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## Ministry Update

### ***What Glasses Are You Wearing?***

Worldview is the glasses through which we interpret life. Why do we behave and think like we do? Because we are products of our cultural environments. Our understanding of our position in life, how we receive a gift or greet a person, our sexual needs, how sickness occurs and what you do about it, are all determined by our worldview. I had been requested to teach on the family at the Zimbabwe Christian Fellowship's Bible School. I arranged 3 hours of lecture which first looked at how the Zimbabwe culture viewed man, woman and children and then how God viewed them.

It was an exciting time of dialogue and openness. Every culture has strengths and weaknesses, lies and truth. The value of the time was in their seeing how their cultural views differed or agreed with God's Word. If the worldwide Church only teaches correct behaviors but ignores the cultural beliefs and values, then the same sins will be repeated.

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### ***Back To Mongu***

Everyone is heading back to Mongu, Zambia, this week. I start driving on Wednesday so that I can teach at the national leaders meeting on Saturday (Natural Church Development) and preach on Sunday (Basis of our Authority is Christ). Scott and Lisa start on Friday and will pick Janelle up in Lusaka on Sunday. Lisa will teach a Sunday School program for the children. Janelle will lead the last section of the OT Survey, with Scott and me helping her. Scott will work with the Cash Generation Projects committee to continue helping them to get a proper bookkeeping system functioning.

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### ***Prayers Needed***

We all need your prayers as we travel, teach, encourage and are blessed by our brethren in Zambia. We will be back to Johannesburg around the first of September.

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