



ACTION Zambia Ministries: a member mission of ACTION International Ministries

# AZ lowdown

ministry focus >>>

## Pastor Leadership Development completes Veritas training.

The year has started off on an exciting note as Tracy Singleton labored to select a new batch of 17 students. These pastors come from a variety of geographical, denominational, and tribal backgrounds. In February and March, Tracy taught them a course in Biblical exegesis called Veritas. By May, fifteen of them will be selected to continue with ACTION Pastors College which offers three years of theological training and personal discipleship. Our missionary team is looking forward to getting to know each one of them. Later this year we will have the opportunity work with their wives.



## Extending God's Love

*C.R.O.S.S. Project on Valentine's Day!* by Kristin Dearth

*There is a popular saying in Zambia about HIV - "If you're not infected, you're affected." HIV touches every aspect of society here, in both prominent and hidden ways. And ACTION Zambia's C.R.O.S.S. Project seeks avenues to minister to people infected and affected wherever possible.*

Our primary focus is to train churches, encouraging them to confront the culture of silence and stigma that shrouds HIV/AIDS here in Zambia. But recently, we have expanded our ministry to include community-based projects, like providing free basic medical care and HIV testing in rural Zambia or visiting children at a local transit home. These projects provide opportunities to model practical outreach to churches. In addition, the C.R.O.S.S. team desires to keep in touch with direct hands-on projects.

There are approximately 120,000 children in Zambia who are infected with HIV. When it comes to children orphaned by AIDS, that number is multiplied six times. And even more children are abandoned or run away from home because of abuse or lack of care.

On Valentine's Day, as part of the C.R.O.S.S. Project's desire to engage with current HIV-affected issues, we brought donated gift bags and hygiene kits to a group of these abandoned children at a local transit home. The small room soon rang out with children's laughter as they experienced a practical expression of God's love for them through socks, pencils, toothbrushes, balloons, kazoo's, candy, and more. And what a joy for us to love them in such a simple way!

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Please pray for the C.R.O.S.S. Project, that God would provide more one-time or monthly donors to support our projects and teaching, as we seek to impact Zambia for the glory of God and the eternal joy of Zambians.

# Keeping the Wheels Turning

by Tim Hilty

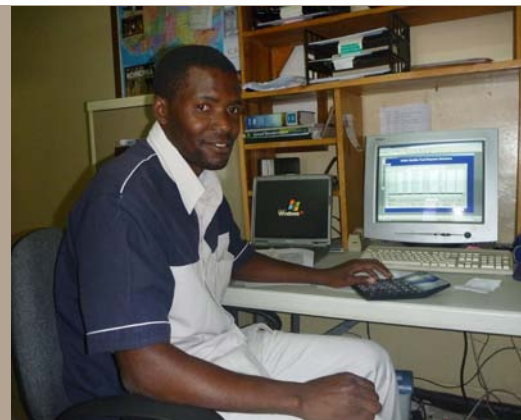
*Many advances that we are seeing in the world today are a by-product of globalization. Significant change is taking place in so many spheres.*



No matter where one lives, most of us have been touched by the opportunities that are created because of international collaboration on initiatives that have similar vision. Sharing of information and resources has become common for every institution, and is now

assumed to be essential. But with such advances come unforeseen challenges, challenges that small ministries like ACTION Zambia find challenging to address.

Because of global terrorism financing and misappropriation of not-for-profit aid, governments now give greater scrutiny to where funds are coming from as well as to whom and with what purpose they are being used. This increased scrutiny has led to all sorts of legislation being



passed that put in place safeguards aimed at preventing abuses. Laws governing the transfer and receipt of overseas funds make administration more complex than it used to be. I am finding that this consumes an increasing amount of my attention as a field administrator and creates somewhat of a personal dilemma because this seems to take me and others away from practical Christian ministry.



## Office Space!

Finding a place for our office and training center has proved more difficult than anyone ever imagined. To date, AZ offices have moved a total of eight times and we're getting ready to make that nine! Our current situation has been ideal over the last two years but the owner suddenly and unexpectedly sold the property and the new owner wants almost a 60% increase in rentals. We have a three month agreement while we hunt for a new space. Pray for God's provision!

## what we've done >>>

ACTION Zambia set up a small office to help sort through these issues in hopes that missionaries can focus more on ministry. Our accountant, Jacob Nyirenda, is vital to me in that he helps us as an organization comply with local: tax, payroll, employment and company laws. Significant amounts of his time are devoted to audits, banking, and government correspondence in order to keep us out of trouble with regulatory agencies. I praise God for the help and guidance that we've received and it's comforting to have someone who can help me carry the load!

Compliance with these realities however, comes at a cost that we are struggling to afford. How do ministries like ours address valid expenses related to things such as technology, the regulatory environment imposed by governments, changing donor and candidate expectations, missionary care, foreign currency

fluctuations and office rentals.? God has providentially supplied a hammer mill business to generate income for the ministry. This helps defray the cost of an accountant... but no matter how lean we run our field, the costs are always there.

My appeal is for supporters of Christian missions to continue to pray for the work that goes on behind the scenes. Pray for the workers who deal with the high pressure, constant demands, and thankless administrative tasks. Regular financial giving to the general office needs of ACTION Zambia is also important so that we can maintain modest support structures that contribute to the effectiveness of each missionary. We live in an era when it takes an entire team of people on the ground working together to ensure that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is proclaimed with integrity and openness.

