

# FROM OUR HANDS TO YOURS

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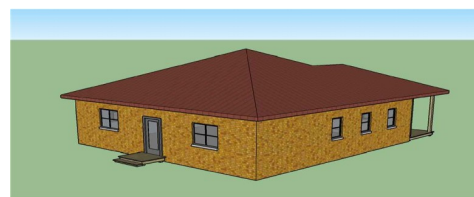
## HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Venturing into the bushland of Zambia, past all the shops and “civilized” places the country has to offer, you will be entering a much simpler and slower way of life. Here you see less and less of houses littered with electric wires, wall fences and satellite T.V. and you see houses made from simple bricks and mud. The buildings in town offer you protection from the rain with their tin or tile roof while in the bushland, you deal with grass roofs. These may be cooler in the hot weather but they can have an array of issues. With a grass roof, most villagers do not place the grass on the huts in a manner of tacking it down like thatch. They use strips of bark off a tree, peeling it off and using it to tie the strands of grass onto the poles across the top of the hut. In order to make the bark supple and flexible, they are placed in a bucket of water or if there is a stream nearby, they may be placed directly in the water. This is the way that things get tied down when you are not near any shops to buy rope.

The buildings, known as huts, are usually not too large and many times they are made from crudely made bricks or poles placed in the ground with mud slapped on between them to make the wall. There is no outer wall surrounding the home built for protection but instead there is an area of buildings clumped together. In each home, there may be a window or two or a small hole in each room for ventilation. If the owner heads into town, they try to purchase some screen to fit in the holes, preventing more mosquitos from entering and getting the inhabitants malaria. There may be one or two rooms but many times there is just one. In the center of the room is a fire. This is the ‘stove’ to cook on and the warmth for chilly nights. There is not a small stone wall around this fire or a metal and mesh cover over top. Accidental burns to children may happen. There may be a bamboo mat on the ground to be used as a mattress and maybe a few other items in this dimly lit room but other than that, it is empty.

All this is said to show you that there are many different ways to build the proper buildings on the Chibangu Mission Land. We are starting this project in 2019.

- We need to examine all the buildings on the land and make sure that they are structurally sound and sturdy. Because they were built over 15 years ago, they might need to be torn down if they are safe.
- We need to raise \$10,000 for the tools, equipment and manpower to make the bricks needed for all the buildings and the wall fence around the buildings. The wall fence is for protection.
- We need to begin growing a garden to help us be sustained and stable.
- Blueprints of the building being built.



2. EXTERIOR VIEW "C"

## We need your help!

- Carpenters
- Builders
- Masons
- Plumbers

## GIVING SELFLESSLY

**"Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Go in, tread, for the wine-press is full. The vats overflow, for their evil is great.**

**Joel 3:13**

We see that this scripture means that we are to be vigilant, steadfast at what we do and to basically get down and get dirty. As Anita likes to say, "we are to boldly go where no one has gone before." We are to 'go in, tread,' and not just use words but actions as well. We have found out that the best way to teach someone to do something is to do it ourselves first. Lead by example. Even Jesus did this when He was on this earth. Look at how many times He led by example, teaching His disciples and followers how to speak to the Heavenly Father and how to perform miracles. He led by example, even saying that we are to do as He does. And before He left this earth, He said that with the power of the Holy Spirit we would do even greater things than He did! Just because we- Randy, Catie and Anita are not in Zambia at the moment does not mean that things are not happening. Here are some stories and pictures to show what has been going on.

### EDRICKO AND PEGGY MILLER

Edricko and Peggy... This amazing power pack have been involved in ministry for over 20 years in and around Zambia. They had worked with Anita's parents back in the early 2,000's and have been involved with OHH for the past 5 plus years. Here is a letter from Peggy, Edricko's wife and Anita's side kick.

