



## **An update from Ruth & Artis Powell**

### **Village Hope Ministries International, Inc.**

Zambia is a Christian nation. Believers in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, are free to share the gospel of Christ with anyone openly.

Since 2010, we have built a trades school where members of the community in Kasempa will come and learn a trade.

We opened a school for children where children are learning about Christ as part of the curriculum.

We also drilled two wells for the community to have clean water. Now we are trusting God to provide funds to purchase solar pumps for the wells to supply running water.

In February 2025, we hired a local doctor to help people in the village with medical needs. His name is Alex Mpumba Jr. Alex graduated from medical school in Zambia in 2022 and had no job since then because there aren't many government clinics and hospitals where he could work. Please, pray for him. Pray that he will have funds to buy medicines to treat people and help people. His practice in the village is serving many lives as people in the village die from lack of medical care and simple sicknesses that can easily be treated. As a believer and someone who attended ESI in Tanzania, he prays with patients before he treats them.

Pray for my Zambia mission trip on May 5-19, 2025, to check on the projects we have there, meet with the youths we disciple, visit the orphans we support, and meet with the orphans' caregivers.

We will also visit the ESI leaders in the area and start to prepare for the ESI Retreat in August 2025.

Pray for God's providence of finances to finish the youth center and buy solar panels to provide power to pump well water into the tank for water supply.



## GREATER CLEVELAND

We thank God for five after school Bible Clubs we have in public schools in Cleveland, Euclid, and Painesville.

Bible Clubs will be ending at the end of April and beginning of May. We are thankful to God for the 118 boys and girls (Kindergarten - 5th Grade) that we reached this school year 2024 - 2025.

The kids learned how to find the Scriptures by going to the Table of Contents. It was a great joy to hear them shout, "I found it" when they found the book and then scream the page number to help others to find it.

About two weeks ago, a little girl asked how she could live forever. We took advantage of the question and explained how Christ died on the cross to give us everlasting life. She then asked if she could ask God to forgive her sins and ask Christ to help her to live forever. She prayed and then four others also did. Please, pray for them to continue to love God and desire to know more about him.

Please, pray for all the kids in all the Bible Clubs to continue to grow spiritually. During Christmas, we gave each of them a Bible and a little devotional book, "Date book". Last week, a girl walked in and said that she had been reading her "Date Book".

Thank you very much for praying.

Blessings!

Artis and Ruth