

NEWS FROM ZIMBA

January 2008



WE COVET YOUR PRAYERS

PRAISES

- The doctors have returned from the states. They were successful in getting Dr. Joan's citizenship
- Relaxing New Years
- Many people who committed to surrender **ALL** in our News Years service
- The baby's father came to pick her

PRAYER REQUEST

- Continue to prayer for the hospital staff
- Teams preparing to come this year
- Missionaries to work as a team & be Christ like examples...strength & encouragement
- Remember those who made committed to surrender **ALL** in our News Years service

The months of December, January & February are the 3 months which are the most difficult for the Zambians. It is also the months we see the most cases of malnutrition at the hospital. By December, the Zambian's crops are finished from the previous harvest and the new crop which was planted in November are not ready to harvest. The new crops aren't ready for harvest until late March & April. Through donations of funds, we have been able to purchase bags of mealie meal (their main staple) to give to those in need. We have also received pockets of rice & beans through the mail which have helped to assist during these hard times for the Zambians. Even though many people have been assisted, the need is so great we have not been able to help everyone. Many Zambians have lost this years crop due to too much rains. Where in the past they have lost their crops due to drought.

Matthew 25:40 "verily I say unto you, In as of much as ye have done it unto one of theses my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



January 20th, a Patient with a baby on her back arrived at the hospital early afternoon. She stated she was feeling sick, so the nurse prepared her a bed for lodging in the female ward until the Dr could be notified. The woman told the nurse she could not lay on the white sheet without a bath. The nurse directed her to the block where she could bath, so the woman left the baby on the bed and went off to bath. Time passed but the mother never returned. The nurse searched for her only to find she had disappeared and left the baby behind. The nurses on duty cleaned & bathed the child.

I was called to bring nappies (diapers) and clothes for the child to the hospital. I was able to put together some things the child needed from the contribution received from different individuals & churches. The nurse 's on duty took turns caring

for the child through out the night. The morning of January 21st, I had the opportunity to take the child home with me and care for her until someone from the family could come and claim the child. In the late afternoon, the father of the baby came and picked her to take her back home.



NEW BABIES: The compound has been blessed with 2 new babies. Mrs. Mushabati's (my housekeeper & laundry lady for the mission) daughter, Susan (right) had a baby boy, Luyando, Nov. 17th 2007. Edith Mwakoi (left) the missions main house keeper & cook) delivered a baby boy, Jeremiah, January 5th.



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST:

FEBRUARY 13TH, I WILL BE FLYING TO CEDAR RAPIDS, IA TO ATTEND A MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT HILLSIDE WESLEYAN CHURCH. PLEASE PRAY FOR TRAVELING MERCIES & THAT I WOULD PRESENT WHAT GOD WOULD HAVE ME TO.