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FROM TOBACCO TO TRUTH-

Our Resurrection Sunday service at Hope Bible Baptist Church of Chipata was a special day for our faith family. In many ways, it's one of the most important services of the year because it brings us back to the very foundation of our faith. The Bible makes it clear that our faith stands on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our hope, the promise of His coming, and the message we preach all rest on the truth that Jesus is alive today. We were blessed to see a full house rejoicing in our risen Savior, and it was a joy to see the church filled with people excited to worship together.

One of the highlights of this month was seeing our church land deal officially go through. Hope Bible Baptist Church is now the owner of a two-acre plot right in the heart of the city. We're deeply thankful for the Lord's provision in this, and we see it as an important step forward for the future of the church and for the ministry God is growing here in Chipata. Having this land gives us a permanent place from which to continue reaching people, discipling believers, and strengthening a gospel presence in Chipata. Please pray with us for wisdom as we begin thinking through the next phase of development, for provision for the building process, and for the Lord's direction as we make decisions about timing, planning, and finances.

With the rainy season coming to an end, it's becoming much easier to get out into the community for evangelism and to visit our people here in Chipata. We're thankful for the open doors this brings, and one thing that continues to stand out is how quickly we go through gospel tracts. We've been grateful to design and print them here in Zambia, and this ministry continues to be a worthwhile investment in getting the truth of God's Word into the hands of the people. At the same time, rising fuel prices and ongoing inflation have made travel increasingly expensive, so to use what we have more wisely, Hope Zambia acquired a couple of motorbikes that had been used at a tobacco company. The contrast is striking. These bikes once promoted something that brought bondage to many lives through addiction, but now they're helping carry the gospel into communities, bringing a message of true freedom through Jesus Christ. Please pray that the Lord would continue to open doors and use His Word to bring lasting fruit.

Everything is moving along for our fall furlough, and we'll be securing our tickets soon. With airfare continuing to fluctuate and some routes through the Middle East feeling less certain than usual, we're praying for wisdom as we determine the best time and route back. As always, we're trusting the Lord to provide financially and direct each step, and we're excited about reconnecting with churches and sharing how God is working. Missions is not just something that happens overseas or through a church program. It's a daily calling for every believer, lived out right where we are, among the people God brings into our path each day. Write us to see when we'll be in your area. We'd love to come share about the work in Zambia and the Great Commission that we're all called to be involved in, wherever we live.

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