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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight" Proverbs 3:5-6

"The Lord will guide you always" Isaiah 58:11

Dear Family, Friends, Supporters and Prayer Partners,

Since the last time we communicated many things have happened. We want to update you on our lives and how God has been faithful and is directing.

On December 1st we celebrated in Zambia, one year without being ill with Malaria!!!! We were so happy to have been able to serve Pilgrim Wesleyan Bible College for one more year without being ill. The year was filled with wonderful experiences of mentoring Christian workers who have a great heart for serving their Lord. We finished classes on November 16 and Cindy spoke at the closing chapel on the topic, "Feed My Sheep". The chapel service included a powerful drama by several of the students who acted out the scene of Jesus giving this charge to Peter, the founder of the church.

On December 3rd, just after lunch, Cindy began to feel ill, her fever was going up and she felt weak, and was shaking. At 3pm Mike took her to the clinic where the nurses had just a two day supply of a strong antibiotic. In the night Cindy became much worse with the fever remaining high, vomiting, and diarrhea. By the time morning came she was dehydrated, having lost 8 pounds in the night. (Talk about a weight loss program :). Mike drove her the 1 1/2 hours to our doctor in Choma, Dr Jain. There she received IV fluids and IV antibiotic, also a malaria test was done and it was positive. Cindy was diagnosed with malaria and a type of food poisoning.

We had a trip scheduled to America on December 12th for our vacation. With the diagnosis of malaria we knew that we needed to leave Zambia. A decision by Global Partners had been made one year ago that since we had struggled with malaria so many times if we got it again we would need to leave. So with Cindy still dealing with symptoms of illness we packed up and said "Good-bye" to our Zambian co-workers, students and friends. We also had to say good-bye to Lauren Gross the missionary intern serving with us. When we left all the lecturers and wives, our pastor and the district superintendent, some students and even our dog, Bibi were there standing under the tree to send us off and pray for us. Rev Jani our principal said, "We don't want you to go but we know you need to go because you have been so sick".

Since arriving in America we have been recovering and getting stronger, we had our planned Christmas with family in Oregon, New York City and Pasadena. We were not able to return to Zambia on January 2, as planned. We are waiting for direction from

Global Partners as to our next overseas assignment. We are committed and excited about continuing to serve in missions in a non-malaria area.

We have been appointed to the Missionary in Residence position at Indiana Wesleyan University. We will be training and mentoring young people who feel called to missions for the 2013-2014 academic year. Many of you remember that we were able to serve in this capacity 4 years ago. We will also be contacting our mission partners; individual and church supporters to thank-you and share stories of the transformation we have seen in lives in Zambia!

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Here are our prayer requests:

- For strength and recovery for greater service and fruitfulness in God's Kingdom, at IWU and communicating with supporting churches and individuals.
- For Pilgrim Wesleyan Bible College, Rev Gerald and Elise Kahre, Lauren Gross, Rev and Mrs Jani, Principal and Rev and Mrs Habbaba Dean of Students, as they teach and mentor students.
- For needs here in North America: Mike's grandfather gave him a Buick! But we have some housing needs and other items. Now is when we feel the loss that happened in our house fire two years ago.
- For our daughter Melody and her husband Jared who are expecting a baby in August!

In Christ's Love and Service,

Mike and Cindy Helvie