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OVERCOMING OBSTANCES, BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE:

Work at the farm is finally moving forward after so many setbacks! When the roof collapsed on the Eagle's Nest, we had to redo everything, which took a lot of time, effort, and money. **On top of that, we've lost about 35% of our buying power this year due to the exchange rate**, which has really slowed us down on a personal level and put a strain on all our building projects. But despite all the obstacles, we're so grateful to everyone who has stood with us and helped. Now the roof is complete, and the structure is back in use for ministry once again. In fact, the very week we finished, the youth from Hope Bible Baptist Church were already able to return and use it. It was a blessing to see things back on track so quickly. But no sooner had we finished the roof on the Eagle's Nest than thieves struck. In a single night, they stole most of the metal poles supporting the fence around our ten-acre property, leaving just enough behind to keep it standing. It was a major loss. As time and resources allow, we'll cement the poles back in one by one. In the meantime, we've taken additional steps to strengthen security and better protect the land the Lord has entrusted to us.

Meanwhile, our church in the city continues to grow, people are accepting Christ, and the work is moving forward. It has been such a joy to serve alongside God's people in Chipata as we make disciples and preach the Gospel. We know the land purchase has taken longer than we hoped. Between all the red tape, computer hiccups, and coordinating multiple parties, it's been a longer road, but we're almost there. It's exciting to envision a permanent place in the city from which to serve.

This will be an important milestone for our ministry and will open greater doors of opportunity as we continue building God's church in Zambia's Eastern Province.

We're also beginning to prepare for our furlough this fall. During that time, we look forward to reconnecting with churches, encouraging God's people to embrace their part in the mission He has given to each of us, and strengthening the partnerships that help us continue the work God is doing in Chipata. We are currently scheduling speaking engagements across the United States, and we're thankful for each opportunity the Lord provides along the way. **If you're interested in scheduling a meeting while we're back, feel free to contact us** by email at nomad.dm@gmail.com or at 585-333-9586. Lord willing, we plan to return to Zambia as the building project at Hope Bible Baptist Church in Chipata begins to move forward. Please pray for wisdom and provision as we navigate the many logistics involved in bringing these plans to fruition.

Your partnership makes a difference as we reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The work happening in Chipata is just one real example of the bigger mission we share. Together, we're seeing lives changed both at home and around the world. And just as disciples stateside are doing their part, the believers in Chipata are also stepping forward in that same mission as they reach their own communities and beyond.

People gathering in Chipata, Zambia.



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