

African Outreach Ministries

Ministry Update, January 2007

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Serving Throughout Southern Africa**

Dear Friends,

On January the 2nd, three days after the Averys arrived in South Africa, Allen and Scott began a two week 3000 mile road journey to meet with the national committees of the Followers of Christ in Mongu, Zambia and the Zimbabwe Christian Fellowship at Matopos Park south of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. The purpose of the trip was to encourage the leaders and assist them in setting their visions for 2007. We also wanted to encourage their efforts to start an Evangelistic House Church/Cell in each of their churches plus arrange our training schedule for their leaders.

The elephant was part of a herd we found along the road side in northern Botswana.

Returning back from Mongu, we dropped off one of our pastor's at his sister's house in the western part of Lusaka, the capitol of Zambia. The road into the township and back out illustrates the problems Lusaka has in some of its suburbs.

One of our aims for the trip was to explain to the leaders the new paradigm for leadership training we wanted to adopt. The new paradigm would focus on the training and accountability of a small group of trainers who would be held accountable to train other trainers who would in turn teach their churches. It is same model we will be implementing in Mozambique for all discipleship and teacher training. Since it was not a new idea to them, it was accepted as the logical way forward for all their training as well. We will be training both countries together in April in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe and in August in Chipata, Zambia.

On this trip we experienced several problems which we believe were spiritual attacks on our families and on us physically. We covet your prayers and intercession for our families and the churches. We thank God for His protection and for a very successful time with the leaders.

We will be giving you future Updates before each trip so that you will be able to hold us up in prayer.

God bless you all,
Allen and Janelle, Scott and Lisa

