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Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 4, 6, 7

Return for fellowship with Musanga New Apostolic Church – on 5 May as the school break neared its end we decided to join the Musanga New Apostolic Church congregation again. Well this trip included walking and a makolo (dugout canoe) ride as the water was not down enough for us to walk the entire distance. While in the makolo we greeted several of our friends that were going to town for church service, including one in the makolo with his bicycle so that he could continue his trip once reaching solid ground. After the service there as a brief meeting with the leadership to finalize plans for their first time attendance to the Zion spiritual retreat. Then we started our journey back on land then holding ourselves up in the makolo since there was water in the bottom, it was not so good to sit!!



SDA Youth Camp – in 2012 Zion permitted the Musanga SDA church to use a portion of the property for a youth camp. The camp was targeted at youth age 6 to 9 and Zion children of that age were invited to attend. The SDA Church youth leaders came this year and asked if the regional SDA youth camp with about 500 youth could be held at Zion. Based on the positive experience from the previous year and our desire to have an increased awareness of Zion in the community, we agreed. We only needed to provide the space and church would do the rest. Well it was excellent event, unfortunately very few of our children were here to participate since they were out in their villages for holiday. We met many new people from the community and enjoyed hearing twice daily messages by the featured speaker. We also watched as, not 500, but **more than 700 youth participated** in bible study sessions, prayer, sports, drills and meals.



Staff Spiritual Retreat – on 14 May we conducted the first of a two part spiritual retreat for our staff with the focus being on 'work'. The goal being to have all staff members aware of and agreeing to the mission of COZV. Then understanding how their role contributed to the mission and the importance of continued improvement in accomplishing the mission. When the half-day session ended we started preparation for our full day session which included our staff and 30 or our friends from the Musanga New Apostolic Church. Our May 2013 spiritual retreat was titled a D.A.T.E. with God - **Develop Attitudes To Envision all that God can do in and through you!** The retreat included our version of the "Tupperware gospel", a brief study of John 3:16, 2 guest speakers and much singing, team building activities and delicious food. One extra special event was for the entire group to join in celebrating Auntie Monica's birthday. The day concluded with the D.A.T.E. session - participants were invited to visit each of 5 stations to prayerfully invite the presence of the Lord to speak to them. Since John 3:16 was the central scripture it was interesting to learn later that the evening service at a local church used the John 3:16 and the worship hour on the Lozi radio station concluded with John 3:16. It left many people reflecting on their lives.



Mother's Day was rather quite in the village since all except for 6 children were visiting family in their villages for the school break. So, we celebrated our women staff with a yummy desert. Also, we celebrated our wonderful mothers and all of the other Godly mothers of this world. We are blessed beyond comprehension to be raised in such a God filled home!! **Thank you to our mothers on Mother's day and always!!! We miss you!!**



Children pickup and prep for school – we were on the move again to pick up all the children and prepare for school. On 16 May we gathered all the local children and on 17 May headed out for a full day of pickups in the Western Caprivi. 18 May was shopping day for the outschoolers and on 20 May we were taking the children back to their schools.

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These few words represent many hours of driving!! Praise the Lord that all the driving was completed without any problems with the vehicles.

COZV Mission School opens – on 20 May before heading out to transport outschoolers we participated in the teacher meeting at the Zion school for discussions with and encouragement for the Zion teaching staff. On 21 May we participated in the opening devotion with the children. And on 1 June we had our first meeting with the parents of the children that are coming from town (not our children).



Africa Day May 25 – we get excited about opportunities to take the children to town to participate in significant events of the area. In anticipation of activities for celebration of Africa Day 2013 we loaded the children into 2 vehicles and headed to town. Well it seems that sports was the focus of Africa Day festivities in Katima this year. Guess all the dignitaries were celebrating somewhere else. But we still enjoyed our time in town with the children. We decided to watch some of the sports – soccer and netball, and later some of our children joined in the basketball. We also walked from the stadium through town to the market and allowed each child to purchase a treat of their choice for N\$1 (about 10 cents at the current exchange rate). Most choose candy or motembulwa (fat cake), but Josiah and Liseli (the youngest) both choose a banana. Later in the week while having dinner with our friends Michael and Marianne a teacher from a local private school told us how impressed she was with the behavior of the children. She said that she could never take her class out like that. She commented that several children greeted her and played with her dog, and she saw how the older ones helped the younger ones.



A BIG THANK YOU to Makinsey Allen (a previous volunteer here at COZV) and the **youth group** that bought gifts for all of the children here at Zion!! The children here were thrilled and spoiled to receive such special gifts as these. Please thank EVERYONE for their kind hearts and willingness to give to those they do not even know!!



Praises:

- For the youth camp that bought over 700 to worship the Lord!
- For safety and good health.
- For our families, friends and COZV board and Norcross FUMC and our home team, prayer warriors, and those that support us financially.
- For Lena and Johannes Ebner who will be joining us in long term ministry here and for Rebecca Westbrooks who will be serving for 6 months. They will all be arriving 17 June 2013.
- For this village, the community and surrounding villages, our staff and children.

Prayers:

- For Travis and the PSA level and treatment.
- For our work permit approvals.
- For document approvals for the 3 that are coming.
- For the first "family style" home and the house parents and boys living there (this is still inside this village but just not in the "big dorm type" building.
- For wisdom and direction as we continue to build and add more "family style" homes, a church and animals.
- For patience, joy and peace while counseling each child or adult.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To HIM be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4: 10, 11

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