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Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 26, 2019

The Emanuelson, Seelhammer, and Seghers families will be coming to Zion to share about ZEMA during Christ Community Church's missions week.
2500 Dowie Memorial Dr. Zion, IL

Sunday, October 6, 2019

The Seelhammers will be sharing about ZEMA's growth in ministry at Alexandria Covenant Church.
4005 Dakota St, Alexandria, MN

October 15-18, 2019

Greg and Carlene Seghers will be representing ZEMA at the Moody Bible Institute Annual Missions Conference.
820 N LaSalle St, Chicago, IL

The Week of March 14th, 2019

"My trip to Buzi was not that good. I left Maputo for Buzi on Thursday 14th March... While I was on Bus I heard people saying that it had been announced on radio and television that there would be a hurricane fustigating Beira and the Sofala province. There was no means to just turn back. When we got to Ichope, 200 KM (124 miles) to Beira, the wind and rain started, and it was heavy...And by God's grace people were praying for me."

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VIEW THE NEW ZEMA VIDEOS

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The videos are short and powerful, and will broaden your understanding of how God is working through ZEMA.

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The Week of March 14th, 2019
“The bus stopped... The wind and rain was huge. And the trees and iron sheets from the houses nearby were being discarded on the way... there was no more shelter at the bus station, all the asbestos roof was just pieces on the ground, no means of communication or phone signal. The city of Beira has to start afresh. Just few buildings were left standing...I decided to go back to Muxungue instead of waiting for the worst... Within 5KM we saw many people on the road and many cars that could not go ahead. The road had been washed away. It was flooded all over. From far we could see people on the trees screaming for help, and nobody was able to help them. Some corpses were being drowned by the fierce waters. Nothing I could do”



Through the funds raised, they brought food and building materials during these trips. The third trip will be in September.

“One of the greatest needs of those isolated people is to have regular crops. They are INCREDIBLE PEOPLE as far as ‘living off the land’ is concerned and they can survive, and THRIVE, in an environment which would absolutely FLATTEN most of us no matter how capable we think we are.....but without regular crops, even they would find it difficult, and the hurricane had washed away the where-withal to restart the cycle of farming.”

So the upcoming third trip is intended to start rehabilitating their farmland.

They will seek to create a sustainable environment starting with encouraging the people of Buzi to take charge and lead the necessary work in re-establishing their land. They have been intentional in empowering the people of Mozambique to take the lead on their relief work, rather than just being an outside agency which comes and goes. ZEMA has not had the big sums provided by the big NGO’s and Governments (which have really helped the people), but the amaZioni and local people have testified to the grace and kindness shown to the needy by the amaZioni themselves under the leadership of Pastor Muiambo.

The efforts and funds raised have already had a huge impact on the work to be done. The relief provided has changed the worst outcomes that could have fated these people, though there continues to be much work that needs to be done to help re-establish the lives of the people. We thank those who have given towards this effort and invite further contribution prayerfully and financially.

If you would like to help, please mail checks to ZEMA, PO Box 913, Monument CO 80132 and add a note saying it is for ‘Akers Mozambique Relief Project Fund’.

While traveling on his way to run a ZEBS class, Pastor Zacarias Muiambo was caught in the eye of the Idai hurricane in Mozambique.

Throughout March, the province of Sofala was left devastated after hurricane Idai tore through the central coast of Mozambique. The effects of this storm left the district of Buzi especially crippled. Their means of shelter, food, clothing, even transportation, were all taken by the storm with little to no way of recovering on their own.

ZEMA has played a role in providing relief support to this specific area. They chose Buzi due to the state of mass devastation, as well as their previously established ZEBS class right in that district. This provided their efforts with established connections in the area.

Missionary Richard Akers has been working alongside Pastor Zacarias to plan specific visits to Buzi to rehabilitate some of the district. They split their three trips, first as disaster relief, second as consolidation relief, and third as normalization relief. The first two trips they assessed and provided for the greatest, most immediate needs of the people.



Image: IPSS Medical Rescue By: Alex Patrick

Barry & Louise Adkins (Zema) Pray for them as they mentor the Steiners. Pray for PJ’s recovery and assisted living opportunity. Pray Nathan would make good friends, find joy at school, and bullying would stop.

Richard & Geraldine Akers (Zema) Pray for Buzi, Pastor Phillippe and his family, for the Zion people who have been helped and for the community who have been helped.

Dennis & Caitlin Boatman (Zema) Pray for them as they continue fundraising to join the ministry team at Sunbury.

Jon & Lauren Emmanuelson (Zema) Pray for their visas to come through for their return to SA, for the ZEBS graduates and students in the Cape, for development of strong churches among ZEBS grads, and for continued health and safety for their family.

Luaan & Susanne Goosen (Zema) Pray for more workers, travel mercies, the students in the “This We Believe” study and ZEBS, unreached groups, public school ministries and staff, prison ministries and staff, and for our children to do well in school (especially in math and science).

Daniel & Beth Hoffman (Zema) Pray God would change lives and be glorified in upcoming camps, for balance in work, family and couple time (keeping Christ first), the Swanks as they join us in ministry for the next year, our language study in isiZulu and Dan’s parents as his mom has advanced Alzheimer’s and is in a care facility.

Mark & Barb Hugo (SIM) Pray for Mark’s schedule, that he can find balance between church, family, and the Zionists, preparation for furlough, JJ and Kara’s school possibilities and expenses.

Matthew Kuehl (Zema) Pray for Matthew’s fundraising efforts as he prepares to join the ministry team in Guateng.

Tim & Luann Kuehl (Zema) Pray for the teaching at the many ZEBS, for ministry partners and Tim and Luann’s furlough preparation (Thanksgiving to Easter).

Stephen & Jessica Langley (Team) Pray that God would provide one good friend (cultural insider) who could become a ministry partner and help bridge the gaps, fluency in Zulu, and clarity/vision for youth ministry among the Zionists.

Brett & Evelyn Miller (Team) Pray for the Zion Bible College building project, specifically the electrical work as there are problems.

Paul & Carrie Seelhammer (Zema) Pray they will effectively promote Zema during upcoming presentations for fundraising, for visas to be issued, for the Trumpet of Zion publication to reach people with the Word of God, for their family as they grieve the loss of Carrie’s mom, and good decision making and strength for the kids: Luke (going to college and working full-time), Joe starting college, Josh, Abbie and TJ during this busy schedule.

Greg & Carlene Seghers (Zema) Pray for travel mercies, for missionary visas to be granted, for a successful internship program with MBI, for missionaries interested in joining Zema, for wisdom to balance ministry opportunities, and for their family.

Timon & Anni Steiner (DMG) Pray for a good adjustment for their family as they just moved to SA.

Andy & Heather Sullivan (Zema) Pray for wisdom, health, safety, and strength for the missionaries and their Zionist co-workers/teachers. Pray for good health and safe travels for the Sullivan family.

Marius & Nozipho Swarts (Zema) Pray God would protect their family and more workers would come to teach the Zionists the Bible.

Kit Tischler (Team) Pray God will help him lift up Christ and proclaim the truth in love, pray students would be revitalized in their faith, that student discipleship meetings will be consistent, that God would provide mentoring opportunities.