

# REDEEM A NATION MINISTRIES, ZIMBABWE

TO RESCUE THE LOST FOR ETERNITY AND TO TEACH THEM TO REDEEM THEIR NATION!

Love, grace, mercy, & peace to you all!

In January of this year we were privileged to host the Adventures In Missions – World Racers. A team of six young ladies were with us for just over 3 weeks. Three of their leaders were also with us for just under a week. They camped in our grass Boma, in tents, shared our one toilet and one shower. What was most exciting was their ability to get out twice into two villages. Each time spending a few nights out and this entailed:-

We grouped them into pairs, and each pair got to experience the daily life of the poor we engage in ministry. They swept yards, washed dishes, cooked & ate local food, weeded the fields, collected water on ox-carts, had splash baths, used long drop out houses, where watched 24/7 by the villagers, tried fishing for dinner in the local reservoir, held Bible studies, and prayed for folk over a couple of days each outing,

They all returned back to our place to replenish their energy for a few days before heading out again. They found it extremely tiring!

Their goal, was to evangelize and begin to form a relationship with folk we engage at a much deeper level than where we were at currently. Incredible break-throughs occurred! One skeptic was complaining about rain, so the group prayed for rain ... the next morning it rained!!! He now believes our God is real and listens to His children!!! Amen, thank you LORD!

However, the story has a twist. We had planned two more visits, but a complaint was made of white folk being around, and the political leadership stopped our program. We are now forced to get Provincial approval from three different sectors for any future mission visits. There is a heightened control on who is in the country and who might reveal the bad political practices to the International community.

Still another twist; the team was keen to visit Victoria Falls. A friend of mine talked to a friend of theirs ... and in short, the team got two nights (dinner, bed, & breakfast) for free! This lodge advertises at \$400/night/person!!! Is God not truly amazing? He blessed the team for the effort they put in and the hardships they faced. We too will all be rewarded when we suffer for His sake. Eternally the LORD has rewards for His chosen, so take heart in serving Him daily, even unto death!

So, for us, we are blessed to be called His children, and as the world throws hardships and trials in our path, we rely on Him and the result is ... more blessings, whether now or at the end!!! May the LORD keep you in His wonderful grace, mercy, and peace! May this bring joy as we strive in love for God and towards those around us! Amen? And God bless until next time.

In this newsletter we're asking for much prayer on numerous fronts:-

1. Our country leadership has implemented a new pledge for all students that doesn't keep to Christian morals, by pledging to hold to traditions etc.
2. Both Scripture Union & Gideon's might not be free to access the schools as before!
3. This same leadership is threatening by October to take us back to the 2007-2008 era by re-introducing 'Bond Notes'. Not real money & certainly backed by nothing. There potentially will be no food on the shelves, the poor & the elderly get robbed, money gets printed to campaign for their elections in 2018. Already we are limited to \$300/day withdrawal of funds at the banks. Businesses are under huge attack to even stay in existence!
4. Our kids are still not ours legally. Hurdle after hurdle needs to be jumped, and the years march into three now! We so desperately want to function as a family.
5. Muslims were generally in North Africa, but now they are getting into country leadership here locally. This is not a good sign!
6. Praise: God loves us and has us in His hands! He continues to be good to us always in spite of all above!!!

So this looks like it might be the last newsletter that we send with the twins not being Fortescues! It seems that we are finally at the end of our long journey to get Adonaijah and Amariyah home and officially our children! Although we've thought that might be the case for a few newsletters, so it might not be! We got as far as court for the final adoption at the beginning of April, but the magistrate wanted the documents from South Africa to be certified. So that meant that a request had to go back to head office, then to South Africa for certification! Up until last week, the request still had not been sent to South Africa! As soon as that goes and comes back, we should be looking at a few weeks for finalization of the adoption! Then they will officially be Adonaijah Munyaradzi Fortescue and Amariyah Makaita Fortescue! Once we have the final adoption, this very hard journey will be over and we can continue life as a real, normal family!



We were blessed to be granted permission to take the twins home over Christmas and New Year, and again for the April school holiday, which was 5 weeks long! We even got to travel with them to Harare a few times! Christmas was the first time they had been to Harare since we picked up the group that came from Montrose, Colorado in August 2014! It was wonderful to see them experience things they had forgotten about! Shopping in the supermarket was so funny. We walked past the shelf where the mayonnaise was. They love mayonnaise with tuna, and call mayonnaise "tuna"! Adonaijah saw the shelves and shelves of mayonnaise from his vantage point in the shopping cart and started shouting at the top of his voice, "Mommy, Mommy, Look it's Tuna, I see tuna!"

They turned 3 on May 9<sup>th</sup> and are just growing so fast!

### Adventures In Missions Team



### Amariyah in a field of Marigold



We are still trying to help Naomi walk, but it's proving to be much harder than just a case of club feet! She has been to see a number of doctors and had various x-rays of feet, knees and the next one will be of her spine. We will keep you updated as each doctor and x-ray gives more answers in what is wrong and how we can help her to walk.

The flower project continues to be one of the biggest ways to reach out to people in the community. We had the privilege of going to see one of the growers who lives about 15 miles from us. This family is growing flowers for the first time this year, and has a wonderful crop. We look forward to building a stronger relationship with them over the coming years as they dig themselves out of poverty by using what God has given them.



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