

FROM OUR HANDS TO YOURS

FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

As we come on the Christmas season, Anita and Catie head back home to Kabwe in December. They will be able to share love to the street kids and young folk as this season is all about love. The people are starving physically and emotionally, and they need their cry to be heard.

You ask if you can help? The answer is simple. YES!!!

These two women are away from immediate family during the Christmas season and will be gone for many months. They will be away during important dates such as Catie's sweet 16. Keep in touch with them. They can be reached on Facebook Messenger and WhatsApp or email. Help is something everyone needs, and it can happen in as small a gift as a letter and a few extra bucks. They will be living in the mission house which is on the outskirts of Kabwe but they plan to go to the mission in the bush a few times so prayer is needed.



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SACRIFICIAL LOVE

If you ask either women how they feel about this journey, they will say that they are alright with it. When your 15-year-old daughter, having spent the last two years learning how to function with a chronic illness (POTS), tells you that she would sell all of her belongings just to return home, you listen. Her heart is pure and full of grace and love. Since their last time in Zambia, back in the fall of 2017, Catie has fallen more and more in love with her Zambian home. The statement “absence makes the heart grow fonder” is proven truer as time goes by.

Anita is tired at having everything at her fingertips and feeling overwhelmed every time she goes to the store because there are too many choices. Tired of the feeling of things being taken for granted and not sharing honest moments with people because we are too busy. There is so much that our great country of America has to offer, but she misses true, genuine connections. She often shares that in Zambia, if you see someone walking towards your home and you are in the garden, you stop what you are doing, go into the kitchen and put the tea kettle on. When the guest arrives at your door, you let them in, sit down and fellowship. Having this time to build a relationship is foreign to many of us. So, for her, she looks forward to the more relaxed side of life. Hard times are everywhere, it just depends on our perspective.

Catie and her big brother Henry.



Randy, Anita and Nissim K. a dear Congolese brother.



SUMMER MISSIONS TRIP

On Tuesday, July 16th, Anita, Henry and Catie drove Randy to the Newark, New Jersey airport. They would say good bye to him for 6 weeks as he journeyed to Zambia on his own. The time was spent in hugs, tears and re-packing a few of the bags. There was a misunderstanding on how much extra luggage would cost and so the amount of shoes going over for the street kids was limited. It is always a good thing to plan for an extra hour or so for such a time as this. Though there were a bunch of grumbles from the family since they wanted more time together at home, Anita pushed to leave at least an hour and a half early.



Randy was heading over to check on a few things at Chibangu in the bush and also to check on the young men we worked with that lived on the streets by the mission house in Kabwe. Most of the time was taken up though working in the bush. There were two wells on the property with one having a windmill that had been broken for over two years. The one well up by the building being used as a school had a hand pump that had been broken. And though water was being pumped at the well of the broken windmill with a motor pump, that too had now broken. The community was able to get water from a small creek that was full of giardia and liver fluke. Many had severe intestinal issues. The need was great and so the time was spent fixing the windmill. From the bearings that made the windmill turn to the submersible piston pump that sets in the water needed to be replaced. That was completed before Randy's return on August 29th and the community was finally able to get back to drinking better water.



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WOMEN'S TEA PARTY

In 2017, Anita and a couple Zambian sisters had the first Women's Tea Party. After much preparation, 18 women from the ages of 14 - 66 met in the mission home. They came from all walks of life with five being white missionary women and the rest Zambian nationals. There was the lady who sold us lumber, a fellow pastor's wife who also worked with street kids and some were members of the Zambian church we attended. As the 18 women piled into the home, there was only one rule. You were told to please find a seat, but you were not allowed to sit beside someone you knew. This made each woman spend the 2 ½ hours getting to know someone who they may bump into in the town but now knew.

There was a steady supply of tea, coffee, biscuits and cake to fill our stomachs while there was also plenty of laughter. Anita had taken over some adult coloring cards and books with encouraging words on them and had colored pencils to color them in. Each of the women left with at least a card or two, a few colored pencils to finish their artwork with if they desired and a new relationship to grow.

Once back in the U.S., Anita and Catie were able to have A Women's Tea 3 more times at different venues. There was always a gathering of at least a few women who did not know one another. And once again, they left with stomachs full of treats and hearts full of new relationships.

This is the heart of Operation Helping Hand. Building relationships with others and sharing special times. Would you be interested in joining our team? We always welcome support whether it be physical, financial or spiritual. Reach out to us, after you have enjoyed reading this Newsletter and let us know in what way that you feel led to help. We need you. They need all of us. Let's partner together to speak the words of Love in the lives across the world.