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It is our prayer that you have a blessed new year. We greet each of you from our home in Grand Prairie, Texas. Our address is above. Thank you for your continued prayer support for us. We appreciate so much the Inglewood Baptist Church providing us the use of their missionary home during this time we are seeking to resettle.

We left Zambia well. We had a very precious few days with our Missionary family at our annual Prayer Retreat. We were greatly blessed by the farewell and remembrances given by our fellow missionaries. Linda spent the last days at a Ladies Retreat with Missionary sisters. It was so difficult to leave both national and missionary co-laborers.

We sold all our household goods, gave away our dogs and moved our workers to their own house in the local township in Kitwe. The Mhango family, our workers are old, ill and fragile. They are raising 7 of their orphaned grandchildren. We struggled with leaving them. Pray for them and for us as continue to try to care for them from a distance.

We arrived in Texas December 5, 2008 and said good bye to our daughter Natalee and her family as they flew to New Zealand to visit with Luke's family for five weeks. They enjoyed sweet fellowship and the warm summer weather at the beach in her husband Luke's homeland. They returned to Texas January 12.

We have been delighted to spend time with Mara and Aza as we get reacquainted with our daughter and granddaughter. Pray for them as they make decisions and plan activities in the New Year.

We were greatly blessed to be here for the birth of our newest granddaughter, Elizabeth Annabella Miller on December 15. We were in the hospital when she was born. What a blessing! She weighed nine pounds and ten ounces and was 21.65 inches long. She was delivered by

C-section, so her mom is recovering. Pray for Megan as she recovers and for Jared and Megan as they adjust to the arrival of their first child.

We have been in Texas for six+ weeks; we have experienced ice storms, tornadoes and eighty degree temperatures as well as temperature changing by 50 degrees in one day. Last week, we watched the smooth transfer of power and it has been a joy to see our country celebrate and welcome its new leadership.

During these weeks we have found the coats, learned to turn the security system off in the Missionary house and I am shopping for boots. We have had several speaking engagements but are looking forward to many more. If you would like for us to speak at your church, missions group or anything else just let us know.

The daily adventures are as equally challenging as our first days in Zambia over thirty years ago. The problem is that we are not as young and resilient as we were thirty years ago. Pray for our ability to respond properly to all these new challenges as we adjust to this dear land and its cultural demands on us.

We will continue on stateside assignment with the International Mission Board until the end of 2009 when we will retire from overseas service. It is our desire to continue in ministry to help churches have a global vision. We are so blessed to be living in the missionary home of Inglewood Baptist Church in Grand Prairie. Ed will go with a volunteer team to Zambia in March from this church. What a joy to be in a church with such a great mission's heart.

Our family is doing well and we are delighted to be able to see them often and talk to them daily. We love and appreciate your continued prayer support as we adjust to life in these United States. We'd love to hear from you. We are so grateful for your loving support through our years in Zambia.

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