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Ministry Update

Three Thousand Miles, One Thousand Potholes, And One Pontoon

Hundreds of miles of good roads were interspersed with sections of terrible potholes. Scott and Allen traveled Mongu to teach "Personal Spiritual Life" to 12 pastors and leaders of the Followers of Christ Fellowship. Pastc Katoka's wife, Jennifer, traveled 750 miles by bus to attend, while others traveled three days by canoe and foot trip also included a mini-retreat outside of Lusaka, Zambia, with Martin and Grace for two days. It was a time of fellowship and envisioning one another with the task of planting churches among the Lozi and throughout Zam



Crossing the Zambezi River



Washout in Main Road in Mongu



Retreat for Lozi Church Planting



Allen and Scott With Theology Students

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Church Building Chosen

While in Lusaka, the group was divinely led to Saxon Steel by Mr. Woodley, the owner of the farm/lodge where retreat was held. They not only offered the lowest bid, but offered extras free of charge because we were a church. As soon as the title deed is processed the building should be erected within 8 weeks. The local church is responsible for molding the blocks and putting up the walls. The cost for erecting the steel frame and roof, laying the slab and building bathroom/showers will be approximately \$20,000. The Sugar Creek Church has made a wonderful contribution of \$16,000 towards this project. Pray that the needed funds will be available to finish this phase of the building.



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Mozambique Connection

Pray that God will bless us as we attend a conference in May for ministries involved in Mozambique. This will be a wonderful opportunity to network with folks that have a heart for Mozambique's under-churched tribes. It is our hope that during this week long conference, we will gain some real insight and direction for AOM's expansion into that country. Lord willing, we will make our first trip into Mozambique in July.

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