

## ZAMBIA STORY—FOLLOW UP ON FTP CONTAINER

Last year we shipped a container to the clinics/hospitals/orphanages of Kalomo, Zambia. The container was received and immediately the commodities were put into use. We are currently trying to arrange shipping logistics for another container to Zambia but are having difficulty getting it scheduled within budget for those required to pay. This container will ship 100 brand new wheelchairs plus 36,000 cans of infant formula! We are expecting to receive logistics soon on shipping FOUR more containers utilizing the USA transportation assist funds to pay for the shipping costs. We had requested three containers but events of this week have made it possible for us to send SIX containers—double what we had requested!

Read the story below and find joy in the successes of our shipping critically needed humanitarian aid to those countries needing it and distributing it through the Lord's Church. It is a testimony to the sensitivity and conscience of the United States of America to spend funds to help ease the pain and suffering of those in foreign nations. Such sensitivity has always distinguished our great nation and placed it head and shoulders above all other nations (especially those nations wedded to the communist worldview!). It is a testimony to Christians whose sensitivities toward the needy reflect the control of the Lord's love in their lives.

Thank you for your help in these efforts!

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The greatest trees stand today because some "nut" held its ground!



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**From:** Ellie Hamby  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 13, 2008  
**To:** 'John L. Kachelman, Jr.'  
**Subject:** RE: Zambia container

John,

Let's give it a couple of days to see if a better price can be worked out. I know we want all the wheelchairs sent and then get as much baby formula on as possible. The need for wheelchairs here is overwhelming.

## *The Leper Supper (Supha) Mudenda, Kalomo, Zambia*

I am attaching a picture of *Supper (Supha) Mudenda*, who is a leper. He came crawling to our medical mission in July (he crawled 3 km). Three of our teens working in the Children's Program saw him coming and ran and got one of the few wheelchairs we had to give to him. Even with him being a leper they lifted him up and put him in the wheelchair. They took him to the front of the medical line so he could get medical care. After that they took him for spiritual counseling. The man was baptized that very day.

The next day I, along with the 3 teens and others, drove to where he lives. We found him under a tree outside his hut. I went inside his hut and found he sleeps on straw on a dirt floor and had almost nothing else. *We gave him blankets, socks, (He has only a stump left on the only foot that is left), and other clothes. The wheelchair, blankets, and clothes were all sent on the earlier container that we sent through you.*



The wheelchair we gave him will not last long as it is not designed for the terrain that *Mr. Mudenda* has to go over so these wheelchairs that Sheryl has located are going to make a huge difference for those with physical handicaps in Zambia since they are designed for rough terrain.

For your information the three teens are sending \$45 a month so that food can be purchased for *Mr. Mudenda*. We also have arranged for a proper low bed, regular mattress, small table, concrete floor, and iron sheets for his hut to help him have a better life.

You cannot imagine the joy in his face when he was cared for in a loving way. I doubt if he has ever been treated with dignity since he became a leper. Because of your helping us we can send items over on the container that allow us to change people lives. Sorry I got so carried away with this story but it touched all of us. I am proud that my grandson (Sheryl's son) was one of the three teens.

Ellie

## **Update on the ministry to Supper (Supha) Medenda February 2009**

David Gregersen, Patson Syula, and I tried to go to Simpweze today (we did succeed in the end). Since Patson lives here we thought he would know the way. Unfortunately, the grass is thick and green and it was difficult to tell which road to take and often the road was so overgrown we just went through the grass. We were in a 4-wheel drive

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Land Cruiser and that is the only reason we were able to get through some of the places. We stopped often to ask directions and in the end, a man herding his cattle just got in the vehicle with us and led the way. I can assure you, I saw places in the Simpweze area that I have never seen before. To top all that off, Hunter who lives at Simpweze, came back with us and we got lost again. Fortunately it was not as bad as going there.



We found a very happy Supha Mudenda, even though his house is not completed. Hunter said the bricklayer started in November but is very slow. The place is looking nice and you could tell Supha was very pleased. At one end of the house, they built a toilet with a place for him to take a bath. I had never seen that done before. It is obvious he is being fed, although he was very sick last week. Since his food is being provided for, Supha sold some of his mangoes and was



able to purchase a battery radio. It was on and he was listening to it when we came. You can see he has one of the good wheelchairs. The only problem Supha has with the wheelchair is someone has to push him. He does not have enough fingers to move the wheels. Of course, that is true with any wheelchair.

He also has one of the buckets you sent on the container. Everyone loves these buckets and they would like them even if they came empty as they are very strong. Supha was storing water in his bucket. I was thrilled to

see the bucket with Supha as he lives a long way from Namwianga and I am pleased we are reaching out to distant areas to help the people. I have attached a few pictures. Supha did express his thanks for all the help he has received and he said he prays everyday for those that are helping live a better life.

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