“I am a missionary, heart and soul. God had an only Son, and He was a missionary and a physician. A poor, poor imitation of Him I am, or wish to be. In this service I hope to live; in it I wish to die.”

David Livingstone

Two hundred years ago today, on March 19, 1813, a boy was born to a humble family in Scotland. His name was David. His father, a committed Christian, would sit his young son on his knee and tell him stories of missionaries who brought the Good News of Jesus to the far corners of the world. One day the little boy turned to his father and said, “Daddy, I’m going to be a man like that. I want to be a missionary. I want to be a doctor. I want to serve God.”[1]

At the age of 10 David worked in a cotton factory from six in the morning until eight in the evening, and then attended school the next two hours until ten at night. Between tasks and through the roar of the factory’s machinery he would study Latin, science, and medicine. He worked at the factory until he was 26 years old, supporting his family and saving what he could so that one day he could be a missionary.
He went to Africa as a medical missionary at the age of 28. One of the first things he did was to separate himself from other missionaries to live with the African people and learn their language and culture. Later his calling was to be a missionary-explorer. He became the first European to cross Africa from east to west and the first to view Victoria Falls. He also became a spokesman against the terrible slave trade that he witnessed across the continent. David Livingstone became the world’s most famous missionary explorer.

Our family visited the location in northern Zambia where he died 1873 at the age of sixty. The preciousness of this saint was felt as we stood near the place where he died.
What also struck us was how remote and isolated the place was. It took us eight hours to travel there, and the last stretch was not much of a road at all. The remoteness must have seemed so much greater to Livingstone, for in his day there were no roads, no cell phone networks, and not even country boundaries. He was in unchartered lands. Except for his African friends, he was alone. He was sick, and he was dying. Yet God was with him. He left this earth on his knees praying.

**Do you feel alone or defeated?**

Our hope is that you would know that no matter how alone you feel, no matter how disappointing things may seem, and no matter how distant God may seem to you, that you would know that He is there. Your prayers count for eternity. The Good News of Jesus is spreading throughout the world. As we send this email, asking that you pray, Bible translations are going on in Zambia in nine different languages. Some of these language groups are in areas that Livingston crossed. Christ in you is making this possible. You can, once again, commit your all to His love and care.

At over 5,500 feet across and over 300 feet high, Victoria Falls is the largest waterfalls in the world. It is located on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. This picture shows the falls in the dry season as when David Livingstone first visited it. In other months the amount of water going over the falls is so large that many parts can’t be seen from the great amount of mist that is generated.
Trip to Victoria Falls

We will be traveling to Victoria Falls later this month to visit the Toka-Leya language group. It is one of the languages in Zambia that have never had any Bible translation. People from this tribe are saying that they do not understand the Bible in other languages but they need their own translation. How significant, that so many years after David Livingstone visited Victoria Falls, the people there hunger to know God yet still do not have His Word in their own language.

Till every Tongue praises Him,

Ken & Sue
Sarah, Elise & Isaac
Always Thankful !!!!!

- Praise God for the good relationship with the Bible Society and other open doors the Lord has given us.
- We are glad that there have not been violent clashes after recent elections in Kenya where Elisabeth attends a missionary boarding school.
- We are so thankful for our BIG family in Christ and the many ways that they have blessed our daughter, Sarah, while she is at college away from us.

Knowing God is able:

- Pray with us for God’s guidance and wisdom as we explore the remaining languages needing Bible translations.
- Pray for a safe trip for Elisabeth as she flies from Kenya to Zambia on Friday March 22nd.
- Pray with us regarding care needed for our family members whom we have left in the States.

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