



Zambia 2019



"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork" (Psalm 19:1).



What if someone who spoke a different language invited you to go to church? Eduardo faced the dilemma that he wouldn't understand a single word when Kezwin, who is deaf, invited him to church. The Sunday he came, a pastor from America was preaching, and the service was interpreted into sign language. A clear presentation of the Gospel was given, and after church, Eduardo told Pastor Rodgers that he had never been saved. When Eduardo prayed, he thanked the Lord for bringing him to that church on that day and he accepted Jesus Christ as Savior

(Romans 10:13). He has been faithful since we left!

How many times have we helped a small child sound out their letters to spell a word? Even as an adult, I find myself sounding out how to spell a word, but what if I had never heard the sound, how would I spell it? Seeing those deaf school children practice for their spelling test, thrilled me & broke my heart all at the same time. How often I've taken my hearing for granted, never thinking that deaf have to memorize spelling words.



I was amazed to see the same kids that didn't know their alphabet last year, spelling hard words and doing math problems this year. Tutoring is making such a difference for the kids and John, too. Now, the kids can answer questions & understand when they are told Bible stories at school & at church! My dad said it best, "God sure knew what He was doing when He sent John & Tammy to Zambia!" (Jeremiah 29:11).



How often do we complain about our church, whether it be the pews, carpet or something else? I witnessed the exact opposite in Livingstone, Zambia. The members of the Deaf Bible Baptist Church all exuded joy even though their church meets in a cramped, not so clean classroom with desks instead of



pews. Other loud churches meet in the adjoining classrooms, which made it difficult for us hearing to concentrate but all I saw was joy. My emotions went from frustration to joy to conviction. Would I be focused on the Savior & not my surroundings as were the deaf? I kept praying, "Lord, please help them purchase that land so they can start building a church soon. They need their own space to keep growing!" He didn't need to tell me Him, but He graciously answered. The land is now theirs, and they have money to start building. I know my God is faithful and will bring in the rest of their finances in His time. I can't wait to go back next year & worship in their new sanctuary. In the meantime, I'll rejoice in my Savior and not my surroundings! (Philippians 4:4)

