

Tracy & Karen Singleton
ACTION - Zambia

When we are asked how our trip to Zambia went, we often use the term, "our steps were bathed in butter." Taken from Job 29:6, this figurative phrase describes the abundance we felt at God's provision. It also fueled our hope that God would richly pave the way for Tracy's latest trip.

He was joined by John Farren, a former missionary and pastor from the UK. During the sessions in February and now March, these men and our Zambian partners will be tackling several important topics, including perseverance/assurance of the saints, spiritual warfare, and evangelism/missions.

There are many warnings in the Bible, particularly in the book of Hebrews, about perseverance. The lecturers will share four possible responses to these warnings—most of the pastors hold the view that a believer can lose his salvation, even after committing one serious sin. The view taught in APC is that perseverance in faith is necessary; warnings are to encourage believers to endure; and there are real consequences for not enduring in the Christian faith, but the promises of God are to be believed, and God is the One who keeps his children persevering.

During the first week of class the practices of the Lord's Supper and Believer's Baptism were discussed and studied. Zambians are challenged to faithfully keep these ordinances, in part, due to the cost of the elements, but also due to lack of baptismal facilities. Pray that the pastors will catch the vision to implement these celebrations in their churches.

Another topic, and one that is more "in your face" is that of spiritual warfare. The demonic is more overt in Zambia, and people are engaged in spiritism, often bringing this baggage to the Christian life. Deliverance is an aspect of NT ministry, but there is an imbalance in understanding that spiritual warfare also includes the struggle against the flesh and the world.

At the heart of African churches are a strong desire and motivation to carry out the Great Commission. Zambians are great witnesses and church planters for Christ. However, there is the need to go deeper into the Bible for understanding and the practice of missions and evangelism. Church leaders have been careless in handling the Scriptures when it comes to a biblical theology of missions, resulting in unhealthiness, error, and a weakness of the Gospel.

It is our hope that March's lectures on this subject will equip the pastors to make adjustments in their beliefs and practices regarding missions and evangelism.

Praise – For safe and convenient lodgings while in Zambia. For God's abundant provision for APC in the coming year!

Prayer – For God's blessing as Tracy & John lecture and for unity among the pastors as they think through critical issues. For safety and good health.

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Elder & Deacon Recommendations - The Constitution and Bylaws of Monroe Bible Church allow the congregation to recommend the names of those whom they believe are qualified and able to serve as an Elder or Deacon of the church. Our annual process is underway. You may pick up a recommendation form at the Welcome Center. There is no need to recommend those individuals who already serve. If you would like to recommend someone as an Elder or Deacon, recommendations must be received in Pastor Dan's mailbox, located in the Lower Level Workroom, by **Sunday, April 5th**.

NEXT STEPS #4

"Our Equipping"

Session #1 – TODAY, March 1 at 9 am
Lower Level Room 100

Session #2 – Sunday, March 8th at 9 am
Lower Level Room 100

Sign up at the Welcome Center

Primetimers Games & Lunch

Tuesday, March 3rd
10 am – 1 pm

Please join us!

Backpack Buddies thanks you for
your help packing bags!

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, March 7th at 8 am in the Nehemiah Center. All men and their sons are welcome to attend. *Join Us and Invite a Friend!*

**Israel Bible Tours
Presentation**

Friday, March 13
7 – 8:30 pm, Sanctuary

All are welcome to join us as Israel Bible Tours presents tour information regarding Israel 2020. If you've been thinking about going to Israel or just want to know more about traveling to Israel you'll want to attend! To learn more, go to the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/868117883628750/>

Women's Ministry ~ Crossroads Community Church of Monroe would like to invite all ladies of MBC to the "Going Beyond" Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer on Saturday, April 25th. Doors open at 8:15 am and the event begins at 9 am.

Deadline to sign up is Friday, March 6th!

Cost is \$45, which includes a boxed lunch & refreshments. The event concludes at 3:45 pm.

You may sign up online at crossroadscn.com/sisters For more information, contact Kim at 328-3160.

