

NEWSLETTER

Anita, Bella & Chloe: Our Return to Africa!

We Arrived!

It has been one year to date since we left Zambia last year due to Covid.... Our lives were radically uprooted. With the shocking death of Heiko on January 10th, 2020 and the traumatizing events that followed in the months ahead, we had decided to go to America for rest and healing. Little did we know a three-month rest would turn into a year. Along with needing to sell most of our belongings in Africa to generate income for us stateside. Not only had I lost Heiko's income, but we also lost our shop in the International Airport that supported a large percentage of our ministry outreach in Zambia. I, very painfully, had to stop our feeding program for 250 vulnerable children and our widows project that we had been doing for many years.

It was a year of letting go, giving it all back to the Lord, and a year of feeling rather lost in a dark silent tunnel. But the Lord is faithful, and He returns us back to Zambia to see our home, our friends, our community and even our pets. From the moment we landed a deep sense of Home brought peace to our hearts and souls. He showed me that though our circumstances have changed, my calling has not. We are ever thankful for the churches, adopted family, and friends that have helped support us through this difficult time and who continue to stand with us along the road ahead.



Beginning Anew

We hit the ground running so to say! We had enough funds donated to us to relaunch the Big Hippo Love project for the next few months. The ladies in the project were Ecstatic! They had been suffering the past year as well with little to no income. They survived by selling vegetables in the market. I told them we would pray for the Lord to provide for them to get up and sewing again...they broke into laughter, song, and dance! Though the shop has closed in the airport that sold their products, I have brought with me to America plenty of their designs to generate funds for the project while here in the states. My hope is to connect with and share their story to anyone and everyone who has a heart to see this Widows project continue. My plan is to speak at churches and have a booth at Farmers and Art markets to get their designs and story out.



Feeding the Hungry

We visited Kwathu Orphanage while in Zambia. Here is where we fed 250 vulnerable kids 2 meals a day for many years. From the time we stopped until today the feeding program is struggling to find support to feed the children. With funding being sporadic and scarce, the children have been eating little or altogether going without food. My heart is to get the feeding program up and running each day again. But this can only happen with sponsorship as well. I will continue to look for sponsorship and raise awareness until this can be achieved.



Mission Housing

Being back in our house again was vastly different than ever before. Though this was our home once, God was now changing things into something new. It was exciting as new vision was given to me of what the future of this property and home looks like. We have been blessed to have Missionaries Sandy and Delbert Groves with us and become like family to us over the years. They have lived on the property with us and have blessed us by renting the house so we could maintain our mission base there, along with our Big Hippo Love project. Together we are planning to transform the house into Missionary Housing for teams for their ministry and ours. I am overjoyed and extremely excited in my spirit for this!

Women's Conference

I was blessed to be a part of my sister in Christ's annual Women's Conference this year. The topic was shoes. Over 40 women in the community attended and the Lord showed up in miraculous ways! From provision of the donations that I was able to bring along from stateside for the event, to the women joining together in community to make this all happen from the food, the venue, the guest speakers...it was all divinely organized and a huge success with many testimonies that carried on for over a month!

I was not sure what I was going to speak on, but God did! I spoke on the shoes of Calvary. The ones Jesus wore to the cross. The ones no one wants to put on or think fits them. But God, He calls us to wear the same shoes Christ wears to be transformed into His image. To partake in His suffering is to partake in His Glory. Same shoes! We shared heart felt stories and testimonies, tears, and laughter. 40 women washed their feet, literally in the water of the word. It was the

largest foot washing I had ever been a part of, and one of the most beautiful examples of Christ's love for His bride.



Memorial Service

As if the above was not already amazing enough, the most important chapter in this journey back was being able to have made and place a headstone on Heiko's grave. It was the final adventure that Heiko was able to take me on with him and one I will always cherish as my last great memory with him in this walk of life we had together. It was the closure my children and I needed to move forward in life and the reminder of hope and promise of a great future that the Lord has for us moving forward for the Kingdom.

If you would like to read the testimony it is on our blog. CLICK HERE: www.etgmin.org/blog



Returning to the USA to Fundraise

Our budget was enough for plane tickets and a month in Zambia. We returned to the states with renewed vision and passion. We are in the process of raising our monthly budget, our ministry budget, and our plane ticket budget to get back to Zambia in time for our Christmas outreach program in November and December. Our hope is to bring a small team with us to help. We will continue to fundraise and go back and forth from the USA to Zambia to carry on our ministry there. The girls have been sponsored into a Christian school teaching the Abeka program in New York where they can learn and still travel for missions. We are excited for what the future holds and thankful for Christ who holds our future. Thank you all for your prayers and your financial support in helping us get our ministry back up and running again. If you feel on your heart to give a tax-deductible donation, one time or monthly, ANY amount will help! We would love for you to partner with us to keep the work going that God is doing in Zambia.

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