

Finding God's Heart



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God reigns and Zambia rains



After long months of waiting, prayer, and yes, more than a little anxiety, the rains came, and the world turned green around us. God again painted His promises across the sky as if to chide us for doubting His plans and provision.

Time to teach

The new school term began on base in early January. Rick had his first opportunity to present a three day *Foundations for Farming* course to the Missions students who were both eager and attentive.

Karin taught the Missions students on *Prayer* for two days, touching on heart, mind and spirit. Passion for prayer was ignited through many practical and experiential exercises.

Karin was also able to share one of her favourite topics, *Hearing God's Voice* with new discipleship students.

We each received a new group of students to mentor and often think that we benefit more than our mentees, as we are truly blessed by the privilege of speaking into blossoming lives, both young and not so young. Often we wonder just who is mentoring who.



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Rick's Ruminations



RICK PLANTING
THE FIRST
ORANGE TREE
AT ROB'S
FARM—A
PROJECT OF
OUR CHURCH—
CHRISTIAN CARE
CENTRE
MAY THERE BE A
FRUITFUL
HARVEST IN THE
FUTURE

Life here has been an adventure. For me, it is great to see how the first attempt to grow maize in Zambia is doing. It is ripening now and in about 6 weeks will be dry and ready to harvest. It is not as tall as the maize in Malawi but then again it is a small field (10m x 10m) and we did not put in any top dressing.



I finished my first teaching session with 12 missionary students. Next I may have the opportunity to train an entire association of mango farmers in April/May.

The biggest challenge is how quickly the garden area grows weeds and I have few tools and little help. I have some student help sporadically for an hour once or twice a week, but for things to work well, this has to change.

My main objective is teaching others to use the *Foundations for Farming* method which was designed for subsistence farmers, teaching them Godly principles, starting with what they have and expanding to cover their plot as they prosper.

My mandate is to train mission students, conventional farmers, churches and school teachers (who will then train the children.)

I look forward to sharing more about my "model farm" vision when I am in Canada this summer.

Freedom is Coming

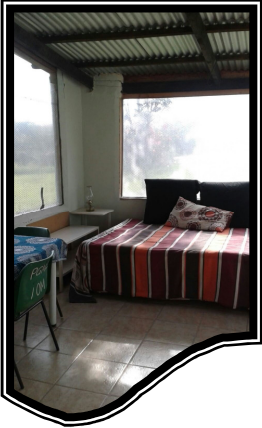


Karin spent the last two weeks of January in Pretoria editing a book about five years of The Freedom Climb. She was stirred by the struggles of women who are trafficked, abused and marginalized and the stories of those who have climbed mountains to raise both awareness and much needed funding for supportive projects.

She returned to Zambia in time to lead an all night prayer meeting during the hours that 17 people were summiting Mt. Kilimanjaro. The theme of the night was *If they can climb, we can pray*. From 7 PM until 5:30 the next morning between 19 and 25 people prayed them to the top!

For info about Freedom Challenge see www.thefreedomchallengeafrica.com

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Our new home

In December we shifted to a new house on a dairy farm about 3k from the OM Base. We are enjoying the extra space, like this enclosed veranda room. The peace is tangible here, broken only by the sound of mooing, quite a change from the sound of trucks roaring down the highway. We even have live lawn mowing sheep that visit to munch on the grass in the front yard, as well as chickens and various ducks running about in the back. Mangos, bananas and pomegranates grow in abundance on the property.



We have room for visitors and would love to host you here for a short or not so short visit. Why not pray about tasting Africa for yourself!

Summer in Canada



Flights are booked! We will be spending June, July and August on the prairies and would love to see as many of you as possible. We have stories to tell, pictures to show, and a vision to share. Plus we just want to catch up with all that's been happening in *your* lives during these fast flying two years.

Pray with us

- for safety as we travel and protection of all we leave behind in Zambia
- for joyous reunion with family and friends
- for God's perfect plan for our Canadian home
- for re-entry with as little reverse culture shock as possible
- that we will accomplish much while we are in Canada but will also have times of deep rest, refreshment, restoration and refining of our vision
- that we would continue to live in and share God's love wherever we may be
- for a reliable vehicle to use while we are in Canada

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