“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
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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 Mobilization 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. They normally have 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 (away 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.
Missionary Apprentice
Francis Momberg
In His Service
May God bless you in everything you do for Him
Please pray with me for the people we visited and evangelized, the churches in Zambia and in your prayers as there are so many Christians who suffer because of the lack of solid care for and educate the children whose parents do not care for them. Also remember Namibia Prayer Requests above the earth and heaven."

His Creation.

"The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we are faithless, He remains faithful"

endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him He also will deny us; if we are very gracious to us and gave us a good team dynamic. Most of all I got to know myself in these countries too. Getting to know the cultural differences was very interesting for me. Driving around with, or exhausted by, people or situations, especially when everything was new. God helped me a lot during these times, especially through my personal quiet times and Bible reading. This spiritual condition and the political and economical situation in their countries were most whole experience is just another confirmation that this is where God wants me to be and that I Most importantly I learned more about who God is and how He works with His Church in other Kingdom of Heaven"

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the their culture because the men are lazy, drunkards and are not good husbands. They need a lot We held an Evangelism Conference in a township with a new church plant. We explained the of our team to minister to them. The next day we started by talking with them about Biblical since all the participants were women we thought it would be a good opportunity for the women need for Evangelism and different methods to help them share the Gospel effectively. After that Womanhood. We had some discussion and learned from their experiences and problems they face, so that we can comfort and encourage them. One women shared with us that her husband of prayer for the Holy Spirit to help them be godly women and good wives, despite their people from many different Home Fellowships and Churches got together to worship and have Our team was reunited and we travelled back to Namibia. At the beginning of our mission we started Home Fellowships or House Churches. In one town they arranged a meeting where struggles, encourage them from the Scriptures and pray for them.

had wonderful fellowship with the Namibians. They received us with open arms. Many of the people told us about the lack of faithful, Bible-based Churches in Namibia. As a result they unity in the Body of Christ. We could minister to the children and families, listen to their problems and needs. We took them for door-to-door outreaches, which they returned from energized and enthusiastic! people from many different Home Fellowships and Churches got together to worship and have of prayer for the Holy Spirit to help them be godly women and good wives, despite their difficulties, so they can be examples of the power of the Gospel.

I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for Salvation for everyone who believes..."

talk to the staff and other volunteers. I tried to share the Gospel with one German girl who days at a time while his single mother went to parties, until neighbors called the police about all two children who suffered from severe malnutrition. A three year old boy was left home alone for one-and-a-half year old girl who had both her parents, who both had jobs, but received so little income that they could not take care of their children. I bathed, fed and played with them. I Ministering to the Body

We planned to go visit a school for deaf children, just outside of town. Unfortunately we got took 10 men and a woman to the school. They were very happy to see us! We shared the Gospel with them and gave them some toys. They were very grateful for our visit. We also took them to a church service. The children were very excited to be there. After the service we gave them some more toys and gave them some勉励的礼物，他们非常开心和感激我们之所以来。我们还带他们去了一所学校。孩子们对在那里非常兴奋。

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Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for His Name alone is exalted; His Majesty is Romans 1:16

Matthew 5:10.

2 Timothy 2:11-13

Psalm 148:13