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March 19th, my mom, **Freddie Dobbins**, went home to be with the Lord. She was 87 years old and had suffered with dementia for many years and been languishing in the nursing home since 2021. I had been able to visit her about 7 times on our brief 3 month furlough at the end of 2022.

We were not able to make the trip to the USA for the funeral. But her pastor, Kevin Bernard, was able to perform a graveside service for her funeral. I truly appreciate him as he was one of the few people who made the sacrifice to go see mom while she was in the nursing home. We are thankful she is finally home with the Lord Jesus. We had been praying for the last 6 months or so that the Lord would have mercy and take her home. So our prayers have been answered. Amen.

Trouble in Paradise (Fallen)

Zambia for many years has been one of the safest and most peaceful African nations. However, the illegal mining trade has changed the level of safety here in the Copperbelt Province. The illegal miners pride themselves on being thugs and scaring people. This past week they approached the government demanding that they be given another section of the Chingola Open Pit Mine for their illegal mining operations. They said if they are not given this part of the mine, then they will start killing school children as they are on the way to school. Please pray with us that we can start reaching more of these men with the Gospel and they will not hurt anyone.

On a personal level, a couple of these illegal miners came to my house trying to coax my outside. They were in a small car and one was in the backseat and not visible to me. But I knew he was there because the other guy kept talking to him. To their disappointment I never went outside my gate. I am convinced they had a gun and planned an armed robbery. So please pray for our personal safety as well.

Please continue to pray for our attempts to start a new church in the Kasompe Township in May and for the prospective pastor, **Adamson Chabala**. Please also pray for the salvation of **Philemon, Dee Dee, Cornelius** and many others to whom we have preached the message of salvation in the month of March. Thank you!

In Christ,

Mike Dobbins