

JUSTIN & PREETIKA WARNER MISSIONARIES TO ZAMBIA, AFRICA



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Dear Praying Friends,

We are winding down our furlough and are anxiously awaiting our return to Zambia. We have had a wonderful time in the States seeing family and friends from churches around the country and have been blessed with good reports from Zambia. From those reports we understand that the Fallsview Bible Baptist Church has grown in our absence. I am not sure if that is a good thing or if it shows that we are really not needed at the church. In all seriousness, we are eagerly looking forward to seeing our precious Zambian fellow believers and watching the work of the Lord reach new heights. *Do keep us in prayer as we pack, say good-bye, and prepare for our departure on April 28.*

While on furlough we have enjoyed the opportunities both to meet new friends and get reacquainted with old friends. Some of the new friends in particular that I would like to mention are an Indian couple who own a motel in Maine. While visiting Grace Baptist Church in South Paris, we spent a couple of days in this motel owned by Harshit and Meeta Patel. Due to Preetika's nationality and her friendliness, we were able to spend some time over tea and Indian sweets discussing Christianity and our mission work in Zambia. Much of this was new and strange to this couple as they are Hindus. However, Meeta (the wife) was so starved for Indian companionship that she and Preetika formed a fast friendship. She and her grandson, whom she was caring for, were Preetika's visitors in church that Sunday morning, and we were able to give them a Bible. Though they did not make a decision for Christ at that point, our prayer is that the soul-conscious and friendly people of Grace Baptist Church will be able to win them to Christ in due time. *Please pray toward that end and that the Lord will use some Gospel tracts written in the Indian language of Hindi to speak to their hearts.*

Also while here in America, we have received news of a minor miracle in reference to a situation back home in Zambia. Some of you will remember the story of Pastor Costa that I wrote about to you some months ago. One of his cows was killed by a relative of his when he left his animals in his home village to pastor in Sinamanjolo. His immediate reaction was that he would leave the handling of it in God's hands. I am humbled to tell you that he has done just that. Not only has he left the situation to the LORD, but the LORD has seen fit to honor that decision. Just recently his relative came to him and admitted his sin and apologized for it. I cannot adequately begin to describe to you how miraculous this is. In Zambian culture, typically both persons just have a sort of unspoken agreement to move on past the incident and never mention it anymore. Without Christ as a part of someone's life, it is pretty well unheard of for someone to humble themselves and seek forgiveness from a person they have wronged. Praise God for this encouragement from the LORD for Pastor Costa! Thank you for your prayers in this matter.

In His service,

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"I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." I Corinthians 9:22

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