeks back I had a man come to my house that I didn't know. He began to explain that his wife attended my Bible teaching. She would come home from the teaching wanting to discuss and excited about the Scripture! He confessed that he was away from the Lord and wanted my help to get back. Praise the Lord!

Two weeks ago we went roughly 65 km to a bush area to preach. About 10 km before we reached our designated place, the road became impassable due to heavy rains from the previous few days. We decided to pass out some tracts in a local village and meet the chief from that area. The chief was glad to see us. He asked us to come back as he wanted to organize a Bible crusade in his area! Wow. Having the chief organize a crusade will present a wonderful opportunity for us to preach the Gospel and get some preaching points started. We do have a survey trip planned again for that area but initially it looks like there are only 2 or 3 churches within a 60 km area. Lots of work to do!

Savannah was not feeling real well before Christmas so we decided to take her to the local mission hospital. We were thankful for a good doctor that really took time to talk with us and test her properly. So, after the test came back, we found out Savannah is pregnant!! It appears the due date for our second child will be around July 29<sup>th</sup>. We will likely travel to South Africa to deliver the baby.

Please be praying:

- People in our Bible studies to truly understand and own the lessons
- We learn and become more proficient in ChiChewa
- We find the right hospital and housing for Savannah's delivery
- We are glad to report our work permit has finally cleared immigration!!

We truly appreciate all the Christmas, anniversary, and birthday cards many of you sent! It always warms our heart to know there are so many that pray, support, and care for our family on the mission field!

Lord bless you

The Pestke Family (Kevin, Savannah, Analiese, & Baby ??)