

THE CHILANDO FAMILY

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Dear Prayer Partners,

We hope that you are doing well. We thank God for his goodness and watch care over us. Zambia is entering into the cold-dry season however, the family is doing well and we are thankful to the Lord for that.

The month of June has already been eventful. The church had its first major funeral. Our senior citizen and former Zambian ambassador to Sweden, Bro. Joe Mwale, went home to glory. The funeral was probably the biggest I have ever attended, let alone conducted. It gave me an opportunity to preach the gospel to the high ranking government officials and former first families. The gospel was well received and I thank the Lord for that. Please pray for our widow, Mrs Margaret Mwale and my wife as she ministers to her. My prayer is that this opens doors to reach this political class in our city. They now know who we are.

Three days after our funeral the nation lost its former President, which has led to political finger pointing between the family and the government. Need I say, the country is quite divided. However, things remain peaceful and we are thankful for that. It is a good opportunity to share the gospel especially with young people who seem to only think about death around a tragic event.

On the Church front; we are into the second month at our new location and Lord has been good to his church. We have had 15 first time visitors in the last 4 weeks. We also had **Gift** and **Luka** join us through baptism and letter. Pray for **Grace**, **Fostina** and **Jacob** who are next in line for baptism membership. We have many who have promised to come, but, always seem to have an excuse come Sunday.

We made an offer on a property and were in negotiations, then a Chinese investor came in with a better offer and we lost out. We will continue to wait on the Lord's perfect leading. We are considering another property however the Dollar valuation is not in our favor. Since the trade war with China and Israel—Iran war the USD has lost value against world currencies. Simply put, if you use Dollar abroad it will cost you more now than it did 3 months ago. This is Global Economics just another hurdle we have to navigate.

We believe that with God nothing is impossible and our focus is on the main thing. It is difficult to compete with the Chinese in Africa, but we believe our God is greater. Please pray for me that I do not turn into a realtor and lose focus on the church plant ministries we are pursuing in Lusaka.

We still need your prayers and generosity as we fight the good fight on all fronts. Thank you so much.

By God's Grace

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