

The Dearth to Zambia

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*Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause (Isaiah 1:17, ESV).*

Costly Grace...

As we write this letter, it is the middle of Passion week, which brings “missions” texts to mind like Luke 9:51-62. “When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem... But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem” (ESV). Jesus was going to Jerusalem to die, to become “a curse for us... so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles...” (Gal. 3:13-14, ESV).

Luke 9 goes on to tell about three people who wanted to follow Jesus but found the cost too great. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor who was executed during World War II, called the gospel *costly grace*. “It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life.”

This is the true life that we bank on as we continue support raising with the hope of **returning to Zambia this August**. While we are keenly aware of the costs of leaving family, friends, church, and American comforts, our hearts burn with the desire to return to Zambia with this costly grace.

Support Needs...

We are so thankful and excited at what God has done in the last two months to increase our monthly support by 13%. Many of you have already supported or pledged to support us, by which

we are deeply humbled. Thank you! **We are praying for the remaining 64% to come in quickly.**

Our sights are still set on an August departure, which is practically just around the corner, and there is much to be done – books to read, Derek’s school to finish (less than five weeks to go!), support to raise, and lots of travel interspersed. Most recently, we were in Mt. Pleasant, MI, speaking at Kristin’s home church. It is so invigorating to share about Zambia and the HIV/AIDS ministry we plan to work with, the C.R.O.S.S. Project (Churches Ready to Overcome Silence and Stigma).

Until our departure, we want to highlight facts about Zambia and HIV in our letters that will, hopefully, reveal some of the needs in Zambia and why we can’t wait to get back.



Zambia Facts

- Population: 11.8 million
- Capital city: Lusaka
- Life expectancy at birth: 38 years, second lowest in the world
- Percentage infected with HIV: 15.2%
- History: British colony, formerly Northern Rhodesia
- Language: English (official) and 72 tribal languages
- Main export: Copper
- Currency: Kwacha (4,700 Kwacha per 1 USD)
- Annual Income: less than \$2/day
- Religion: Christianity 50%-75% (2% Evangelical); Muslim and Hindu 24%-49%; Indigenous beliefs 1%
- Unemployment rate: Over 50%

If you would like to be on our email list, please send us an email with the words "join email list."

If you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please email us or write to ACTION with the words "remove from mailing list."

Moving forward by His grace,
Derek and Kristin Dearth



Prayer Requests

-Pray that God would give Derek the needed grace to finish school in only 5 weeks!

-Pray that the Lord would provide many more prayer supporters.

-Pray that the Lord would provide the necessary financial support, both monthly and one-time for us to be able to leave in August 2010.

-Pray about your part in supporting us (see right).

-Pray that the Zambia team would remain strong and vibrant in Christ.

-Pray that God would pour out His grace on the Zambian Church and that it would glorify God in how it relates to HIV/AIDS.

Contact us!

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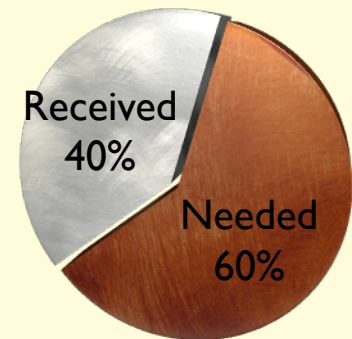
Prayer and Financial Support Update

Prayer Support

Currently we need more committed prayer supporters and are seeking more daily, weekly, and monthly supporters.

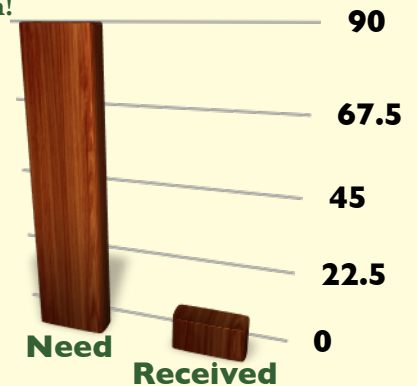
Monthly Financial Support

We have 36% of our monthly budget needs met, but are praying for 64% more to come in!



One-Time/Start-up Financial Support

We have 10% of our one-time budget donations, but are praying for 90% more to come in!



Derek & Kristin Dearth
ministering with
Action International Ministries

Yes, I want to commit to praying...

- daily** for you
- weekly** for you
- monthly** for you

Yes, I would like to assist with the following, as the Lord provides:

\$ _____ per month for the Dearth's **personal support.**
(Acct 43010 A)

\$ _____ as a **one-time gift** for the Dearth's outgoing expenses.
(Acct 43010 B)

\$ _____ **Total enclosed**

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Thank you very much! All gifts are used as designated and receipted for tax purposes. Please make your gift payable and send to:

Action International Ministries,
PO Box 398, Mountlake Terrace,
WA 98043-0398 USA

Canada residents:
3015A 21 Street NE, Calgary,
Alberta T2E 7T1 **Canada.**



Convenient Giving Plan

I give my bank account permission to transfer the donation below from my personal bank account to Action International Ministries each month. PLEASE ENCLOSE A VOIDED CHECK FOR BANK ACCOUNT.

Please check one: New Applicant
 Changes

Name:

Address:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

Signature (required)

Today's Date:

I prefer the monthly transfer date of:
3rd or 18th

Please use my contribution of:

\$ _____ per month for the Dearth's personal support.
(Acct 43010 A)