

# 2010 Zambia, Africa Mission Trip

Carmel Presbyterian Church's (CPC) Missions and Evangelism committee recommended and the Session unanimously approved the creation of an international mission team to discern, investigate and make recommendations for future ministry opportunities in Zambia, Africa for CPC and our community. The team members are: Associate Pastor Anne Hilborn, Mike Jette, Eric deNeve and Ray McCorkle and the trip will take place this coming May 06 – 23, 2010. If the Lord wills, the team will make recommendations for future mission trips to Zambia with a larger Carmel and community contingent.



Over the next several weeks, we wish to engage you in an ongoing series of episodes of our expected itinerary, travels, experiences, relationships, hopes and dreams and projects. In this way you can truly become our prayer partners on a day to day basis when we begin our trip. You will gain more background information and know what to expect as you, hopefully, follow us on our future travel blog site. We hope you will look forward to and anticipate each installment of this unfolding series!

**MISSION TRIP OVERVIEW:** During the first half of the mission trip our team will work and travel with The Outreach Foundation (TOF) in the area of the capital city, Lusaka. Organized in 1979, TOF is an independent mission organization that works in a covenant relationship with the PC(USA). Anne Hilborn traveled to Zambia in 2007 with TOF and was hosted by Presbyterian missionaries. We will be meeting with African Presbyterian leaders and visiting the Justo Mwale Bible College, the Crisis Nurseries and the Namumu Orphanage, where Anne is involved. For the second half of the mission trip our team will be traveling alone and returning to Mwandu, the village on the Zambezi River in the southwest that Mike and Eric have both visited and worked in on prior mission trips. There we will teach, paint, tutor, expand the fish farm, and build upon our involvement in the Mwandu Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) project and more. Our goal for the entire 18 day trip is to develop relationships with the leaders of the ministries we visit. We seek to be Jesus' hands and feet and join God in His Kingdom work. Members of CPC and our community will have opportunities to contribute to the mission trip through prayer, financial support and specifically requested donated items. For now, please keep this mission and our team in your prayers.

**FACTS ABOUT ZAMBIA:** The Republic of Zambia is a landlocked country roughly the size of Texas and bordered by eight countries in southern Africa. The capital city is Lusaka, located in the south central part of the country. Zambia's growing population strains its economic growth and HIV/AIDS is widespread. In fact 20% of the population is infected and as a result of early death by preventable diseases, more than half of Zambians are less than 16 years old. Due to the ravages of HIV/AIDS, 23% of the children under the age of 15 have lost one or both parents. Yet malaria remains the leading killer of Zambian children. It is estimated that over a million children less than five years old die of malaria every year in all of Africa. 75,000 children are homeless and the number of children not attending primary school exceeds 700,000. The average annual per capita income is \$395 or a little over a \$1 per day, placing Zambia as one of the world's poorest countries. The population is approaching 12 million with unemployment at over 50% in the urban areas and 75% or more in the rural regions.



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