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Dear Friends and Churches,

A journey across Africa. We needed to go to Johannesburg, South Africa and decided to drive. Airline tickets would cost more than \$4,000.

Our worker, Livingstone, drove the Landrover (with our luggage) for three days to the southern Tanzania town of Mbeya. I flew my family in the Cessna 182 to Mbeya and we picked up the Landrover there. Our three hour flight to Mbeya went fine except I was surprised to find a 9,000 foot mountain sitting right next to the airport.

The Swiss mission at Mbeya had guest rooms for us. I decided to have the Landrover checked before departing for Zambia. The Swiss had an excellent Landrover mechanics training school and agreed to work on my vehicle. After three days and \$1,000. of needed repairs, the Landrover was ready.

The first day was spent on one of the most desolate roads in the world. Hours of wilderness, monkeys, and lots of potholes. It would soon be dark and we needed a safe place to stay. In one little town World Vision had an AIDS prevention center and rented us rooms. The facilities were crude and the food was worse but we were safe.

Before dawn we were on our way to visit the Enright's. Ken & Lorraine, John & Kendra and their sons Brian and Nathan. They had evacuated out of the Congo (Zaire) and are setting up ministry at Ndola, Zambia. We enjoyed their hospitality and remembering our years together in Zaire.

Another hard drive took us the rest of the way through Zambia to Zimbabwe. The Kariba Dam on the Zambezi River creates a beautiful lake. A Christian family runs the spectacular Most High Hotel overlooking the lake. They played Christian music while serving the best food. We rested at Kariba an extra day.

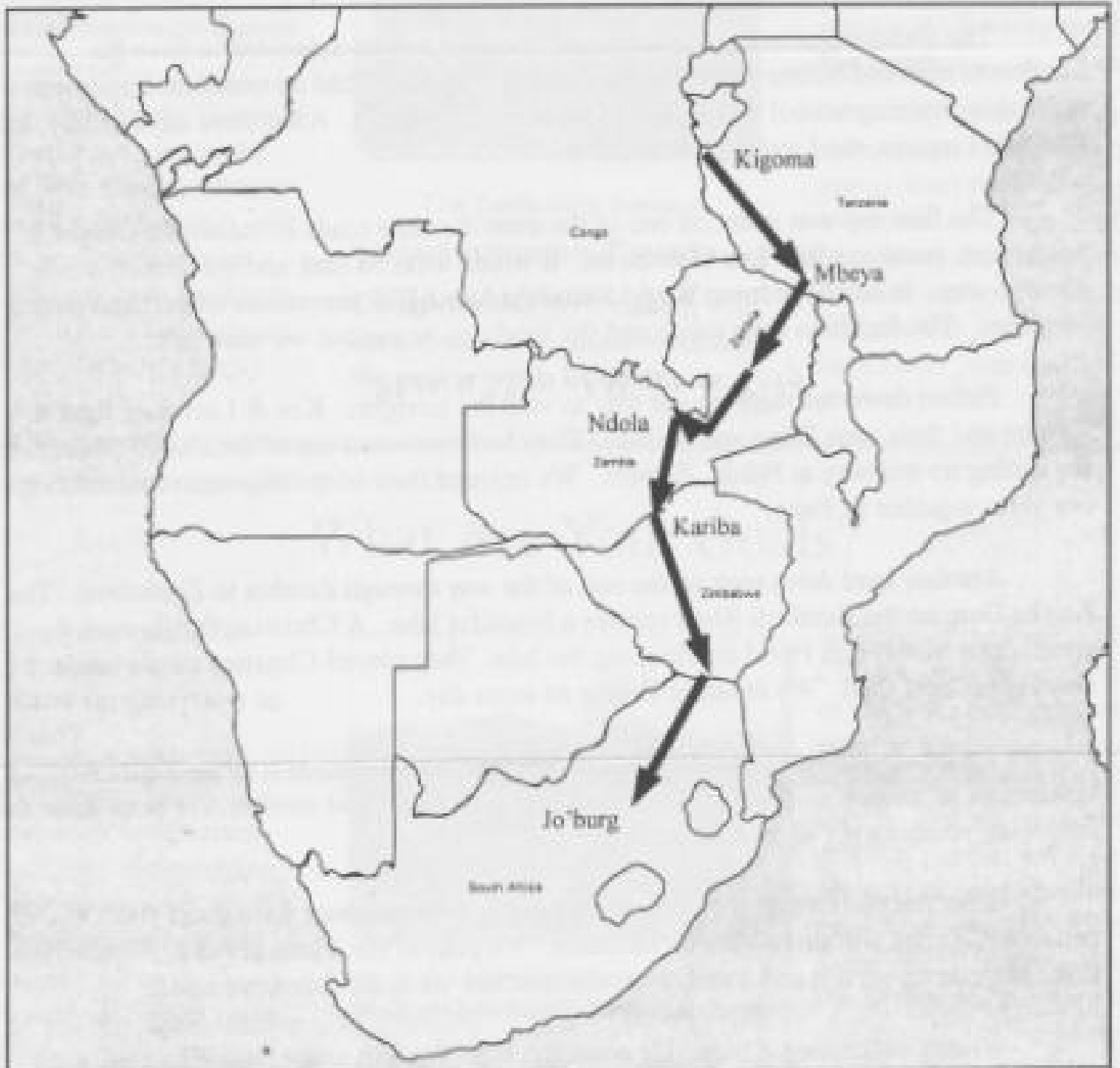
We drove through Zimbabwe in one long day and we made it to the South African border just at sundown. A motel there made our skin crawl and another five hour drive the following morning got us to Johannesburg.