# Wozifera Ngoma

## Biographical Sketch by Karen & Tracy Singleton

*In the local language, Wozifera Ngoma's first name means, "someone who has died on his own." But Wozifera likes to give it a Biblical meaning from Galatians 2:20, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."*



Since his conversion at about 22 years of age, he has lived up to his name by planting churches in rural areas, seeking theological training, and pastoring Faith Tabernacle Church for the past 12 years. He also shepherds a congregation of listeners each Sunday morning through a ZNBC (Zambia National Broadcasting Center) broadcast. Although he doesn't see his flock in the broadcasting room, he knows there are many in need of salvation and discipleship he can reach with radio waves. Ngoma also ministers to HIV/AIDS patients at the George Health Center each Friday where a group of 80 persons meet for Bible study.

In his role as an AZ consultant, Ngoma works with pastors in the ACTION Pastors College (APC) and Discipleship 2:7. He says, "... most of our pastors have not had the privilege of going to college. [They] cannot afford the fees. How can you pastor people if you don't know the Word of God [yourself]?" He likens the need for pastoral training to the taking in of physical food. People must be fed with the right kind of nourishment.

In the same way, pastors must be "fed" with the correct type of spiritual food. They will be misled without proper spiritual nutrition and accurate doctrine. "What AZ is doing is helping those who aren't privileged." He likens the result to planting seeds. "In the years to come these very people will impact a lot of lives."

After being with ACTION Zambia for over two years now Ngoma reflects on how AZ and 2:7 have impacted his life. He relates primarily three ways he has grown with AZ; in opening his life, being empowered for ministry and a deeper understanding of discipleship. He has had to learn to work cross-culturally and observes that Americans tend to be more open. This has helped him to share his struggles more freely.

With AZ he has also been exposed to helpful books and research tools which have empowered him in ministry. The 2:7 discipleship materials have led to personal growth as well strengthening his ability to disciple. He delights to see the 2:7 students being transformed in their Christian lives. When he visits his students and the people they're discipling he sees the impact on their churches which is very encouraging. In addition the materials have helped him to see the challenges his church faces in the area of discipleship.

Wozifera Ngoma is truly a life transformed by grace. AZ is privileged to partner with him in the work of discipleship.



*AZ recently received the following letter from partners in ministry, Theuns and Karin Englebrecht.*

Please receive our heartfelt thanks for the generous, and timely, support of 6 months supply of Infant Formula we recently received from your organization.

We currently have 10 babies who receive Infant Formula through the Orphan Milk & Nutrition Support Program here in the very rural village of Sinazongwe, Zambia. Of these 5 are orphans and 5 are "Exposed Children" – this means their mothers have tested positive for HIV and are no longer able to nurse them. A further 12 babies receive nutritional support due to severe malnutrition. Without our program these babies would have a very slim chance of survival.

Due to the current restrictions on the importation of Infant Formula into Zambia we were unable to purchase the formula from our regular supplier. Buying from general stores would have drained our meager funds and we would not have been able to fulfill our commitment to the babies to complete our support to them until they are weaned. Praise God for partners like ACTION Zambia who immediately rushed into action when they learnt of our plight!

Tim, it is difficult for us to truly express our gratitude to you for taking the time to source, negotiate and purchase the formula. On behalf of these babies, THANK YOU.

# 2012 International Council

*AZ Director, Tim Hilty attended the annual International Council meetings in Manila, Philippines in March. He had a wonderful time of fellowship with leaders from around the world who work with ACTION International Ministries.*



ACTION's International Council, which meets annually, is formed by the CEOs of each of its seven member countries plus their board chairmen, regional coordinators, and other members as deemed appropriate. This body elects an International Director and an Associate International Director.

The member missions do not cede their autonomy, but rather agree to cooperate, harmonize procedures, enact common policies, and plan together. The International Director is the chief spokesman, mentor, and encourager for the whole mission.

For more information about ACTION International Ministries visit: [www.actioninternational.org](http://www.actioninternational.org) Thanks for your ongoing support!

## praise report >>>

The first week in April brought many challenges but also very encouraging answers to prayer. With the electricity off for four days it looked as though we were going to have to cancel a group of 200 campers out at Camp Cijanano. In the nick of time God brought people to fix the electricity and the plumbing...but the details will have to wait for the next newsletter.



## newsbytes

### Cijanano Coordinator House

Praise God! AZ has raised all the funds necessary to complete the house which will be used for the Cijanano Coordinator's family. Lord willing the Huckabys will be moving from their one room hut into the new home in a matter of weeks. We look forward to celebrating God's goodness and provision with them!

### Taking Root

As we mentioned in our last AZ Lowdown, Tim attended training in tropical agriculture through ECHO. He and Tricia Huckaby have been implementing some of what he learned by planting and propagating several varieties of plants. The Moringa tree is high in protein and nutritional content while the Artemisia plant has medicinal value for treating malaria. Pray for the success of these projects and that we would have wisdom in how to use these resources.

### Personnel Matters

Tyler Dingman arrived in Zambia at the end of March. Pray for him as he engages in two home stays during his first month which will take him from upper-class Zambia, to the compounds and to the village.

Derek and Kristin Dearth are currently on "baby home assignment" and will be primarily in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Pray for a healthy delivery for both baby and mom!