“Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?” Psalm 85:6

This year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation started by Dr. Martin Luther. We planned the Africa Reformation Overland Mission to call people back to the Bible. It was my privilege to be apart of this mission team.

Preparation
I spent months beforehand preparing physically, emotionally and spiritually for my first cross-border mission. Finally, I was going to have the opportunity to experience and put to practice all that I have learned so far. Our team of three left with a trailer full of literature and our hearts full of hope and anticipation.

Zambia
Africa Reformation Overland Mission - Zambia, Tanzania, Namibia

We travelled up to Zambia through Namibia and upon our entrance into Zambia we experienced the worst potholed roads ever. Needless to say – traveling in Zambia was not the most pleasant, and there were countless police-stops with corrupt people looking for bribes. We held a Reformation Conference in Lusaka (the capital of Zambia) at the Justo Mwale University of Theology. Pastors from all over Zambia and even other countries like Malawi and Zimbabwe attended. They were enthusiastic about Reformation and Revival. They were eager to learn and had lots of questions about questionable practices in the Churches in Zambia.

“Do your best to present yourselves to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth.”

2 Timothy 2:14

Tanzania

While our team leader went to Tanzania for Conferences with pastors, his wife and I stayed in Kabwe (a town in Zambia) to do some local ministry there. We thank God that he travelled safely on his own and got through the border, even though he was harassed by corrupt border officials. He was warmly welcomed in the rural villages and his ministry and teachings was greatly appreciated.

Kabwe Children’s Ministry

Meanwhile in Zambia, the two of us filled our time visiting different ministries in and around Kabwe to help them and learn from them. We went to a private, Christian school to give Devotions in the classrooms. They invited us back to do Devotions again and also to attend their Assembly. The principal explained that they struggle to keep their teachers and give the children a good education as so many cannot pay school fees. We gave them Bibles for all their teachers.

Bethesda

In some parts of Zambia people with disabilities are looked down upon. Children are either used for labour in the house, or they are just left in a corner and ignored. A group of missionaries from Operation Mobilasation started a school called Bethesda for children with mental and/or physical disabilities. About 40 children from ages 2 to 22 are picked up every day to come to this very basic, 3-classroom school, where they are taught to read and write, make food and work with money. There are normally two teachers per classroom who have to see to all the needs of their group of children, whether mentally or physically disabled, or both. It was a privilege to help them feed and teach and help the children. We had to learn how to give emotional support to these children who so desperately need it, although you either could not speak their language, or they could not talk at all. This was a very humbling experience.

“Whoever receives one such child in My Name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

Matthew 18:5-6

Ministering in a Rural Area

Mercy House is a community center for vulnerable children. Children are classified as vulnerable if their parents cannot, or will not, provide education for their child. Mercy House was started by missionaries in a township. They take vulnerable children in during the day so they have a safe place to play (a way from violence in the house and in the streets) and to teach them reading and writing and basic maths so maybe they can go to a school, if they can get a sponsor for the child.

While I was with them we went out to a nearby field with the 50 or so children to do some sports and play games. We started with singing songs and I was astonished to see our numbers grow by the minute. By the time we divided into groups for the games, more than 100 children had come from their homes, or from where they were playing in the streets, to join us. I specifically remember one shy girl, about 4-years old, who joined us with her baby sister on her back. We played and ran and sang for 2 hours and at the end could share a Gospel message with them and end in prayer. The message I gave was very short and difficult to give because of the language barrier and it is very difficult to keep 150 excited children's attention while you talk with a translator. We did this twice that day. The second time I was guiding a blind girl who was eagerly participating in as much as she could, especially the singing. She was a great inspiration to me. We gave the staff good Bible study material to go through with the children.
May God bless you in everything you do for Him in your prayers as there are so many Christians who suffer because of the lack of solid prayer. Please pray with me for the people we visited and evangelized, the churches in Zambia and their battle against the health, wealth and prosperity movement and the ministries who try to care for and educate the children whose parents do not care for them. Also remember Namibia Bible-teaching Churches. May the Holy Spirit continue working in these countries.

Prayer Requests

Above the earth and heaven."

"The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we remain faithful, He remains faithful to the end. But if we deny Him, He will also deny us; if we are unfaithful, He will be unfaithful to us; if we are proved faithful, He will be proved faithful to us."

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."