



Butch & Janet Berner serve in Zambia with

# Light of Africa

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## ELIJAH CHALLENGE ZIMBABWE

**Bulawayo** was a good trip and much teaching was done. We were with Pastor K. Dube and his lovely wife and church leaders to make a total of 45 folks whom Butch trained. Butch taught 2 sessions each day for about four hours each with a translator. The pastors were very receptive to the teaching and we could see their enthusiasm grow. We were at the newest of Pastor Dube's church plants where eight visitors made a profession of faith and witnessed miracles of healing (headaches, knee injuries, etc.). Although there were setbacks with power outages and chasing an 8 inch rat out of our bedroom, it was a productive time and we are so thrilled and humbled to be a part of this great work.

## PRESCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

The **training for the preschool teachers** was fabulous this month. We usually do training for 3 days at the beginning of a school term and then a one day training every other week. There was a wonderful move of God as several of the teachers responded to the call for salvation, devotions were powerful and repentance and prayer for unity within the villages were intense and stirring. Pray for it to continue and not grow cold as we have not been able to go out due to the rains and very muddy roads (about 8-10 inches of mud!) and not drivable. Our focus this year is to enable the children to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray with us that we will see many children come to Christ this year in the village preschools. Pray for this new revival in the teachers to grow deep roots and that we trainers (Beverley, Liezl, Jessi and myself) will have open ears and hearts to hear from the Lord as we teach these precious ones and write curriculum for the schools.

## LITTLE JANET'S SURGERY A SUCCESS

We praise God for the successful surgery. Thank you Zimba Wesleyan Missions Hospital and Dr. Dan and Dr. Goran!

## TEKKIE NEEDED

We have our new address for the web ... [www.4lightofafrica.org](http://www.4lightofafrica.org). Currently we are **looking for a volunteer** who can help bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with our technology. We need a new look to the website, new logo, blog page, etc. Can you help? If so, please let us know. What a wonderful opportunity it would be to meet with you via SKYPE call or in person if you are in the Houston or Memphis area. (Our SKYPE name is ***bjberner11***)



Elijah Challenge

Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

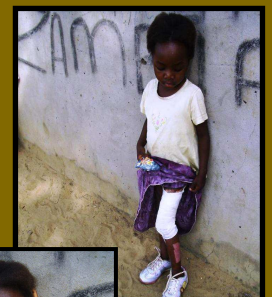


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Little Janet



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**Preschool teacher training**



There is an upcoming **graduation for five (5) of Butch's students**. Pray for the last few to complete their books and for all this head knowledge to move to their hearts. Pray for Butch to continue to have favor in this community as he preaches/teaches truth from God's Word. Pray for the local church pastors who are graduating to be wise and willing to train others in their congregations the truth of God's Word.

**Pray for our trip home** to be a safe and uneventful one. Pray for the work here to grow strong and firm in its foundation and that it will bear much fruit. Pray for Allan and Josephine as they continue to work on the property taking care of it and us. I have some cloth bags which were handmade by the ladies in the village made which are for sale. They are \$10 each (whether they are recycled plastic or cloth).

Also, I have some **baby-dolls (also \$10 each)** which were **hand made by the girls at an orphanage**. The money goes to the ones who made the item you purchase with doll money going into a fund for the older girls who will attend high school soon. If you are interested let me know. I can make arrangements to post them for the cost of the postage plus the cost for the items you want. There are not a lot so do let me know as soon as possible so I can be sure to bring them with me.

## **WHAT IS A ROPES COURSE?**

The most important thing a person can do is trust. Trust in God. When the development of that trust has been interrupted from things outside of our control (like abuse, neglect, HIV taking your parents, poverty, etc.) fear, anger, guilt, shame, and other bitter roots can grow. This retards the development of relationships with God, others and self perception. We believe that orphans and youths will have an opportunity to be restored and healed through the activities and chapel/devotional times at a Christian Camp. Outside of one's comfort zone, new life has an opportunity to be planted, watered and to begin to bear fruit. Following is a very simple explanation of some of the activities that could be used to equip campers.

### **Low Ropes**

The low ropes elements are structured activities that are literally low-to-the-ground. They are purposefully geared toward team building. A group can participate together in these activities on their own. Safety and spotting techniques are utilized by all participants. Debriefing questions are available to group leaders (Wild Woozy, Spider Web, Jacob's Ladder, etc.).

### **High Ropes**

The high ropes elements are challenging activities that are literally high-above-the-ground. They are geared more toward individual challenges. Trained facilitators and leaders will guide groups through the high ropes elements (Climbing Walls, Rip Lines, Pamper Pole, etc.).