

Hunter Happenings!

SUMMER—2020

We have been thinking of you and asking God to sus-

tain you and to lead you during this very challenging

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus!

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year that we are all going through. We want to thank you for your giving and for your prayers for us as well. Your faithfulness has been a huge encouragement to us!

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larough the first six months of 2020 we have spent less time traveling to churches and more time praying for churches and their ministries both here in the USA and around the world. We have done that privately, but also over the phone, via Zoom video and via email and texting. It has been wonderful to see the way that the church has adapted to these unique times that we are living in.



Pastor Mahumanga sharing the Gospel door to door in Tanzania, Africa. Leading whole families into God's Kingdom.

I have read testimonies of Gospelink preachers in Tanzania, Ethiopia, Rwanda and the DRC using their cell phones to send Bible verses to both the saved and unsaved to encourage them, to lead them to Jesus and to keep them from Satan. I have read testimonies of former Muslims putting their faith in Jesus for salvation, of witch doctors who have no answers for the Coronavirus, but through Jesus are finding a remedy for their own personal sin problems! It has also been encouraging to read about the salvation of whole families who are now home and not able to move about because of the virus. Many Gospelink preachers are still going door to door to share the Gospel and to pray for their neighbors. They have told me that the virus has allowed them to reach many more people than normal and that because of fear for the future, many are putting their faith in Jesus who previously did not seem open to the Gospel. Please keep praying for the local church to grow and to take advantage of this unique time in history, when more people are home and more open to the words of Jesus.

Please also keep praying for the overall ministry of Gospelink. This year is stretching us and causing us to take some time to reflect on our past and plan for our future. With the closing of international borders around the world, no trips to Africa are planned for the remainder of this year. I had hoped to travel to Tanzania in just a few weeks, but that adventure has been postponed until sometime next year. While that is personally disappointing for me, it has been very encouraging to see the value of our ministry model in this pandemic. Because of our international connection with over 1,200 church planting preachers the ministry has continued to move forward! The families that we are partnering with have not left, but have remained and as a result have some very powerful and life changing ministry opportunities. Also because many of those who support one of our national preachers do so with a gift of \$50.00 a month or less, the economic downturn in our economy has not resulted in the ministry loosing to many of our givers. Had we been dependent on larger gifts of thousands of dollars from just a few families or churches, there is no doubt our ministry would be in a different situation right now. We are grateful for the way God has built this ministry through people like you!

The largest impact on our ministry right now is most likely on our Bible College campus known as AIU in Zambia, Africa. Because of the virus, we have had to close our campus to face to face classes and have sent most of our students home and they have continued to study virtually. We praise the Lord for a near 100% continuation of studies because this option was available to them. Please pray for God to give wisdom to our leaders of this campus as they make decisions about when and how to open our school up once again for in person classes.



How can you pray for our family and our ministry? Here are some specific requests we have at this time:

- 1. Pray that God would lead this ministry forward and give great wisdom to our board of directors.
- 2. Pray that myself and our other 4 field directors living here in the USA would find creative ways to encourage our national and regional directors around the world.
- 3. Pray as well that God would lead us to new families and new churches here in the USA that would want to join with us in partnering with a national church planting family in Africa, Asia or Europe.
- 4. Pray for Ambassador Int'l University and Chifundu Medical Clinic in Zambia, Africa to continue to have vibrant ministries in the midst of change and challenges.
- 5. Pray for Harvest Hope Home and School in Malawi, Africa to continue to find ways to impact lives for all of eternity.
- 6. Pray for growth in some of our newest mission fields of Nepal, Georgia and Kazakhstan.
- 7. Pray for each member of our family to hear God's voice and follow it.
- 8. Pray for Rachel to have opportunities to share the Gospel clearly in North Africa before she comes home in October or even earlier. Ask God as well to clearly direct her next steps once she is back in Kansas City.
- 9. Pray for Kimberly to enjoy her new job at a school in downtown Kansas City that begins in just a few more days.
- 10. Praise the Lord with us for the home that Jonathan was able to purchase in February and is now living in, in Kansas City! Pray that he can be a light for Christ to his new neighbors.
- 11. Pray for Kathy and myself to be alert to opportunities to share the Gospel with our neighbor.
- 12. Pray that we can actively serve the Lord in our local church and encourage our staff at Northland Baptist Church.

Thank you again for partnering with us!

Serving Jesus with Joy, Willie & Kathy Hunter

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