Dear sis, the children we minister to number around 16 to 26. They come every Saturday for bible study at the mission home. After bible study, we give them a snack of what ever we can afford eg bread , biscuits , brownies etc, I know how to bake them so if we have the ingredients, I try to bake some. Among the children, we discovered that a lot of them were not going to school. We visited their homes and most of them live with grandmothers who cannot afford to pay school fees. So far we have managed to pay for 3 boys education. The children need text books, clothing and food. We believe the word of God will help to keep them from trouble and school will help them come out of poverty in the future. During the week days, we help those in exam classes to read and write. Like Esther in the Bible, when God opens the door for ministry, you open your heart with obedience and the rest you leave to God. What ever you give to God's people , is never little Mat 14:17-21. We pray for you and the family to stand firm on the work God has given you.

Love, Peggy





## ELIJAH CHEMBO

A message from Elijah:

My name is Elijah Chembo 2nd and I am married to my beautiful wife Sylvia Njekwa. We have been blessed with 5 lovely kids of our own. Diana; Isabel; Elijah 3rd; Jeanel and Elisha Flegler. I am a life Coach and a minister to the unreached and neglected, school drop out street kids. I also network with a woman who owns a restaurant. She lets me fellowship with the young men on the streets once a week for a meal. This all is at my own cost of \$10. The meal may be meager but whatever it is shared up between each of us.

What keeps my morale high? It is the love of doing ministry as a living testimony. Mate helping mate, how I wish I was on a salary but I live by faith. Sometimes we go without food at home but God is gracious. The school fees for my own children usually cost around \$137 a term so there are times that my own offspring are unable to attend school. But the Lord provides for us in His timing.



These directors have been faithfully keeping the fires burning and have done it without pay. We have shared with you before how all of us at OHH are self employed. it is thought that in the third world environment, that is the only place that this happens. Not so. Both Randy and Anita are working to make ends meet. We are honored to be able to help others across the lands and we long to be with them, working side by side but at this moment, we are not there. We pray you hear our hearts. Life costs money. And taking care of the orphans and widows is what the word of God says we are to do in James 1:27. We are doing what we feel God has called us to do.

Are you able to do what you feel God has called you to do? Maybe you are unable to go out physically but you still want to be obedient to the call that you know is on your life. Can you commit to helping OHH feed the street kids 2 times a week? Are you wondering 'What next?' in life? If you feel led in any way to help, please reach out to Randy and Anita as they are willing to walk beside you as well, fulfilling your calling. Be blessed as you bless!



## Peggy Miller

of the Tonga Tribe

28 October 1961-31 March 2019

Married 11-96

2 children– Hope and George



Peggy has suffered with heart issues for quite a while. She had to take daily medication and was told to not over exert herself. For a woman who loves people and enjoys seeing people better themselves and make a commitment to Jesus, keeping aware of not over exerting herself was difficult. Over the past 2 months, she was in and out of the hospital as her heart slowly began to function less and less. When Randy and Anita received word from Edricko that Peggy's heart was only functioning 30%, they started reaching out to friends for help. Prayer was a daily thing and we believe that prayer allowed all of us to see the Lord through Peggy just a little while longer.

Sunday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, Randy received a message from Edricko that Peggy has passed away. Randy called Anita at work, and then told Catie. This was a shock to all of them.

For Anita, Peggy was a true sister, her best friend, her right hand in ministry and a strength. For Randy, she was a sister, a confidant who he could truly be himself with and say anything to. An amazing cook, she kept not only the staff's bellies full but was also good at keeping the moral high and the situations calm. And then for Catie, Peggy was an Aunt, spoken about every few days, remembering her cooking, and her passion for her family. To Peggy and Edricko, Catie is their niece, one to be loved upon, their precious baby. Peggy was not 'blood' but she was greater than that. To Edricko, she was his everything. His partner, his wife, his helpmate and mother to their children and so many other children that they ministered to over the years. Hearts are broken over this. It was so hard not to just jump on a plane and get over to Zambia. Keeping in contact with Edricko many times a day has helped but mourning is happening. He now is alone without his friend and at a loss but he knows that the Lord is his strength. Please keep him and their family in your prayers. If you would like to be a blessing to Edricko in memory of Peggy, would you please not only keep him in your prayers but also send him a love donation? He still is trying to pay off the immense medical bill from Peggy's illness and still owes on the funeral and burial site. You can do this by adding his name in the memo section on your love gift to OHH. It is all much appreciated. Or maybe you would like to help Edricko as he is now alone. Are you a widowed man who can speak life into our dear brother? Please reach out to us, you will be blessed while being a blessing. Thank you.

