

Steury Update

And life goes on! Thanks be to God!



The 3 Siblings

John, Eileen and Elinda pose in October for a picture just across the border in Congo. We thank God for this cherished family time!



Isn't God Creative?

A beautiful lily!

Signs of Hope

Want to hear about what God is doing in Zambia firsthand? We are going to be in the US in August and would love to see some of you and your church group! E-mail us to arrange (nate.steury@kafakumba.org)!

During this season of Lent, the Scripture talks of Christ being “lifted up” and “drawing all people to himself.” Out of tragic situations, God brings hope. Out of death...resurrection. Despite the recent death of John Enright, God’s work goes on...and this newsletter is full of little signs of hope - where God is at work in little and big ways! Read...and enjoy!

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DAVID & AMBER

...are expecting their 1st child (and our 1st grandchild!) in early May!

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KRISTEN

...is continuing her doctoral studies in Accounting in South Carolina

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MARK

...is finishing his 1st year of a 2 year nursing program at Southeastern in FL

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LINDSEY

...is wrapping up her AA at Daytona State and will live in Zambia May-December, 2018!

Grade 2 is off and running!

Three years ago we kicked off a small preschool at Kafakumba using some of the staff we had on sight and the children's building at the Center. That small beginning has grown, year by year and grade by grade. We added Grade 1 last year then Grade 2 in January 2018. These kids are amazing and we are so blessed to be involved in loving and supporting them in their academics as well as giving them a great spiritual foundation as well! To find out more, visit the website at <http://www.kafakumbachristianschool.org>



Pastor and Spouse Retreat

We currently hold 1 seminar and 1 retreat for our pastoral training especially for those who have finished Pastors' School. Pastor Robert Kilembo and his wife Therese presented a Marriage Seminar for pastors and spouses in February! It was our most well-attended yet with over 100 coming! We are thankful for those of you who give to Transforming Ministries and make these opportunities possible!

Please PRAY for the pastors' continued growth!



PRESIDENTIAL MATTERS

On October 15, 2017 a helicopter bearing the president of Zambia landed at Rivendell farm where John and Kendra Enright live to visit and hear more about the honey and goat projects that John started. John had the pleasure of a nice hour with the president sharing the model for development that evolved over his life in Africa. He was able to share the foundation of this model in the form of the 7 principles of the Kingdom of God. The president was so impressed, he sent his wife the next week for a follow-up meeting!





School Toilet Block Nears Completion!

We are excited that the toilet block for the new 2nd grade classroom is nearing completion! A special thanks to all you who gave to help make this possible! This serves the school in the short term, but, God willing, we will be able to build a school outside the Center in the future, so it will benefit the Training Center as well in the long run!

Please PRAY for the children in the school!

Transformation Class Reunion!

We had the joy of gathering the “original 10” (right) from the Journey of Transformation Class for a reunion in early December! It was great to be together again as some have moved on from working with Kafakumba.

Please PRAY for the 4 that continue to lead our 2 new classes of transformation and the 16 new students!



Baluba Clinic

John Enright bought a small piece of property in a nearby village about 12 years ago on which to build a clinic. Due to a lot of political posturing and inaction, the clinic still is not active. However, Nathan Enright (John’s son - left) has helped pick up where he left off, joining us as we met some local officials to try to take the clinic to the next step and get it opened to serve the needs of the Baluba village. **Please PRAY it opens soon!**

Honey Business Challenges!

Bee Sweet Honey has been growing fast! And the last few harvests we have easily exceeded 120 tonnes (a metric tonne is 1,000kg = 2,200 lbs). John has been the energy behind the business and has left a huge hole by his death.





We were still expecting about 150 tonnes of honey in the December harvest, but sadly, due to a very strange rainy season, the yield was only 85 tonnes! Unfortunately that is not up to our breakeven point so the business is facing some current financial struggles.

When John died, Nathan (John's son) and I took over the running of the company with Nathan as CEO and me as CFO. We are working on stabilizing the business and trying to strategize for the future. The good news is that we have customers fighting over our honey (see them loading drums of honey for

export to South Africa above). The bad news is that the supply this past harvest was so low. **Please PRAY for stabilization of the honey company** as we partner with over 8,000 farmers to help supplement their income and, at the same time, preserve Zambia's forests.

Family

In addition to the brief update on the kids on page 1, Elinda is still working as an online instructor with Eastern Florida State College and has been instrumental in starting their new RN to BSN program which started this January! She is also working with a Purdue instructor who is hoping to trial a new malaria drug here in Zambia! Exciting things!

I (Nate) am primarily helping to manage Bee Sweet right now. It's interesting how you never know what God has around the corner. I came out thinking I'd be working primarily with pastors and transformation groups, and the first 3 years, I have been. But I also see the beautiful way that God has equipped me for such a time as this. Bee Sweet desperately needs some accounting help and my accounting degree and getting my Chartered Accountant Certification in Zambia 2 years ago has positioned me at a great place to help. (God's timing!) My service is currently to the company who, in turn, serves the farmers. It's a new paradigm in ministry and I'm excited to be a part of it and to share it with all of you through newsletter and a visit when we come in August.



If you're interested in having me come and speak to a church group (any size) in August when I come to the US, please e-mail me at nate.steury@kafakumba.org - we can't do it without you!

Together...nate and elinda