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Dear Partners in the Ministry,

It's hard to believe that we have now been here for six months. Although we continue to face new cultural challenges each day, our family has been adjusting well, and we are grateful for the privilege of serving the Lord together. This month has been very busy with church Christmas activities. On December 21, we held a large Christmas service where we saw many first-time visitors come to church. Following the church service, we enjoyed a picnic meal together, and I had the opportunity to baptize one of our men. He trusted Christ many years ago but had never been scripturally baptized. It's exciting to see him take this step of obedience and to witness his continued desire to grow in Christ and learn the Word of God.

In the three weeks leading up to Christmas, our church distributed almost 5,000 flyers around town. The Lord has blessed me with a faithful group of young men who have a desire to be "fishers of men," and they were very instrumental in getting the Gospel out this month. Another encouraging step has been seeing one of our young men, who recently completed discipleship, begin discipling another young teenager in our church. Watching this take place is a milestone toward the Great Commission goal of disciples making disciples.

We also visited the village market again and saturated the area with Gospel tracts. Now that the rainy season is in full swing, there were not as many people at the market; however, every time we go, we make new connections with people who live in the city of Chipata as well as with many who come in from the surrounding villages. It continues to be a great outlet to share the Gospel with many souls. Later that same afternoon, our church gathered outside of a local grocery store for an hour of Christmas caroling. Between the songs, I was able to preach the Gospel to the shoppers going in and out of the store and those who gathered to listen. Several of the ShopRite employees even joined in the singing.

It was also a blessing this month to have my parents visit from Florida. While they were here, my mother taught one of the children's Sunday school classes, and my father played guitar for a couple of specials in church. Most importantly, they were able to spend precious time with our children. Lord-willing, they will be able to visit again in 2026. Many people often think of the sacrifices missionaries make, but some of the greatest sacrifices are borne by the grandparents and family who must live at a distance from their loved ones.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and partnership in the ministry.

Sincerely,

Isaiah, Alicen, Faith, Isabella, and Willow Carr