

# Water for the Oppressed Newsletter

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

This year has passed by quickly. The year 2007 was a year of transition for Leslie and me. The Lord has blessed us with wisdom and patience for the journey. We now understand the word PAPERWORK!

In September, we moved to Zambia and have settled into our humble abode. It is our prayer that in the coming months we will be able to have electricity or solar power in the house. At the moment, we have one solar bulb (candles) and we keep our cold items on ice.



The water is from a well and is pumped to an elevated water tank which in turn gravity feeds the water into the house. As for hot water, we have a donkey. This is not an animal, but an outside 55 gallon barrel which you build a fire under and water circulates thru the barrel and into the house.

Yes, the most important part is how we cook. In the beginning, we cooked outside using charcoal in a clay pot but now have converted over to a gas stove inside the house. The charcoal was very time consuming to say the least. Praise the Lord!

## EQUIPMENT ARRIVES IN ZAMBIA

In October, the water truck and drill unit arrived in Africa. C.W. flew to Walvis Bay, Namibia to collect the water truck, only to find the truck had been vandalized. The truck was repaired within one week and C.W. started on the 1,300 mile journey back to Zambia. An hour before C.W. left, the Lord brought along a young man which was willing to ride with him back to the Zambia border. This was a blessing but I was ticketed for having a passenger in the truck. The permit for moving the truck prohibited passengers but the police officer allowed him to continue with me, as long as I paid the ticket.

We passed through numerous road checkpoints as we drove back to Zambia. It is a very weird feeling to approach a road block in a foreign land with no knowledge of what to expect. For the first time I felt the lack of the security we take for granted in the US. I can say the Lord showed favor for us at each checkpoint. I think when they heard me speak with a southern accent and realized I was from the US, it made a tremendous difference. I sensed along the way that people perceive Americans as coming to help the people and not to take from them.

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## COMMUNITY MINISTRY

In regards to ministry, Leslie and I have been involved with the local community as we gather on the mission base for fellowship. We are helping with Sunday school and sharing the Word when we have an opportunity. In the month of October 15 new believers were baptized. We used an existing irrigation water tank for the baptismal.



**Baptismal Service**

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## STATESIDE VISIT

Leslie and I plan to come to the states in January or February. Our top priority before leaving Zambia is to be sure the trucks have cleared Customs and are at the mission base. The clearance of the trucks will determine our timeframe for coming to the states.

We would like to use the time we spend in the states to share the ministry with local church groups or organizations who are interested to learn more about the outreach efforts of Water for the Oppressed-Zambia. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more, please e mail Leslie or me at the e mail address below. If you do not have e mail, you can call Lois White @ 1-434-447-3005 and she can help schedule a time for us to come and share.

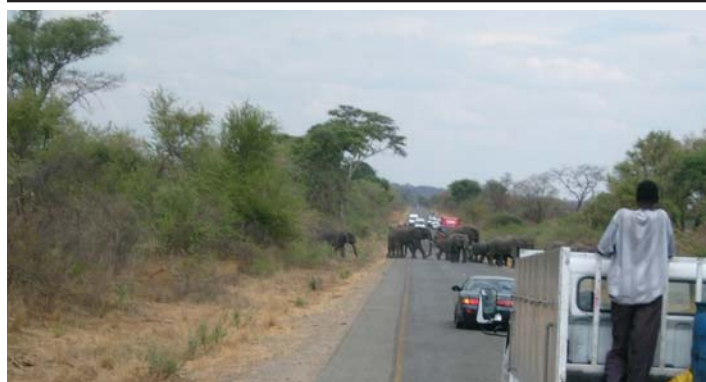
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## THANK YOU

Leslie and I would like to say thank you to each donor who has helped to make 2007 a blessed year. It would be impossible without your financial support but more importantly is the prayer support that we believe have encouraged and sustained our spirits when we faced some very trying times. We pray for the Lord to bless you for your faithfulness in giving and remembering the ministry in prayer. We look forward to a blessed 2008 as we together reach the people of Zambia. God bless!!

## ADOPT-A-WELL PROGRAM

The Adopt-A-Well program is an opportunity for churches, individuals, or groups to donate a well and hand pump to a village. Each new well and hand pump will impact 500-700 people.



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## BEWARE OF ELEPHANT CROSSING!!

On the way back from Namibia, I saw quite a few elephants along with a couple of giraffe's. This picture was taken near Victoria Falls in Livingstone, Zambia. The elephants always have the right of way.

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## MINISTRY DONATIONS

If you are encouraged to help with the ministry, we have enclosed an insert and you can designate the particular area in which your gift should be used. Upon completion of insert please return using the enclosed envelope. It is our prayer for the year 2008, to drill 30 new boreholes and repair 15 existing hand pumps. We invite you today to be a part of this outreach into the villages of Zambia.

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## ADOPT-A-PUMP PROGRAM

The Adopt-A-Pump program will provide churches, individuals, or groups with the blessing of repairing broken wells. There are many existing hand pumps broken due to excessive use or vandalism. We will remove the broken pumps/pipes and install new pumping equipment.

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