## Miracles in America

From the desk of Anita:

Last summer, while out on a Momma daughter date, Catie and I stopped for a quick ice cream snack at McDonald's. Having an ice cream sundae in 90 degree weather can be so refreshing. I had a rough \$2.50 so I thought I would be ok for the purchase. We were having some difficulty making ends meet since we are paying rent in Zambia and paying bills here in the States. Catie ordered her hot fudge sundae and I ordered a caramel.

As I went to pay, I realized that I did not have enough money and I stood there for a moment in disbelief. I seem to remember when these were a buck a piece. Oh inflation... Anyway, I told the register attendant that I needed to go out to my car to get the total amount needed. The gentleman behind me said 'I got it' and laid down a \$5 bill. I offered to pay him what money I had but he politely refused. I said thank you and may God bless you. He looked at me and said oh, it's OK. I shared that we were missionaries in Zambia and that my daughter and I are out on a date which I try to do when we can afford it. I shared briefly about how we take care of orphans and homeless street kids. And that this was a huge blessing. I mean though it was a small amount, it really blessed us. I told Catie to go sit down and I waited for the treats. When they were made, I took them and went to sit down. I told Catie that a kind man had just paid for the ice cream. I told her how I shared with him about us being missionaries. She rolled her eyes at me and said that I was embarrassing her once again.

Next thing I know, the same man was heading to our table. He handed me a wad of cash and said the Lord told him to give me this. I didn't look at the amount, thank you Mom for teaching me that, but I got up and hugged him and thanked him again and said "may God richly bless you."

Once he left, I opened up my hand and saw a money crumpled up. On opening it up, there was a 100 dollar bill inside! Thank you Jesus!

**"This is a world of thwarted hopes, broken dreams and frustrated desires. But Christ can take discouragement and despondency out of your life. He can put a spring in your step and give you a thrill in your heart and a purpose in your mind"**

**Billy Graham**



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## **SHOE DRIVE**

We are so excited to share with you the latest on the shoe drive. We would like to thank all of you who participated in gathering shoes and placing the barrels to be filled.

We would like to especially thank the church families at Cedar Lane Chapel ,C.W.I and the fun place– Tiny Town. There are two 50 gallon metal barrels that are full of shoes and ready to be sent over to our young men who live on the streets of Kabwe. They are expecting this blessing and look forward to being able to walk and not have any more issues with stepping on broken glass.

Thank you for walking across the world by letting our young men walk in your shoes.

## **HOMELESSNESS– A WORLD PROBLEM**

### Signs of Homlessness:

- Ragged clothing
- Disheveled look
- Using Trash Bags instead of Backpacks or Duffle-bags
- Miss-matched winter cap, scarf and gloves
- Poor health and nutrition
- Transportation and attendance problems
- Social and Behavioral Concerns

We live in a fallen world. All around the world, we see people hurting. Even while in the United States, we see many homeless and struggling to make ends meet. During this winter season, we have sought different ways to keep looking forward to being a blessing to others. Many days, sitting at a fast food restaurant, you will find a homeless man or woman sitting down to a small meal. They have bags piled up around them and they are looking down at their meal as they enjoy every bite. They may not know when they eat their next warm meal.

How do we help? Are we willing to look at them or even speak with them. I specifically said 'speak WITH them' rather than 'speak TO them.' What they are looking for in a person is gentle, non-judgmental love. Can you be the light in someone's life this Spring?

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 28<sup>th</sup>- Speaking engagement in WV.
- End of April, beginning of May- ABEA conference in Swoop, VA.
- Summer- Meet and Greet Tea Time- a drop in for us to share with you what is going on.
- End of May- Fundraiser for Edricko Miller- Edricko is now a widower and is ministering to the youth around the mission home.
- Missions Banquet/ Trythall Send Off
- Trythall Return to Zambia: Though Randy may end up going before the ladies, they all intend on being Zambia bound by October 20019.