

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3:1

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:



Kapolesa family: Wafuka, Lily, Lyethi & Vwana at Hawane farm

A time to plant and a time to uproot: After having been planted in Swaziland for 12 years, a time has finally come for me and my family to be uprooted back to Zambia my country of origin. The 12 years I have been in the Kingdom of Swaziland will always be a memorial to look back to, to the goodness and faithfulness of our God. Most especially the 10 years that I have served in the Lighthouse Teen Challenge Swaziland under the leadership of Pastor Kevin Ward, a great man of God. Swaziland will always be home to my family and I, and will always be our first place of preference within Africa, whenever we can afford time away from Zambia. Next month on August 22nd, we will be saying good bye to all our brothers and sisters in the Lord with whom we have become so much a part of that I can't imagine plucking away from them. It's ouch!!!

However as we go it is so, so exciting to see people we have worked with grow and mature in the Lord to where they are today. Timothy and Chazile have taken over our role at Hawane Children's home and TC life skills centre. Seeing Musa and Simo soar like eagles in ministry at the main church, Potter's Wheel is absolutely breathtaking. Vusi and Bongani have grown to be teachers of the Word of God within TC Swaziland and seeing the likes of Roger and Mbongeni pastoring churches makes the joy of the Lord in us fulfilled. The testimonies of what God is doing through TC Swaziland are way too numerous to write all in this space.

Observing all this as we prepare to leave Swaziland, we know very well that the time has come for us to move on. We were here for a season that has now come to an end.



Simo, Nicky Cruz, Wafuka & Musa during the Teen Challenge 50th anniversary celebration in NY USA

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ZAMBIA: Government fails to break the street kid addiction



Photo: Manoocher Deghisi/IRIN
A child works at a stone quarry

Lusaka, 11 June 2008 (IRIN) : living on the streets of the Zar government is excluding civil claiming.

Two years ago, the government put them into training centres and department of the government police and army - to provide them with skills.

But following their graduation returning to their old lives, as the skills could be utilized by them.

"We have not planned well in government resources that have been used to train them."

A time to plant: In barely a month's time we will be planted in Zambia and hope to carry on the good work of reaching out with the Gospel, through the ministry of Teen Challenge. We need the prayers of all the saints as this is not an easy task to take on. We can't do it on our own. Honestly, there was a time we had decided to back out and opted for something else that seemed an easier way to start. However, God told us very clearly Teen Challenge Discipleship programs for people with life-controlling problems is the ministry we should start with and everything else will follow later as the Lord's will unfolds. And so in obedience we will go and see how God will use us to bring this ministry and work to pass in Zambia.

Left: News article from IRIN humanitarian news and analysis (full article available online at IRIN News)

Below is an extract from a document I wrote after we returned from a visit to Zambia in October last

We go as the Lord unfolds

In January 2010 when the Lord showed us from the book of Joshua chapter 18: 3-6 to go and take a survey of the land and bring back a report, we traveled to Zambia in the month of September for 5 weeks.

Much as we have determined in our hearts to walk by faith and not by sight, at the time we were traveling the reality of our situation seemed to begin to settle in my mind. I looked at things from the point of what we could manage to do between my wife and I. I considered the finances we have faithfully and sacrificially managed to save from the time we got married and what we could do with that small amount to get started in ministry in Zambia. I thought we would buy a small piece of land in a semi rural/urban area and hopefully be able to build a small house. Then we would minister to the community and start a day care centre and preschool that would eventually develop into a primary school. We would do a lot of outreach to the community and contribute however the Lord would enable us to.

However one week into our stay in Zambia the Lord spoke to me so clearly while driving out of Livingstone heading for Lusaka the capital city. "Do you see how this city needs a TC rehabilitation/discipleship centre? Have you seen how alcohol and drugs have enslaved the people"?

Without giving it a second thought I turned to my wife and said, "Lily the Lord wants us to do rehab/discipleship work here."

Lily responded, "Well that contradicts all what you have been saying about the community outreach, day care and preschool."

I said, "Yes I know but I have just told you what the Lord has clearly said to me right now before my mind comes in with reasoning."

Well to cut the story short, one day later the Lord confirmed in Lily's heart what He had said to me the previous day.

It's worth noting that we had been in Livingstone for one week and I had seen how alcohol and dagga/marijuana was terribly abused by the young and adults alike, my own younger brother being one of those whose life is totally wrecked by alcohol. I remember one morning chatting to a store owner about how the youths were drinking away their lives to ruins. That was after a young man had just walked into his store to buy a pack of milk with which he would dilute an alcoholic drink he had in his hands (some kind of distilled liquor). I observed this prevalence of alcohol and drug abuse for about a week. I saw it during the day and I saw it at night when we drove around the city and it disturbed me, but I didn't seem to mind much because I had made up my mind that we were coming back to Zambia for community outreach and preschool.

