

*As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*  
Isaiah 55:10-11

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## SPRING OF LOVE SCHOOL OPENS IN ZAMBIA!



### ZAMBIA

“What once seemed like a dream is now reality!”

This is how our long-time partner, **Eugene Kalunga** of Zambia describes what happened on February 1, 2021 in the village of Lubemba in Zambia.

Lubemba is a small village in the thick of the Zambian bush. The nearest town is Kapiri Mposhi. The villagers live in either mud huts or roughly constructed cement structures. There are no infrastructure, services or retail businesses nearby.

For years, the children of Lubemba, especially the youngest ones, have been excluded from attending school because the distance to the nearest school was much too far for them to walk, requiring them to be unsupervised for too long and unable to communicate with their parents.

“The next school is far from this

village and hasn’t been safe for small children,” says Webby Mulenga, a village man.

Exclusion from school typically is a sentence to a future of poverty, struggle for survival or a life of difficult physical labor for mere cents in return.

Until Eugene’s evangelism teams arrived, they were also stuck in the joyless, fear-filled ancestral-worship mindset. They lived in fear daily, generation after generation, and were excluded from the hope and light that Jesus brings into hearts and minds.

For years now, Eugene has led evangelism outreach teams into the Zambian bush to share Jesus with the villagers struggling to survive there. These are villages of no strategic, financial or political consequence.

“They go where many big church leaders don’t want to go. You see, there isn’t money to be made there. It is an

actual sacrifice for those that go,” wrote ITMI Director, **Steve Evers** about Eugene and his evangelism teams.

“As I was praying one day,” Eugene wrote matter-of-factly, “the Lord told me, ‘There is a place in Kapiri Mposhi where my love shall spring forth to other places and people of different races and countries and with different skills shall come to teach, and equip different people from a spring of love.’” Later, Eugene and an outreach team of students he’d taught the SALT material to, were headed toward Kapiri, sharing Jesus as they went.

“As we were heading to Kapiri Town, the Lord instructed me to stop at this particular area and told me that this is the place! ... We then thanked God for His confirmation of the area.”

Two weeks later, the group returned to learn more about the area. They found it was a cluster of 5 villages: Pwele, Kasempa, Nkausu, Saini and

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## PAKISTAN - BANGLADESH

*Steve hasn't been able to make the regular missions trips that he has made every year since becoming ITMI's Director in 2001. But he's not letting that get in the way of discipleship. The Lord has led him to two believers, one in Pakistan and one in Bangladesh, who are eager to learn from God's Word through the SALT material using Zoom.*

### Weekly discipleship Zoom calls with Pakistan

**Abid** is a believer and teacher in Pakistan who had some interaction with ITMI's [Richard and Brooke Nungesser](#) through **Bread of Life**. Abid wanted to demonstrate God's love to the suffering, and to lead other believers to do the same. He also wanted to grow in the Lord, and he was interested in the SALT material, a discipleship curriculum developed by Victorious Christian Living that ITMI has seen transform lives around the world. Christians in Pakistan face intense persecution. They are denied many basic rights because of their faith. There are few resources and discipleship materials available, so Abid has expressed much gratitude for the opportunity to be discipled. Sometimes, the insights he gleanes from his times with Steve are so paradigm shifting that he asks Steve to stop so he can genuinely process what he's learning.

At Christmastime, ITMI partnered with Abid to extend the Gospel message in Pakistan with a **Project Joseph** outreach. Abid and a team of believers delivered food parcels to the disabled and sick - some of them Muslims whose families are mostly ignored by their people and religion. Abid also orchestrated an outreach event on Christmas morning. About 250 impoverished Christians and

Muslims were blessed with a hot meal and a presentation of the Gospel amid fog and brisk cold.

In Bangladesh, Steve has made contact with another national who is eager to learn the SALT material, and to translate it in to Bengali so it can be shared with others! He's already completed translating the first chapter.



Abid prays for a young blind girl after delivering a food parcel for her family.



About 250 Christians and Muslims listen to the Gospel message on Christmas day.



Hannah Francis prays for the strength to forgive after a counseling session with [Vicky Waraka](#).

## SOUTH SUDAN

HANNAH FRANCIS WAS young when she made the decision to become the second wife of a man she'd met. As one might imagine, her relationship with the man's other wife was filled with strife. In pain and confusion, she came to ITMI's [Vicky Waraka](#) for help.

Vicky provides Gospel counseling for the hurting in Juba, South Sudan, seven days a week.

Vicky helped Hannah give her life to Jesus and prayed with her. Vicky told her she needed to forgive everyone who had wronged her. "It wasn't easy because she was crying," Vicky writes, but Vicky reports that Hannah managed to forgive those who'd hurt her. Vicky says, "Our joy is that she gave her life to Jesus."

## POLAND

IN ADDITION TO HIS pastoral duties for the K5N Church in Poznan, Poland, and translating the Bible from its original languages to Polish, providing a much-needed Evangelical Bible in modern Polish, ITMI's [Dr. Piotr Zaremba](#) teaches 240 students regularly at various seminaries and a State University. When COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, Piotr exhorts his church in person on Sunday mornings, but Piotr reports that on average, 900-1000 viewers are streaming his sermons online. This number is up from the celebrated ~600 that streamed his sermons in spring 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic forced many to attend church via the internet.



Piotr Zaremba's teaching is reaching more and more viewers!

