



## A heart for *Zambia*

*-a Christian ministry to the people of Zambia*

**“Ask of me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the ends of the earth as your possession”- Ps 2:8, NIV.**

Dear family, friends, and supporters:

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

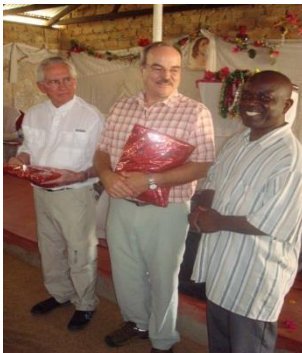
Most of you know me, though for some this is our first meeting. For those, my name is Bill Williams, the minister of Sunrise Christian Church in Ontario, Oregon.

The story begins three years ago when I started an email correspondence with a Christian minister in Kitwe, Zambia. Yet little did I know that within a year that I and my dear friend, Jerry Hume, would be winging our way to the far off Africa.

This was Jerry’s first trip out of the States, and a daily opportunity for us to again learn to rely upon our Lord to supply our needs.

In Kitwe we met the most kindly and gracious people you could imagine- the pastors Cosmas, Frank, Freddi, Clements, a woman named Gift, and many, many others.

Jerry and I spend nearly two weeks in the city of Kitwe meeting with people, preaching, teaching, praying with, and encouraging people.



Recently my dear friend Jerry succumbed to cancer and now resides in heaven. His passing is very heavy burden on the hearts of his friends in Zambia.

Now, believing that I can help with the with some of their leadership problems, these church leaders have asked me to return to Zambia for the purpose of putting on training sessions for them. Yet I believe that it is not wise for me to go that far alone, so I’ve sought out a new ministry partner to go with me. His name is Lee Barton, a friend from Sunrise Christian Church.



Interestingly, God had been speaking to Lee about going even before I mentioned to anyone that I needed someone to accompany me. Isn't our God great!

Our plans are to leave Boise on Friday, October 16; land in Zambia on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and stay until Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup>; returning back here on the 26<sup>th</sup>. That's if all goes well, of course!

To do this, we need partners. As with the previous trip, we need people who are willing to pray for us (and our wives- Pam and Susan will be at home), people to keep us in their thoughts; and if God so moves your heart, people to help us financially. Going that far is an expensive endeavor.

I know that many of our friends would like to accompany us, yet cannot for one reason or another. So the beauty of contributing to a mission trip is that you get to go along in spirit! And remember, no good deed goes unnoticed by God!

So if you desire to send a support check, address it to Sunrise Christian Church, putting "Hearts for Zambia" on the memo line. The mailing address is Sunrise Christian Church, 968 SW 30<sup>th</sup> St, Ontario, OR 97914.

If you have any question about our trip, please contact me. My cell number is (541) 212-9155; my email is [scc247@gmail.com](mailto:scc247@gmail.com).

And please know that it's a privilege for Lee and I to have such wonderful family, friends and acquaintances as you- you're important to us!

**Lesá amipale** (Bemba for "God bless you"),

*Pastor Bill Williams and Lee Barton*

Prayer requests:

- 1) That God go before us
- 2) That the language and culture differences not become a problem for us to connect with the people that we'll be training
- 3) For the people we'll meet along the way
- 4) That the proper paper work for entry into Zambia be completed and returned to us promptly
- 5) For our health while in Kitwe (it will be hot and dry, plus air pollution can be a problem)
- 6) That we get the proper airline tickets and make timely connections
- 7) Our safety while flying. From Seattle we'll fly the polar route to Dubai, the capital of the United Arab Emirates; then have a layover before changing planes for a flight to Lusaka, the capital of Zambia.
- 8) And most importantly, that Christ will be honored in all we do.