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THE POWER OF THE WRITTEN WORD:

Imagine putting a copy of God's Word into the hands of every schoolchild in Chipata! That's exactly what we're hoping to do, and thanks to Victory Baptist Church of Milton, Florida, and their generosity and hard work, we're one step closer to making it happen! A 20-foot container carrying more than **274,000 pieces of Scripture and discipleship literature** is already on its way to Zambia! On board are 271,851 John and Romans, 1,280 Bibles, and 976 Chichewa discipleship books. We're expecting it to reach Mozambique toward the end of December, and if all goes well, it should make its way to Chipata sometime in January. That's a lot of literature, and we have some big plans for it! We plan to go to every school in Chipata with our church, preach the Gospel in the classrooms, and leave every student with their own copy of John and Romans. Each book contains the plan of salvation, information about our church, and ways to contact us. Just think about what that could mean! We're talking about thousands of young people hearing the Gospel and taking a copy of God's Word home. And because our church's contact information is included, their families will know where to find us if they'd like to learn more. **Our first priority will be to reach the schools in Chipata**, but we'd love to eventually take this same outreach into other parts of Zambia's Eastern Province.

We want our supporting churches in America to be part of this campaign! Throughout 2028, we plan to schedule missions teams to come to Zambia and work alongside our church. With so many schools to reach, having additional people on the ground would be a tremendous help. If your church has ever considered taking a missions trip to Zambia, we'd love to talk with you about coming during this campaign! And we're not just thinking about the primary schools. From here, we want to begin building relationships with students on several college campuses throughout Eastern Province. These young men and women are at such an important stage of life, making decisions and developing convictions that will shape their futures. What an opportunity to come alongside them, share the Gospel, teach God's Word, and see some of them grow into faithful Christians who will make a difference in their own communities! Please pray that God will open those doors.

As for our family, we're still visiting churches and raising funds for our church building in Chipata and the work we're planning on our farm. We've been encouraged by those who have already contributed, and we're continuing to raise the remaining funds needed for both projects. Our goal is to return to Zambia next fall, ready to begin construction on **both** projects. Until then, we'll keep trusting God to provide. One of the blessings of furlough has been reconnecting with so many people who have faithfully stood behind our family over the years. We're thankful for every opportunity to spend time with you and personally express our appreciation for your prayers and friendship. We're grateful for God's protection as we travel from church to church. Please pray for our family as we continue on with our furlough!

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