

# JUSTIN & PREETIKA WARNER MISSIONARIES TO ZAMBIA, AFRICA



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Dear Praying Friends,

Preetika and I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a tremendous New Year! We thoroughly enjoyed our first holiday season back in the States since 2005. It was complete with family, Christmas music and plays, and cold weather— what a stark contrast to the last couple of years!

During the past few months, we have been able to do some traveling in order to report to our supporting churches. We have been to churches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, and California. It has been such a blessing to see many whom we have not seen since before we left for Zambia.

While we have been in America, we have been getting regular updates from our work in Zambia. We are pleased to hear that the town church and the village churches are continuing to God's glory. They are seeing spiritual and numerical growth but also experiencing Satan's attacks. Pastor Costa Musena has recently felt called by God to move his family about three hours away from his home village to begin overseeing the work in Sinamanjolo and the surrounding villages. Just recently, under his oversight, the Sinamanjolo Highway Baptist Church had a Sunday attendance of 91 with 4 receiving Christ. He has also been used of God to see a Bible study in the nearby village of Mutinta grow to having nearly 30 in attendance. They will be ready for a baptism during the month of January.

However, in the midst of these victories, Pastor Costa has faced tremendous resistance on several different fronts. To name just one trial, Pastor Costa had to leave his animals (especially his few cattle) back in his home village. These animals are the tangible measure of a villager's wealth. While he was in Sinamanjolo, a relative of his tried to steal one of his cows but was unsuccessful. He didn't stop there. He then sent a few boys who strangled the cow to death. When the news of this crime was brought to Pastor Costa's attention, he refused to bring the case against his relative to the police but instead said that he would let God handle it. I praise the LORD for his faith and example of trusting in God. *Please pray for this good man and his family as they serve the LORD in the place where He has put them.*

May God richly bless you all **in the place where He has put you** through this New Year of 2009!

In His service,

Justin & Preetika Warner

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

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