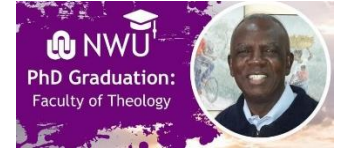


# IMPACTING KATOKA SEPTEMBER 23

## PRAISE FOR ANSWERED PRAYER:

- The biannual general meeting of the representatives of our mission met on 17<sup>th</sup> August and held the election for the new Legal Representative. I asked for prayer as these decisions can be rigged and be very unpleasant. We are happy that Mazau Ngweji has been elected and he is very conscientious especially with finances and he also has a degree in Theology.
- I attended the Dilolo Poste women's conference with over 270 women camping in the bush setting. I did do an overnight to Angola to fuel up and to attend Joel and Kaleigh's youth conference at the same time. They left for urn to Canada 2 days after the conference finished. Sad to say goodbye. I had 10



bicycles available, but these senior ladies went with Kalamba and their loads were tied on the roof rack so that they picked up those walking along the road many walked from Divuma 100km to get there. I didn't leave until the next morning, and we had over 76 trucks coming towards us so the cloud of dust took a while to settle. So grateful that we only had that for the first 12km to Kahundu where we turned onto the Dilolo Post road. I am picking up my last passenger seeing the long line of trucks and still more coming.



- The children sitting in these trees was adorable. When I went for a stroll, to find a cell phone signal. They always followed me, and we sang songs. They managed to sit for hours in these branches. One of the hopeful MPs donated a cattle beast on the final day to help with the feeding. It was very much appreciated. On the return journey everyone from our direction thought that they could jump in the back of the white Landcruiser. I hauled them out but there must have been 14 at least in the back. Kalamba even offered to do a second trip, but I am sure that those left behind managed to find their way home. One lady who rode a bike said that it was broken so Kalamba tied it on top of all the luggage. She thought then she could get a ride. No sorry no room so then she asked for the bike back!!!



- The last three days of August there was a youth seminar held at Katoka with 60 invited guests from Kasaji, Kisenge, Divuma, Dilolo, Dilolo Poste and from the churches around our area. The teaching was done by Josh and Izacc the Principal of the Secondary School. Keri supplied the food, meat, fish, rice tea and the local ladies served and cooked the meals. I slept up at the secondary school with the young girls. I had to wake them at 5am to get up to heat water for the guests to wash with.

• Kalamba and I set off for Sakeji but got to Mutchatsha turning towards Zambia two pedestrians informed us the road was impassable at the bridge as a truck carrying 9000 pineapples had tried to cross the bridge with the laden vehicle. It was amazing how the whole truck load didn't land in the river, but they unloaded it, winched the lorry off the bridge and reloaded it. We were very fortunate that Mark and Josiah were able to bring our goods the next day and we were able to get a load carried across the bridge to our vehicle. Huge thanks to Sakeji for all their help and of course the brownie and fresh water were very well received. The road out



to the bridge was terrible so not a good option till work done on it. Yes, the pineapples got safely to Kolwezi about 3 days late. I wonder how much they had to pay in the end.

- Trying to work out how the Dispensary can function without Mary and my input each month. This is the big problem which I am still trying to work out. A work in progress. have been talking with the administrator at Kasaji they have all but four of their workers who receive salaries from the government. We don't have any and yet they call our staff at all hours to go for reports and seminars. I still have some of the medicine money left so this coming week I will go DV to Kolwezi and buy the basic medicines.
- Mary's time at home has been taken up with being a carer for her sister Annie. Her brother in law Tony had a stroke on the weekend before they were celebrating their golden wedding so he was hospitalized then Annie at the beginning of the month had terrible leg pain so she too is now hospitalized so Mary is very busy. The check ups that she was to get when she went home have been put on hold. Mary left saying that she would be back in January.
- I am planning to leave on 20 October. Josh and Keri will hopefully be around.
- It is the beginning of Academic year. our students are finishing off exams, stages and preparing for the new year. Yoshua is doing well still has 2 years to go for medicine  
Sandy is doing nursing and has 2 years to go.  
Chipema has done 2 year and has another two years to go of his nursing training  
Mukumbi has done her first year and is waiting on results  
Crispan has done his first year and I will check his progress in Lubumbashi.  
Various orphaned school children are looking hopefully for some help with their school fees.  
I am so grateful for all those who have sent gifts towards training local people for the future. More about the students next time.

Every Blessing,

***Sandy***

