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Ministry Update

Zimbabwe Leadership Training

Getting reports back, analyzing them, encouraging the leaders, rejoicing with them over progress and challenge them - that was our goal. Scott and I met with the leadership of ZCF churches in late May to go over their goals help them work out new goals for helping their churches continue to grow towards being more healthy churches. Teaching the principles of Natural Church Development has turned into a year long series of seminars with goal setting and reports. The churches are grasping and applying the principles at various rates. The fast learners : providing models for the ones following behind. Urban churches are encouraging each other and several rural churches are setting the pace for their counterparts. We are excited about their progress. Pray for them as they mature their churches and live in perilous times in Zimbabwe.



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Jesus Film Projection Unit

The Sugar Creek Church funded the purchase of a complete Jesus Film Projection unit for ZCF to use to build existing churches and begin planting new daughter churches. The unit is compact, rugged and tested. During Bible School, we will be training the leaders in the methods used for starting daughter churches by using the Jesus Film. Let us thank God for the generosity of the Sugar Creek Church. (We also want to thank the Nazarene Mission for their help in procuring the projection unit.)





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Orphan Program

Janelle and Lacey, an intern from Grand Junction, Colorado visited the AOM-supported orphan ministry in Buli while the men were teaching the ZCF leaders. They were able to spend two days with Cornelius Moyo, the director of the program, visiting various homes and also enjoying the Friday Bible meeting with the children. The ministry for 125 orphans and is growing in maturity. Janelle said, "I was blessed by seeing how well some of the children are developing and loving the Lord." Pray for Cornelius as he leads this ministry while facing many tough decisions.





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BTCL Training In Barberton And Johannesburg

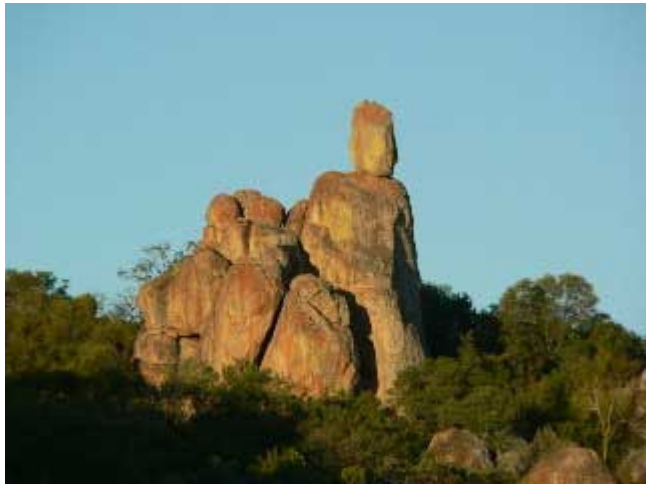
"The training was way beyond anything we had expected to receive," said Chris, a pastor from Port Elizabeth. Scott and I trained 14 more pastors to use the extension-based theological course called Bible Training Centre Leaders (BTCL). God is raising up more and more pastors who want to train their leaders, as well as pastors in other churches. Pray that there will be an explosion of training all over the provinces which do not presently have functioning BTCL programs.

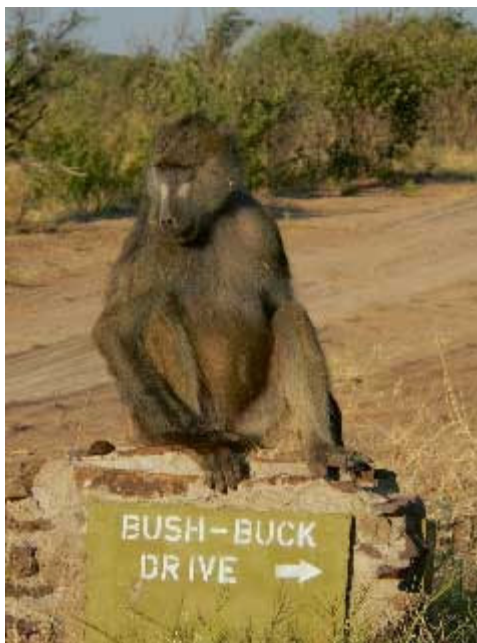


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Down Time

We took Lacey to the Matopos National Park, Victoria Falls and to the Chobe Game Park. We plan to do the same with Flo Cook, an AOM board member who arrives in July. Climbing up and down an extremely steep rock face to see the marvelous Inyanke Bushman Cave paintings was the most exciting (code for scary!) thing we did.





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Moving Time

Janelle and I leave with the moving van on Tuesday to our new home in Tzaneen. The Harris family follows us end of the month, moving to Duiwelskloof (15 minutes from us). Pray for safety in moving and a quick settling in

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