



## Chingola, Zambia Outreach 28 September—10 October 2011

Where do I start? We were 5 that left Cape Town on 28 September via plane to Johannesburg, to meet up with Eddie from Pretoria, and then travel via Inter-cape bus to Chingola. What a journey!! I don't think it is possible to explain this in words. You had to be there to experience it. We laughed, chat, ate, and oh yes, PRAID a lot!! It was a difficult journey full of anxiety moments. The road was narrow and dark, and we quickly realised that we will only reach the other side with God's grace. There was times where it felt like I was on one of these "roller-coaster" rides. The people on the bus was friendly and we really made a lot of great contacts for future outreaches. We even met the new President of Zambia's grand daughter who was traveling with us. She was very impressed with what we do and invited us to come and work under the children in Lusaka. We received numerous invites to churches and communities, unfortunately our time was too short!



During our 5 hours stop on the Zambian border, it was just amazing to see the team in action. Here you can see Ruben making friends with youngsters who collected our empty bottles to refill with water and sell for money. He really did this with love and honesty in his heart. At the border it was really God's Word that got us through. We paid the bribes in form of handing out Bibles that we took with.



Daniel fetched us on Sunday morning for church. What a WALK!! For them walking comes naturally and everything is "Just over there", but it surely wasn't so close, believe me! We walked about an hour before we reached the church. And this isn't normal roads that we are used too, but it was worth it! The children at the church did a wonderful show and we just sat back en enjoyed it. Then it was our turn. We taught them 3 songs with movements. It was stunning singing with them. Daniel did the service in English while it was translated in Bemba for those battling with the English. God really showed us His Heart for these people in Chingola. The most amazing day ever at church I've experienced.



Monday, Tuesday & Thursday we had the opportunity to work in "Excellence International School" in Chingola with the kids from Gr 2—5. We sang, played ball (stuck in the mud), did a drama without talking (stuck in sin) and then draw it all through to the Gospel in the Bible. Thursday the Holy Spirit guided me to do an alter call, and what an experience! 20 Kids responded! 15 Gave there hearts to Jesus, while I was helping 5 girls who struggled with surety.

It was a huge privilege for each one on the team to could spend time with these kids. The teachers was also present and excited to help us in this times. They told us that they've learned a lot around their own kids!



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Every afternoon at 2, me and Eddie gave training on the KEE (Africa material) to teachers, pastors and parents. This also was a completely different experience! There was times that I didn't felt worthy of standing in front of these wonderful people.

It also was one of the most difficult trainings that I had ever given. They are very passive people! They struggle with the concept of playing, laughing, teamwork and giving response. I really had to pull out all the stops to get them actively involved in the training. But God was faithful as always and also provided in this.



If we were home in the evenings before dark, we just went outside with a ball. All the kids from the area then joined us for soccer, chatting and just laughing. We realized that this people don't know how to laugh. If we were home the kids will just come knocking so that we must play. It was nice to see how the team, very tired sometimes, always got up and went outside to play with new founded strength!

We had the wonderful opportunity on Friday to go to the "Lulamba Complex School". We just took a chance! We went and saw the principle explaining what we do and asked for some time with the Gr 4 – 6 kids. She was very positive and quickly everything was arranged. We sang and did our little drama after which I did the comparison through to the Bible. I must say, this was a complete different experience!



Wednesday we reached out to the prison and the market place where we shared the Gospel and handed out Bibles. Funny enough, this visit to the prison was for me the highlight! I shared with a family of 3 girls (youngest 13), 4 boys and the granny (+/- 90). One of the boys was desperate to help with putting food on the table, so he sold drugs. Everyone in the house was arrested. It's sad but still encouraging to see how they try to lift up each other while in there. They are already 2 months waiting for trials, but due to the elections everything was slowed down. We were allowed to leave 3 Bibles with them. 1 of the boys, 1 for the girls and 1 for the granny. Please pray for them!!

Thursday evening we were invited to Daniel's family for a traditional supper. This was an amazing experience! What really stood out for me was when Daniel came around to wash our hands with a jug and bucket. This made me feel more or less how the disciples must have felt when Jesus washed their feet.

The food was strange but nice. There was even "caterpillars". Everyone tried, except me and Eddie. No thanks! The rest who tried said it's fine but they won't try it again. So I wonder!!!!



Monday evening we showed the film "To save a life" for the youth. Because of the time and transport factors we couldn't finish the film and had to go back on the Thursday evening to finish it. They were all challenged to go out and really look and listen to the people around them. Go and Save a Life by doing what Jesus would have done!

God really provided for us during this outreach. We were blessed in sharing with so many people that crossed our paths. We tried to live in a way that people can see the difference between living God's Word and just preaching God's Word. We wanted them to experience the difference.

God blessed us people like Madelein that we've met in Shoprite one day. They are also from SA working there. Great thanks to them who paid our bus tickets from Chingola to Lusaka. God provided through them, without them knowing our need!



Special thanks to our host and his family! Daniel it was really a privilege to work with you!

Everyone on the team, Hennig, Frederick, Ruben, Eddie, Le-zan and myself, returned as different people. We want to say thanks to YOU! Yes you! You who prayed, helped financially, sponsored Bibles, food, etc. This wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for you. Thanks for helping us!

**Thank you very much!!  
 We believe that God will bless you!**

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