Grandma and Grandpa Wertz are coming to Johannesburg for a short visit! In early October we will drive back to Tanzania. We plan to see Victoria Falls. Kimberly & Luke have never seen it and it may be a while before we make this drive again.

When God created Africa, He created it big. We will appreciate your continued prayers for us during this time of travel and vacation.

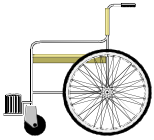
Sketch Map of Wertzes Trip

From Kigoma, Tanzania
To Johannesburg, South Africa



Joy in the Harvest

OVER THE TOP!



Destitutes' Needs Met — Thank You

“Missionaries can take nothing greater... than the impress and reflection of the love of God upon their character. That is the universal language... It is the man who is the missionary, it is not his words. His character is his message... You can take nothing greater, you need take nothing less.”

The response was immediate and generous to our March newsletter. Over \$8,000. has been donated to assist the folks at the Kigoma Destitute Camp!

The situation at the camp has been stabilized. Food for the camp is being donated by the *World Food Program* and is transported by our

truck. Past medical bills for the destitutes have been paid and on-going medical care is now fully covered. The destitutes' children are in school with their uniforms and supplies provided and school fees paid. Simple supplies like soap, matches and kerosene are being provided on a monthly basis.

We are able to do some important extras, too.

Garden hose, fertilizer, and seeds are helping their community garden. A cement floor has been finished under the common pavilion to eliminate dirt and mud. Whitewash is brightening the camp. A specially built wheelchair is being provided for one lady with twisted and withered legs. For a whole year your generous gifts will meet the needs of this camp. God bless you. ☩

→ CHECKLIST →

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Thank you for your support & encouragement that enables us to be missionaries.

☺ **Joy in the Harvest Fall Women's Retreat.**

To be held at Billy Graham Center in Wheaton, IL on Oct. 16, 1999. Theme is "The Apple of His Eye" and the speaker/soloist is Lynelle Pierce. Contact Sandra Shelby at 1-708-895-2897 for more details.



WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

We had many visitors during the summer months. Much was accomplished by them during their stay and we will always be in their debt for their contributions to the mission work in Tanzania. We are grateful to God for our guests and hope they return soon. Won't you consider coming on a mission work trip?

From Wheatland-Salem UMC



Visitors prepare to go to Refugee Camp with relief supplies.

in Naperville, IL came Tom & Courtney Richardson, Steve Moga, Cheryl Todd, and Donna & Neil Trinko. From **Baker Memorial UMC** in St. Charles, IL came Carolyn Jones. From **New Palestine UMC** in Indiana we had Julie Jenkins. Thanks to all these sending churches and guests for their on-going commitment to the Great Commission of Christ. ☩



PERMANENT BASE OF OPERATIONS

Welcome

First Phase of Mission Station Completed

Joy in the Harvest's new missionary residence, office, and classroom facility has been completed and is now in use.

A big milestone for *Joy in the Harvest* has been realized. With the completion of the main building for the new mission station, we now have a permanent facility in Tanzania.

Since beginning work in Tanzania almost six years ago, *Joy in the Harvest* has been renting a house in Kigoma. Our relationship with our Muslim landlord has been excellent. But our own facility is a testimony to God's faithfulness and *Joy in the Harvest's* long-term commitment



The Dedication Service
to Tanzania.

Completion of the building was time consuming, hard work but the end result is beautiful.

The new building sits on a bluff with a spectacular view overlooking the Kigoma harbor. Local craftsmen worked to higher standards than ever before. Everything in the place works!

Mrs. Donna Trinko, a visiting UM lay pastor, conducted the service dedicating the facility to the Lord.

Attending the service were members of the UMC - Tanzania, guests from the U.S.A., and missionaries & representatives from many denominations. Without our special Stateside contributors, this facility would have never been built. Thank you! ✕



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What Are Your Goals?

Q. What are your goals for the next 12 months and what specific plans do you have to achieve them?

(From a church's missionary support questionnaire.)

A. Churches back home often use questionnaires to determine who gets how much support. It is proper for churches to insist on accountability. For the missionary such questions serve as a reminder of the big picture. Setting goals is useful and seeing goals become reality is exciting. But unlike the business world, mission work cannot always be objectively measured. Our goals, like that of all Christians,



Joy in the Harvest is helping build a

are to be like Christ and obey Him. We have many project goals for the next year. Some of our goals include continued progress on the construction of the new mission station, the

building of the Gungu UM Church, training evangelists, expansion of our computer training courses, and a new evangelism efforts using the *Jesus* movie. But we know success in mission work is not measured in projects or accomplishments. It is measured only in terms of faithfulness. Being committed to the Savior and working to accomplish His purposes is the only measure of success. Christ's love is what the spiritually lost need to experience. His Good News is what they need to hear. Their salvation was the purpose of His cross. ✕

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light... they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest." Isaiah 9:2,3