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Hallo to you all!

You might have heard that the president of Zambia, Levi Mwanawasa passed away last week because of a severe stroke he had some weeks ago. As a result of that a 3-week period of mourning had been declared and even the school holidays were extended for a week and no sports activities are allowed at the moment.

What a busy week this was! We had to travel all the way to Lusaka again to get our work permits sorted and what a stressful outing that was. Fortunately our visitors permits had been extended for another 30 days, so hopefully the work permits would have been issued by the end of the month. One advantage of being a missionary is that we don't have to leave the country while the work permits are being processed.



On our way back from Lusaka we made a short detour to Lake Kariba where we stayed over in our little rooftop tent. It is really beautiful around the lake but such a pity that the Zambian side is so under developed. The roads on the Zambian side is really bad and no thought was given to developing the tourist industry in the area. The shores of the lake are dotted with numerous villages which make a living from fishing for bream and kapenta (small fish, which they dry) in the lake so there is constant activity from fishing boats coming and going. Even night time, there would be noise from the bigger companies with their bigger motorised fishing boats. So peace and quiet is out of the question.

I entertained some of the children to cool drink and cakes the other day, which they really enjoyed. One of the girl's dress was coming apart and I decided to mend it there and then, with the only needle and bit of thread we brought along. So when Lourie decided to take a picture everyone descended on me and could not get enough of touching my hair (picture below). Some of them are coming to plait my hair but I am a bit worried that I might not get it unknotted again. What a photo opportunity that would be!



The renovations are coming on nicely and the picture shows the window frames being installed.

Lourie's dental surgery by the back door is doing well too. He has done 5 extractions this morning which brought in, 3 chickens and 20 000 kwacha, which is around £2. Can you believe the poverty around here! Some of them can't even afford that. One patient even paid with one cabbage the other day! How sad is that! Well, the chickens are numbering around 25 now with only about 5 eggs per day because most of them are still rather young. Everything has a small beginning and we are very excited.



Rev Ockie from the S.A. Congregation in London came to visit and that was the highlight of the week. We donated a goat and a chicken to the local choir so they would perform specially for our guest from abroad. Even the senior headman attended and everyone really enjoyed it. Ockie even shared and preached a short sermon about how great our GOD really is, and although we cannot see Him, He is always there.

Ockie brought some boerewors (South African sausage) and some rump steak which we feasted on that same evening. We really enjoyed his visit and want to thank everyone who made this possible( especially his wife, Annette) who we really missed.



This picture shows Ockie and I in my kitchen, just a joke, we visited Mrs Kalaluka's village.

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