## ROMANIA

IONEL LOVESCU, Director at ITMI's [Casa Dorca Children's Home](#) reports that the two siblings who came to Casa Dorca in December are adjusting well. He also says, "Because of your gifts, we were able to take the whole group of kids 2 hours away to the top of a mountain where we enjoyed an afternoon of sledding. ...this opportunity to go on a trip and enjoy the outdoors was a blessing for us."

# THE IMPACT OF YOUR CHRISTMAS CATALOG GIVING!

At the end of 2020, your Christmas giving supplied our partners with these tools to use in sharing the Gospel with the hurting and needy!

ITMI supporters provided our partners with 48 copies of God's Word for people hungry for it - 13 audio Bibles and 35 printed.

Tuition for 10 children from a Muslim slum in India is covered so they can attend **David and Taru Kumar's** Deepam School where they'll learn to call on Jesus.

Twenty-seven South Sudanese families will be provided with a hand-washing kit and clinic where they'll hear the Good News.

Twenty people who can't afford it will receive an eye exam and prescription glasses through **Bread of Life's** ministry.

Six at-risk children will receive a scholarship to learn about Jesus in a fun and memorable environment at summer camp put on by ITMI's **Tomek Jezyk** at **Kalisz Baptist Church** in Poland.

The **Stone Hill Medical Clinic** in South Africa will be able to help 175 patients cover the cost of medicine when needed.

Sixty-five **Project Joseph** food parcels were provided for hungry families.

Fourteen impoverished families in Moldova will each receive 20

of the 280 total ducks donated, giving them a sustainable food source.

Fifty blankets will be provided for impoverished families who can't afford one or don't have access to them.

Four disadvantaged children from Kalisz, Poland, will receive a scholarship allowing them to participate in **David's Club** for an entire year. David's Club participants learn discipline through martial arts and are invited into relationships with Jesus and the believing instructors.

Twenty-eight widows in South Sudan will be trained in Biblical finances and receive seed-money to start a micro-business, creating a regular income for their families.

**Casa Dorca Children's Home** and **Bethesda Home** will receive a deeply appreciated lump sum to help provide for the needs of orphans and widows, respectively.

Your sacrificial giving put these gifts into the hands of our faithful, godly national partners, who will take them and use them to demonstrate and declare the Good News to many. Your gifts will extend their reach into the lives of the hurting and suffering people God brings into their paths as they seek to share the Good News in any way possible.

***Thank you for your generosity!***



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Lubemba, which is at the center of the cluster.

Under Eugene and Audrey's leadership, a church was planted in the village. Right away, 62 children from the area were committed to coming regularly to learn about Jesus and be discipled. But there were still at least 40-50 children that didn't come to church.

The Department of Education in Zambia had been pleading with Eugene for years to duplicate and expand the success of ITMI's [Excellence Christian Academy](#), which Eugene founded and continues to serve as Principal.

Eugene recognized that making a Christian school available in the village would be an effective way to reach more families in the area and entrench the Gospel in the hearts and minds of the people in the area.

We shared this project with ITMI supporters, many of whom were moved by God's Spirit to give generously to help Eugene spread the Gospel in Zambia by providing funding to build several cement structures that serve as the school's classrooms and office. In partnership with ITMI's [Timothy and Ashley Keller](#), Ascension Lutheran Church in Tucson, Arizona funded a borehole, water tower and solar pump providing fresh water for the school and

blessing the village families with a nearby source of clean, safe water.

After being delayed multiple times by the COVID-19 pandemic, on February 1, 2021, fifty-three mask-clad children from the five villages sat excitedly in cement-walled classrooms at desks, tables and chairs lovingly donated by ITMI supporters.

For the families, they are relieved that their children will be getting educated.

"I thank God for bringing this school near us because children would have had to walk long distances to learn. We are grateful to God because we have the advantage of enrolling our children," said one village mother when she arrived at the school to enroll her children.

But her children will be getting so much more than an education through the years spent at Spring of Love being molded by God's Word and His people. Eugene is a well-seasoned educator who has been sharing Christ through Christian education for over 30 years. He is passionate about evangelism, and the culture of Excellence Christian Academy reflects it.

Spring of Love's curriculum and educational experiences will mirror the proven high-quality, Bible-



Spring of Love students on their first day of school!

centered curriculum of Excellence Christian Academy.

February 1 was just the beginning of the total transformation that immersion in God's Word promises to yield in many of the lives of Kapiri families. *Isaiah 55:10-11* As we know, when individuals change and begin living for Jesus, families change. As families change, villages change. We are expectant that God will use the teaching of His Word to revolutionize the culture of this cluster of villages, calling to Himself a people equipped to love and serve Him with their lives, a gift made possible through the sacrificial giving of many of you.

-Summer Kelley, Steve Evers

## FOR PRAISE

1. India - Kumar - Believers in two rural locations, who once feared and hated Muslims, equipped to share Jesus with them instead! Some trainees have already shared Jesus, yielding new believers!
2. India/US - Steve Evers - First lesson of SALT material translated into Bengali!
3. Zambia - ECA - Spring of Love school open and beginning to transform lives for Christ.
4. Poland - Piotr Zaremba - Expanded reach with Biblical truth through online channels.

## FOR PRAYER

1. India - Kumar - Wisdom for a rural church whose land is being disputed by some opposed to the Christian faith.
2. Pakistan - Abid - A Christian woman who was attacked and denied justice because of her faith.
3. India - Paul and Molly - Continued complications with obtaining VISAs and health of the whole family.
4. South Sudan - Lazarus - Expedited rebuilding of a wall of his home destroyed by rain - before another rain comes.
5. US - ITMI's Gary Howell facing some severe health challenges.

