

Missions Trip to Zambia, Africa

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1. What were some of the main responsibilities you were given on this trip?

BH - The trip to Zambia was very exciting and educational. We both helped with the youth group on Tuesdays, taught in the Bible Club on Saturdays, and also helped in various Sunday school and junior church classes. I also had the opportunity to tutor a boy named Mwelwa once a week.

JD - The main responsibility on this trip was helping in the school. We rotated between helping with the K3-4, Kindergarten, and 1st grade. We also helped with the orphanage. We did a service there every Thursday, and we would either tell the story or teach the verse. Also, every week we prepared special music for the Sunday services.

2. Tell us about the people you ministered to.

BH - The people were extremely friendly and such a blessing to me. They are so thankful for everything and truly want to learn and serve God. It was encouraging to see a strong group of Christians who love God.

JD - Many of the people that we ministered to were not wealthy. Many of them would walk an hour to a vehicle just to get a ride to go to church. One of the difficulties working with the people is that they are very backward in their thinking. Although Zambia claims to be a Christian nation, many of the traditional practices are very pagan.

3. How has this opportunity helped to prepare you for your future ministry?

BH - This trip has taught me how to better pray for the many missionaries.

JD - There were so many lessons that I learned from working with the missionaries on the field. It really helped me see how much work goes into trying to get people to be saved and to grow. The main thing I learned was to have patience. Often we want people to become spiritual warriors in the first month of their salvation, but that does not usually happen. Just like someone had patience with us to see us grow, it is needed when helping others.

4. Do you have a special memory from the trip?

BH - One of my favorite memories was an art project we did with the pre-school children. We traced each child on a poster board, and they colored their tracing. Then we cut the figures out. The children loved the project.

JD - One of my favorite memories of the trip would be our trip to Livingston. A friend named Marlize, Bethlie, and I sat in the back of a pick up truck with a pile of cushions for a nine hour drive to Livingston. We were able to play games and fellowship with each other which was very enjoyable. Brother Leon Staal and his wife took us to see Victoria Falls, as well as some other fun activities including a Safari Drive, Crocodile Park, and hikes around the falls.

