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tlc Updates

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4

Celebration of the life of Inonge Julia. As July came to an end we were stunned with the news that one of our children had died suddenly. It was devastating news for the children and staff. Julia, 22 years old, was one of the first children at COZV. She was quiet and sweet. Julia was taking classes at NAMCOL, prior to becoming ill. Julia was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday and died on Thursday of severe pneumonia. We all took shifts going to the family in mourning in the village. Sometimes what you do is sit and listen, sit and pray, sit and cry. Sometimes you help cook and serve food. Lorna had a very humbling experience to go with the women to the hospital morgue and wash the body of Julia. She was then dressed in new clothes and put into the new coffin with a beautiful thick blanket. This will be an experience that will never be forgotten. The family decided to take the body back to Zambia for the funeral and burial. Several members of the COZV staff were in attendance. The verse for the program that the family chose is: *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1*



Children presentations at dinner – in June we enjoyed the first evening meal the children assisted in the planning, shopping and preparation. This July we added on more to the evening. Each group of children prepared and presented a program. The first evening presentation included reciting memory verses from the Bible, dancing and drama. It was an enjoyable evening for everyone.

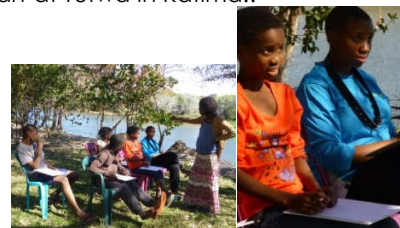


The COZV Mission school students are learning about the **60 character traits of Christ**. The Ebners (the missionaries that joined us last month) have developed a program to help extend the learning process into the children's home and the Genesis house (small boys) in the evening. After dinner, bible stories and activities that demonstrate the character trait are being enjoyed. The goal is to help the children understand not just the meaning of the character trait but also how it can be **applied in life**. For the last 2 weeks we have worked on being **compassionate** and we all memorized the Bible verse: *"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. 1 Peter 3:8*

Mafuta preschool – We transported 50 preschool children from Mafuta to Zion to join in activities with our preschool class. The groups greeted each other with songs then everyone sang together. A Veggie tales video about loving one another as God loves you was enjoyed by all, followed by a coloring activity. After a short snack break everyone headed outside to see the river. These children never get to see the river where they live. They hear about the fish in the river but to see is to believe. God's amazing creation! All the energy from the morning inside was released as the children played a variety of games outside. After loading everyone back into the vehicles, the little but loud voices sang happy songs all the way back to Mafuta. For more great pictures go to tlcinhiservice.blogspot.com



Art class/club started – one of our teachers, Nitta, has a passion for art and the desire to teach others. Nitta has started Saturday morning art classes with a small group of young artist. They gather on the banks of the Zambezi river, receive some instruction and let their creativity come to life on their papers. Maybe one day their art will be hanging with Nitta's art at Tutwa in Katima!!

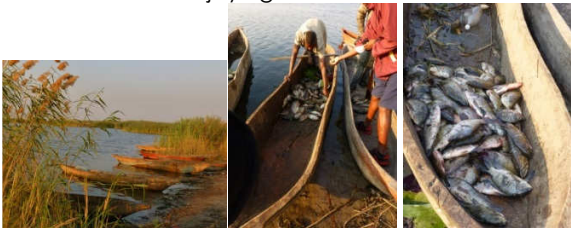


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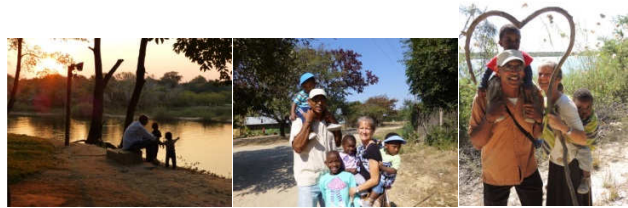
Volunteer house upgrades – since our volunteer house has become the first family style home we had to prepare a new place for the volunteer team from Mount Zion UMC. The Epiphany Transition home provided the ideal facility except with lacked sufficient toilet and wash facilities. With the cooperation of the board and a local builder we were able to quickly start a project to add toilets, showers and a wash area to the new portion of the **Epiphany Volunteer House**. Even a fresh coat of **paint**, organized donations from **Mt. Zion Ministries in Namibia**, upgraded the inside.



Fish outing – as the price of fresh fish in the market was on the increase and the size of the fish was shrinking, we decide to accompany some staff members to the source of the fish. We were encouraged to leave at 6am on a Saturday morning...a little concerning, but we agreed. We arrived on the banks of the Liambezi Lake. It was a tranquil morning with the sound of the wind in the reeds, bird calls and several empty makolos (dugout canoes) – but no fish or fisherman in sight. After a long wait we saw fishermen headed out, and then some came in. The arriving fisherman had spent the night on the lake and at one point had to defend themselves against an aggressive hippo. We purchased a large portion of that catch but needed more. So we waited. One of teachers met a former schoolmate whose sons were returning with fish and again a large portion of those fish were purchased also. Now that we had our limit we headed back to Zion and spent the rest of the day cleaning fish that we are still enjoying.



Afrikaans language Christian radio station – we were invited to meet and greet Neil vd Bergh the channel 7 Christian radio station owner that was visiting Katima Mulilo, to help kick-off a fund-raiser radio-thon. After the meeting we were invited to have dinner with Neil at our friends B&B. Just before dinner Neil asked “how did you Americans land in Katima?” Neil decided that it would be good to do an impromptu interview for the radio. So we had the opportunity to share the story of our calling from God to the mission field. Neil is also a contributor to “Joy” magazine, so in addition to our story being on the radio he will be contributing the article to Joy magazine.



Coming up:

- Working on “mudding” a traditional house.
- School holiday 16 Aug – 2 Sept.
- Mt Zion UMC from Bel Air Maryland serves at COZV 17 Aug – 28 Aug
- Week night Bibles studies continue working on the character trait of Christ – Concerned
- Saturday Bibles studies continue with more village children coming (11 from the village came last week!)
- New “gymnastics club” just starting.

Thank you for your prayers, financial support and encouragement! We are here because of God's call and you are our precious partners with God leading the way!

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 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: 4-7

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