March

Sunday, March 8

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am

Sunday School ~ 9 am

Pipeline class ~ 9 am, NC

Next Steps – Step 4 (s. 2) ~ 9 am, LL #100

Iglesia Biblica Worship ~ 2 pm, NC

Ignite ~ 4 - 6 pm, LL #106

Fusion ~ 6 - 8 pm, LL #106

Monday, March 9

Elder Board Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, March 10

Library hours ~ 10 am – Noon

Wednesday, March 11

Awana: Trek/Journey ~ 5:30 pm, &

3^{1/2} Yrs. – 6th grade ~ 6:15 - 7:50 pm

Thursday, March 12

Iglesia Prayer ~ 6 pm, NC

NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Friday, March 13

Iglesia Worship Practice ~ 5:30 pm, NC

Israel Bible Tours Presentation ~ 7 – 8:30 pm, S

Saturday, March 14

Iglesia Biblica Women's Meeting ~ 3 pm - 9 pm, NC/K

Monday, March 16

Missions Meeting ~ 5:30 pm, LL #106

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Friday, March 20

Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am

Sunday, March 22

The Lord's Table

Tuesday, March 24

Pleasant View Service ~ 9:30 am

Week of March 1 - 7

Today, Sunday, March 1

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am
Sunday School - 9 am
Pipeline Marriage Class - 9 am, NC
Next Steps - Step 4 (#1 of 2 sessions) -
9 am, LL #100
Iglesia Biblica Worship - 2 pm, NC
Ignite - 4 - 6 pm, LL #106
Fusion - 6 - 8 pm, LL #106

Monday, March 2

Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, March 3

Primetimers Games & Lunch - 10 am,
NC/K
Library hours - 10 am - Noon

Wednesday, March 4

Awana: Trek/Journey - 5:30 pm, &
3^{1/2} Yrs. - 6th grade - 6:15 - 7:50 pm

Thursday, March 5

Iglesia Prayer - 6 pm, NC
NA - 7 pm, LL #102

Friday, March 6

Iglesia Worship Practice - 5:30 pm, NC
Deadline to sign up for Women's
Simulcast "Going Beyond"

Saturday, March 7

Men's Breakfast - 8 am, NC
Iglesia Worship Practice - 5:30 pm, NC
Iglesia Biblica Prayer Vigil - 7 pm -
Midnight, NC

Prayer Focus – Radio Ministry

Ministry Leader: Paul Ritschard

Please Pray:

- ❖ Develop a dynamic radio program that glorifies God.
- ❖ To reach the ears of people who are seeking God's Word
- ❖ God's wisdom in making decisions regarding the radio ministry

PIPELINE

Pipeline Class: Does it distress you to live in a society that has so many gods & idols? It troubled the Apostle Paul. We are starting a new study on **Sunday, March 8th** entitled "**Why so many gods?**" In a day in which our neighbors, friends and our families are seeking answers to life, there are a limitless number of gods from which to worship. Over the next couple of months we will look at a handful of the gods that our society is becoming enslaved to. In class we will view and read video and written articles, as well as look at the Biblical texts that our faith holds as the Word of God. Plan to join us as we join Paul when he gave this statement to a confused society in Acts 17:3, "*This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah...*" Join us in the Nehemiah Center at 9:00 am on March 8th. Bring a Bible!

NEXT
STEPS

Pick up a **2020 Next Steps** brochure at the Welcome Center and sign up for classes.

Next Steps – Step 4 "Our Equipping" - Today, March 1st & Sunday, March 8th (2 sessions) at 9 am, Lower Level #100.



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Monroe Bible Church

March 1, 2020

Senior Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

Associate Pastor of Family Ministries Troy Watson

Sunday Worship "The Gathering" 9 am & "Café" 10:30 am

Radio Broadcast WEKZ - FM 95.5 & AM 1260 - 8:15 am

Sunday YouVersion Available

Wireless Network: MBCguest

Password: worshiphere

