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## Ministry Update

### ***Romanian Trip Cancelled***

Janelle and I were to have left this Tuesday for Romania. Clothes had been purchased, lessons studied, and were purchased, but last week my mother had another stroke and can no longer swallow or use her right side. We hoped she would bounce back, but she has not and seems to be losing ground. We decided Friday night cancel the trip and travel down to Oklahoma to be with my Dad. God knew all along that we would be going to Oklahoma, so we go in His timing and grace. Pray that as we are comforted by the Father, we will be able to bring comfort to our family during this time.

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### ***Turning Point?***

On Monday, the presidents of South Africa, Nigeria, and Malawi will be meeting with President Mugabe. Rumor has it that they will be trying to work out the transition for another president to replace Mugabe. Everyone realizes that the time for change is here, but the problem is how that will occur, that is, peacefully or with violent mass demonstrations etc. The attachment to this email is for those of you who would like to read more on what is happening. Pray that God will confuse the wicked, and protect the innocent from further violence and hunger.

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### ***Zambia Training***

Martin has been running back to back training conferences in Chipata (town 720 miles east of Mongu), Kalabo (150 miles into the flood plain), and Sioma (150 miles south of Mongu). He is now finishing up a second conference in Chipata. Timothy Katoka, the pastor in the Chipata church, was very sick last week and was in the hospital. Pray that the churches will continue their growth and that God will protect the leaders both physically and spiritually from one.

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### ***Zimbabwe***

Pray for the leader of the Emakhandeni church, Brother Phiri, as he grieves over the passing of his wife. She has been sick for some years.

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### ***Camp For Orphans***

Cornelius reported that they had a very successful camp for many of the orphans. The children were getting school tutoring and spiritual lessons.

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