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This last month has been full of surprises. We got our work permits three days after I sent out the last newsletter. It was a miraculous chain of events. We had been trying to get the Zambian Immigration committee to look at our application. We turned up with cash for the fee but bribery is such an issue here that they told us we had to have a bank certified cheque to pay for the fees.

Problem is, you cannot get a bank certified cheque unless you have a bank account. And you cannot get a bank account until you are recognized as having a work permit or you are a resident. We were praying for God's leading and felt sure He would do something. So we kept looking and finally found a bank out of town that said they might help us. After a bit of running around getting letters of introductions written by us to them on our behalf, they gave us a cheque. After paying for the applications, it took four weeks before Immigration told us that a letter was missing and so we went and wrote another letter for them. We begged them to push our applications through, and the service officer said she would do her best. When we went back a week later, she told us that the applications had been approved and that if we went upstairs to room 203 we should be able to push for our permit booklets to be printed. When we got to room 203 there were hundreds of applications on the floor and on the desks and on shelves all waiting to be printed. Rob began talking to the woman behind the desk and I was praying madly that God would perform a miracle once again. This was a Wednesday afternoon, and Rob asked her if we could possibly get our work permits by Friday. I remember looking at him thinking what are you thinking.

The woman behind the desk said look at all the permits I have to process yours was only approved yesterday. We just looked at her and I know we were both praying for a miracle. She just said come back on Friday. When we went back on Friday, the service officer we had been assigned to, went upstairs for us, and came back with our permits all printed. We praise the LORD for His wonderful miracles.

These permits mean that we can get our shipping container removed from bond and it means we can get a bank account and do business as a Zambian.



Here on the farm the rains have been coming very steadily. We have especially been enjoying the rains at night on the tin roof while we sleep. Richard has constructed a huge dam, and it's full to the brim. This dam is large enough for you to use a small speedboat on it, and Rob and Jordan spend most late afternoons fishing. The spillway started to flow last week, which means that there is plenty of water around for irrigation and crops. We had some big storms a couple of weeks ago, and the lightning hit one of the power plants down in the Kafue

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This caused a problem with one of the transmitters and because there is not enough power to go around, we have had load shedding again. This meant that at times while in the middle of trying to send an email or cooking a meal, the power just simply goes off. We had load shedding when we first arrived in Zambia in October but with the recession and the fall in the price of copper the big mines in Ndola and Kitwe have closed down and that meant that there was a lot more power to go around. So we didn't have a problem with power for weeks. It should be fixed soon, Zesco said. (Electricity supply company).

On our last trip out to Itezhi we had to apply for rental housing from Zesco, (they own the town). We wrote a letter asking for help in getting a house to rent while we built the project. Their response was not positive, as there is nothing available at all for rent. Rob and I wondered what God would do about this, and we found out last week, that Richard has an old camper truck that he never uses. He told us that if we wanted it we could have it. It's a very old (WWII) truck with a homemade camper on the back. It is in need of some work but we are sure it could work for us.



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This month we were blessed to get a vehicle. After months of searching and test-driving vehicles, some of which had to be towed back to the garage, we found a vehicle that suits our needs.



We prayed for God's leading and this vehicle was shown to us by a friend. This means now we don't have to rely on other people's vehicles and we don't have the huge expense of hiring a vehicle to get around.

Rob and I would ask that if you are praying for us, we need a miracle to get our shipping container delivered to the farm. There are only a couple of trucks with a crane large enough to pick up a fully loaded container and transport it. We have been to see the clearing agents and they are just storing the container for us now but we cannot access the container until it is delivered here. This means that all Jordan's schoolbooks are locked away in the container. Jordan thinks it's great but he has to catch up. We need your prayers so please pray with us for a miracle. Thanks!

Just a note in closing, we were so sorry to hear about the flooding and fires you have had in Australia. We watched sky news with great sadness as we saw people suffering so much loss. It would seem that the whole world is in turmoil and that nature is heaving under the strain of sin. I long for this mess to end, and for Jesus to come. Please send us an email when you can.

Blessings...

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