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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your prayers for Jill as she traveled to the United States recently to take Anna to college. The trip went smoothly and Anna was settled into her dormitory with her sisters, as well as into her new job. While in the U.S. Jill was able to visit a neurologist regarding the nerve damage in her leg and her "drop foot" condition. She was able to purchase a good brace that helps with her walking and learned some physical therapy exercises that can help her ankle. Sadly, reading between the lines of what the neurologist told her, the doctor thinks the nerve damage is permanent. I continue to pray for the Lord to intervene and once again prove that He is able to do what the medical community cannot. Please pray with me for complete healing of Jill's leg.

Zambia is an amazing country with fantastic people, but there is no denying that most Zambians live a very different life than their counterparts in the United States. The standard of living is very different, as are many of the family customs and relationships.

Jill is teaching and training the ladies of Calvary Baptist Church of Ndola and has found that our ladies often lead a very difficult life. Many are raising children on their own due to widowhood or abandonment. Many of the single mothers who have jobs are also expected to take in extended family members to house, feed, clothe and educate with no financial assistance. Finances that are tiny to begin with are often stretched to, and past, the breaking point. Although the ladies of our church are very smart, some are uneducated and cannot read or write. For some of those who are married, their lives are filled with emotional and sometimes physical abuse. A normal loving family situation is rare. **Will you please pray with us for the ladies to whom we minister?**

The youth in our church are similar to youth in the U.S. in that they are smart and have great aspirations, *and most of them have cell phones*, but the similarities end right about there. Our youth struggle to get a proper education. Many are orphans or are being raised by just one parent or grandparent. They endure neglect, hunger, and often emotional, physical and sexual abuse. They go without so much that you or I would call normal and necessary. There is a lot of trouble to get into though, and many choose the path of least resistance. Once they turn 18, if they are fortunate to graduate from grade 12, the opportunity for higher education is slim and the job search is formidable. The unemployment rate in Zambia for 2017 was 41.2%. **Please pray for the youth of Zambia and especially the youth of Calvary Baptist Church of Ndola.**

In August we will be having our third annual Teen Camp at Calvary Baptist Church of Ndola. Our theme this year is "Refuse the Evil and Choose the Good." We are already praying for the Lord to do great things through the camp. **Please join us in praying for safety, wisdom and refreshing for our teens at camp this year.**

In September we will be returning to the United States for a six-month furlough. Please pray for us as we make things ready here in Zambia for our absence, and as we try to make things ready in the U.S. for our arrival. There are a lot of travel plans that have to come together, a vehicle to purchase, and meetings to make. Your prayers are appreciated.

Thank you for praying for our family and for the Lord's Work here in Zambia. **Please remember these prayer requests and also please pray for more laborers for this amazing and worthy field of service.** May the Lord richly bless you and your family as you serve Him.

***The smallest act of kindness
is worth more than the
grandest intention.***

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