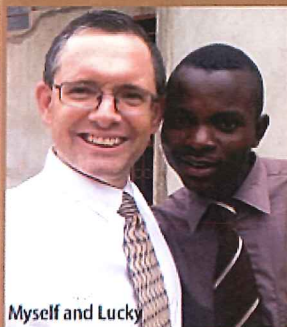


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Missionaries to the Deaf in Zambia

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Myself and Lucky



Paul with the Magwero students



Two of the women with their kits.



(Above): Silza (L) and Abesi (R), part of Julie's Tuesday Bible study. You may recall Abesi was raped a few months back and has chosen to keep the baby. God has given her a peace through it all, even when her mother tried to give her medicine to abort the baby. Please pray for Abesi as she will be raising this child alone. Julie hopes to interpret for the birth in July. We also plan to help her with some of her upcoming needs like diapers and clothing, etc. God is surely gracious in times of need.

Paul and Ethel

We're so blessed that Paul Muyanda and family are here with us in Chipata! It has been my joy to mentor him these months, and see him take on leadership roles in the church. He is also now teaching a sign language class to the hearing members of Chipata Calvary Baptist, and it is very exciting to see them learn. We look forward to seeing how God will use their new skills. Paul is also a great encourager of the believers, as is his wife Ethel.

Sonny and Kalubi

We are so encouraged to see Sonny's continued steadfast faith in the face of persecution from his Muslim boss. He chooses to stand for Christ, even when continually offered money and a better job if he would turn to the Muslim faith. He has consistently said he will never deny Christ or accept any offer. Sadly, his boss continues to withhold part of his monthly salary, but Sonny continues to be a faithful worker. Praise God! He has also been witnessing to a Deaf man from Malawi who is Jehovah's Witness. We are happy to see his growth, and we pray the Lord provides their needs. We help them as we can, and they are praying about starting their own business. Kalubi faithfully attends Bible study with Julie every Tuesday and Friday, and has been an encourager to the women.

Magwero

The students at Magwero continue to learn God's Word every Saturday. Bro. Paul and I have split them into two groups, which helps the younger children stay engaged during the Bible time. Some have memorized all the verses on the list, and it is wonderful to see them put in the effort! I have noticed their communication and sign skills are not as good as students from previous years. We are praying how we can help the teachers improve their signing skills so the students will have better exposure to proper sign language, and better communication.

New Bible Studies

We are praying about reaching out to the Deaf we know in surrounding villages who cannot come to town for church on Sunday mornings. There are also Deaf in nearby towns who do not have a church to attend but desire to grow in the Lord. Paul and I will start with possibly adding two studies a week in different villages. Please join us in prayer as we strive to edify the believers in these areas, and reach out in evangelism. We pray the Lord is glorified in our efforts.

Lusaka

We recently took a trip to the capital city for our oldest daughter to take the ACT test, as she graduates next year. She felt confident, and will get her results in 2-8 weeks. While there, we were all able to see the dentist, our other two daughters were able to see the eye doctor and get new glasses, the youngest was tested for glaucoma and cleared, and our middle daughter was able to have some testing done for her thyroid and see the only endocrinologist in Zambia, who came in on his day off to see her and advise how we should proceed. We are so thankful for the ways God worked out details for this trip. We accomplished much- to God be the glory!

Julie's Ministries

Julie continues to have Bible study with the Deaf ladies every Tuesday and Friday morning. It is a real blessing for her to meet in their homes and really get to know them and pray for their needs. She is also starting a ministry for women to help provide for their needs during their menstrual periods, as many women turn to "transactional sex" to earn money to buy supplies. Providing women with menstrual kits (which includes reusable pads) really helps them avoid dangerous sinful behaviors, and Julie is able to teach them what the Bible says about their bodies, and how to properly care for them. There are a lot of misconceptions here relating to women's health. She is hoping to expand this to the Deaf school in the next term. We are currently waiting on a shipment of supplies, and the approval from the headmaster. Julie has also been teaching an art class to the small homeschool community here, as well as giving some of her hearing Zambian friends baking lessons so they can learn to make different things to sell in their communities. She is also homeschooling our girls, and they are all looking forward to the end of the school year.

Prayer Requests

- For Lucky Msiska, a Deaf young man from Malawi. He is a Jehovah's Witness, and we are praying for his salvation. He has visited the church several times.

- For wisdom as we meet with the headmaster at Magwero for Julie to start the menstrual kit project there.

- Tomorrow Bro. Paul is going to Malawi to meet with a pupil from Magwero who wants to be sure of his salvation. He will also visit several other Deaf people in the area to share the Gospel with them.

- My wife has had some back trouble lately, and praise God a physiotherapist was in town from another province to give her therapy and exercises to continue to strengthen it. Please pray it would continue to heal so she can get back to her ministries.

- My mother needs salvation. She also has pain in her neck and has been receiving shots and physical therapy. Please pray for some relief for her.



Paul teaching sign language. His class now has eight students!



Some of our ladies did special music on Easter Sunday. It was a blessing!

As always, we thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We consider it a privilege and honor to partner with you in the work here in Zambia among the Deaf. May God richly bless you!