

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...”
Ephesians 4:12 ESV

Derek and Kristin Dearth – Serving in Lusaka, Zambia

Happy Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful to God for this year and especially these last three months being back in Zambia. God has been very gracious to us. These past three months have been very unique, special, and busy with bringing little Charlie to Zambia and having some of Kristin’s family visit us for the first time.

Kristin’s parents came back with us on August 2nd to help us transport Charlie and all of his gear (!!) 8,500 miles from the States to Lusaka and help us get all settled with a six-week old baby. They were extremely helpful and gracious with getting our house all organized, cleaning, helping with meals, changing and bathing Charlie, and building a table and spice rack for us. Not only did they help us out at our house, but they also did some ministry things as well. Kristin’s mom, Connie, who was a nurse in the States, assisted at a wound clinic down south on the shores of Lake Kariba with Pastor Fanwell (pictured at the bottom). And Kristin’s dad, Terry, gave the message at two graduation ceremonies for our ministry area, the C.R.O.S.S. Project (pictured in the middle).

Then, at the end of August, Kristin’s brother, Bjorn, and his wife, Kendall, and their friend, Hoy, came for two weeks to do a Christian Business Seminar for former ACTION Pastor’s College pastors. From the feedback that we got, the pastors felt the seminar was very practical and helpful in giving them ideas and basics in making a business plan and budget. Many of these pastors shepherd very poor congregations in the poorer areas (compounds) around Lusaka and have to have their own small businesses to help make ends meet for their families.

We also had a lot of fun having Kristin’s family here. It was great to have them get to know our teammates and spend time with John and Eta, our national workers in the C.R.O.S.S. Project. We also were able to take the whole crew down to Livingstone for them to see Victoria Falls and go on a safari in Botswana. We shared meals and car rides together, talked about Zambia and its challenges - HIV/AIDS, poverty, corruption, and just our life and ministry here. Their visit here was such an encouragement to us, and we will always cherish this time together!

*That Zambians would know Jesus,
Derek & Kristin Dearth*

PERSONAL UPDATE

We are still trying to figure out what it means to be parents of a (now) four-month old, very bright-eyed and active little boy! Charlie is such a joy to us, and we are so thankful to God for him.

Please pray for us as we try to parent Charlie in a God-glorifying and honoring way and figure out what our life in Zambia looks like now with Kristin at home with Charlie most of the time and Derek out in the field with the C.R.O.S.S. Project.

Please also pray for wisdom and guidance as we seek to lead and coordinate the C.R.O.S.S. Project and continue to teach the 16-week C.R.O.S.S. Project curriculum in poor compound churches around Lusaka.

Please pray for our personal financial support level. We still need 1 support partner at \$50 a month, 3 support partners at \$25 a month and 2 support partners at \$10 a month.

**Thank you so much for your prayers and support!
We can’t do this ministry without you!**



Bjorn, Hoy, and Kendall talking with a local Zambian business owner as they prepare for the business seminar.



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