I share this story to illustrate how easy it is for anyone to deviate from what God has said and settle for what is manageable and/or affordable from a logical view. Personally, it took God to awaken me to get back to what I knew very well God has called me to do and has been preparing me for many years.



The image is a screenshot of a BBC News Africa website page. At the top, there is a red navigation bar with the BBC logo and the text 'NEWS AFRICA'. Below this, there are links for 'Home', 'UK', 'Africa', 'Asia Pac', 'Europe', 'Latin America', 'Mid-East', 'South Asia', and 'US & Canada'. The main content area shows the date '28 March 2011' and the time 'Last updated at 07:10 GMT'. The headline reads 'Zambia struggles with growing drug menace' by Georgina Smith, with a sub-headline 'Focus on Africa Magazine'. Below the text is a photograph showing a group of young people in a slum, with one person in the foreground holding a large white bag, likely containing drugs. The caption below the photo reads: 'Young people in the Chibolya slum in Lusaka start taking drugs out of desperation.' At the bottom of the page, there is a text box that says: 'In Zambia's capital, Lusaka, minutes away from the city's commercial hub, is Chibolya - the most feared slum in the city where even the police do not dare to tread.'

We don't know how this vision will be accomplished, but we know it has to be and we are willing to be vessels for God to use to set His people free from bondage. God is not willing that even one should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2Peter 3:9).

There are times I have said it's better to start a Teen Challenge centre when one doesn't know much about the ministry of Teen Challenge because then, by the time you realize what a challenge it is, you will have gone too far to give up, and after you've gone through it all, you can look back and say, "Had we known we were going to go through all this in the beginning, we probably would not have done it." But the good news is after you have been through the process; you anticipate the next challenge ahead because you have seen what God can do. We look forward to what God will do through Teen Challenge Zambia!

Left: March 2011 BBC News article on drug addiction situation in Zambia (full article available online at BBC News)

Ecc 3:7 a time to be silent and a time to speak

This is the first time I'm informing most of you brothers and sisters in the Lord out there, so that you may know of the transition in ministry my family and I are about to go through.

First and foremost that you may remember us in your prayers, we need your prayers more than ever before as we go out in faith.

Secondly that you may have us at heart and mind in case you come across opportunities for partnering in ministry or know of likeminded people interested in getting involved in ministries that are just starting.

The task ahead of us is way too much for us alone to accomplish. We are praying for others to come on board with us to get this work started and speak to this mountain to move. You can get involved in whatever way possible with you, be it in form of:

- 1. Giving advice**
- 2. Publicity**
- 3. Strategic planning**
- 4. Sending out ministry/working teams**
- 4. Initiating, funding & implementing sustainable and developmental projects etc.**

If you want more details about getting involved or to receive updates, email me at Wafuka@gmail.com or Zambiatc@gmail.com and I will gladly keep you posted as we progress in Zambia.

Ecc3: 2 a time to be born

We are expecting yet another member of the family to join us around January 2012. Lily's belly is beginning to bulge by the week. We thank God for this new life.

We are excited and expectant, our Daughter Lyethi and son Vwana are all talking about their coming sibling. Lyethi is praying for a baby sister whereas her younger brother Vwana is prophesying that it's a brother. We don't know the gender of the baby yet, the first time we went for a scan, it was still too early to detect. Soon we'll have another scan done and hopefully get to know whether it's a boy or girl coming.



(Mine)..... A time to reflect on the season



Vwana and Lyethi

I arrived in Swaziland for the first time in 1999 on July 27. I came with my own agenda to venture into business, not knowing then what God had purposed in His divine plan. Hardly 2 years down the road I joined Teen Challenge Swaziland, and my whole life took a different direction that I look back to today, with such joy and gratitude of heart to the Lord for having chosen me to be a part of this awesome ministry, Teen Challenge. I was a 27 years old single man then; today we'll be going go back to Zambia a company of 4 and soon to be 5 members of the Wafuka & Lily Kapolesa family. I thank God for this wonderful blessing.

Perhaps the greatest lesson I have learnt in Teen Challenge is that there is hope for everyone—And that everyone out there bound in addictions and other life-controlling problems, from the drug addict, prostitute to the street kid, all deserve a chance to know Christ and be set free through the power of the Gospel. In Teen Challenge I have seen ruined lives turn to victorious lives. And I have seen how changed lives can change other lives to God's glory.

The Lord Jesus Christ's first message after coming from being tempted in the wilderness, according to the Gospel of Luke chapter 4:18 – 19 was "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to **preach the Gospel to the poor**. He has sent me to **heal the broken hearted**; to **proclaim liberty to the captives** and **recovery of sight to the blind**, to **set at liberty those who are oppressed**, to **proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.**"

That's why we are in Teen Challenge, to preach the Gospel that sets people free from bondage, heals broken hearts, recovers sight, releases the oppressed and proclaims the Lord's favour.

Thank you for taking your time reading this newsletter, please feel free to pass it on as you may feel led to.

God Bless

Wafuka & Lily Kapolesa