

# above & beyond

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## GRACE EXPLOITS IN THE ZAMBIAN COPPERBELT

### The Masala Market Place

The other day we were evangelizing near this huge market place, Masala Market. So I decided to go inside and talk to people with a friend of mine, Simon Phiri. As we entered we saw this stand with a whole lot of Watchtower magazines. So I said, "Who's the JW?" There were about 5 guys and they all point to one. So I gave them all a tract and said, "This is the truth, those are all lies." They all start laughing and then the JW starts asking me, "Do you know the name of God?" (a leading question they learn in training). I said, "Yes, and it's not Jehovah, it's Yahweh," and started walking on to the next stand. At the next stand are a few more guys who ask me for a tract and we start talking to them about how there is only one truth but many lies. How can Christ save us and live in us (Col 1:27) if He is not God? Why does the bible say that the Word (Jesus Christ) is God but the New World Translation says, was "a god". And that Colossians 1 says He is the Creator! They all enthusiastically started asking questions before the JW walks in. So I just continued talking about the gospel, exalting Christ and then, sensing a tremendous atmosphere of liberty in the Spirit, the next thing I realize there are literally about 50 people around, responding tremendously to every point with, "yes, yes, amen, yes." The audience participation was so strong that when the JW wanted to cut in, they all started shouting, "Let him preach, let him preach!" One big guy in the crowd stood next to me and started translating because he wanted everyone to get it. So we gave an altar call, asked them all to bow their heads, and we prayed. While I was praying I could hear many people praying,



Emile sharing the gospel using the free beads

### Evangelizing Among the Bemba Tribe

A really interesting people group; competitive, not passive, from the northern/central region of Zambia known as *the Copper Belt*, but spread out throughout the country through their commerce. They do not compromise their language wherever they go. They are warm, friendly, hospitable and willing to talk even in the busy down town business district. One aspect of the culture that really intrigues me as we evangelize is



Micah with crowd of Zambian children

quietly the sinner's prayer. I really sensed such an anointing in exalting the person of Christ to these people who, as one said afterwards, had been so troubled by this man. Afterwards a spontaneous rap session broke out and we started answering question after question on everything from what happens when you die, the resurrection, to questions about purgatory and later on about the return of Christ. These people are just so hungry. One thing I noticed was the appreciation for precise truth, chapter and verse, and the freedom that the truth brings (Jn 8:32) when the yoke is lifted and light comes in. You could see it on their countenances.

their competitive nature. "God loves you." is sometimes responded to with a smile & a feisty, "What about you?" One man asked me what the tract was about, to which I responded, "It's about you and how much God loves you..." "What about you," he said. "Well, the whole world." I replied. He grinned and said, "See, I beat you!" I am of growing to appreciate them and am realizing that many of them have a hunger for God and the Word. They like rap sessions and they are not afraid to ask questions and make comments! **Pray** for this far area of the world. This trip we flew 8 hrs to Senegal, 8 hrs to South Africa, 1 ½ hrs to Lusaka, and drove 4hrs to Ndola! We believe 1 soul is more precious than "the whole world".

### The Unlimited God

The past three winter weeks here we have been focusing on Ndola whilst also making trips to find a house in the central city of Kitwe. Please **pray** because so far we have not found one due to many people moving to Kitwe. We evangelize in the market area near the school we are meeting in doing street evangelism, door to door, and even using a stall in the market place to give out "Gospel Beads with a Message" many people got saved through that. We also make contact with many people doing some evangelism in the center of town as well as trying different market place areas around the city. Tonight we did a Bible study for 9 guys in Chifubu. We were invited by a furniture salesman.... **Pray** for Moses, the key contact. There we had our Bible study sitting on couches under a tree in a market place talking about grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (Jn. 1:17). One of the most comfortable environments... an outdoor furniture shop, there was just a great

response with people asking us to please start something in their part of the city. We see this as a crucial time in establishing the beginnings of a church here in Ndola before moving 30 minutes away to our new base, Kitwe. We plan to continue having services and outreach here in Ndola a couple times a week.

Please **pray** for the beginning of the Kitwe church and Bible College. We plan to begin the introduction class (Grace and the Finished Work) in August and the full 4 year curriculum in January. God has given us a very strategic meeting place in the center of the city, right next door to the central bus station for the region.

We have been encouraged in Isaiah 40:18,25 "To whom will ye liken God," He is above and beyond, can't be put in a box, not to be compared to anything or limited by my knowledge, but that we live constantly being in awe, being amazed, and being astonished as He reveals Himself to us as the infinite God, the Holy One with a love that passes knowledge.

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