

Newsletter April - Finally, Training in Zambia!

Dear Mission Friend!

In April, I visited Africa for the first time in three years. The last time I was there, about ten entrepreneurs from Sweden visited Rwanda in February 2020. I had a feeling back then that Covid, or Corona as we called it at the time, would create major problems for the world. When a friend and I prayed about the situation in January 2020, we felt a great concern for what the world was facing, and so it came to pass.

The trip took us to Zambia, where Fredrik and Jane Josefsson, along with their family, have moved six months ago. We had been discussing for many years the possibility of holding training in Zambia, but it never materialized. Most recently, it was actually planned for May 2020 in Livingstone in southern Zambia.



Our training took place in Northern Zambia, on the border with Congo, and churches had gathered 300 people from cities like Ndola, Luanshya, and Kitwe, among others. There were pastors, businesspeople, bishops, and more who attended. During our training programs, we usually cover about thirty lessons, but I chose to proceed much more slowly as it felt like almost everything I said was completely new to them. We had four days, and on the first day, it was a bit of a shock to them. On the second day, it was as if a lot of thoughts were being rearranged in their heads; you could almost see their minds racing. By the end of the second day, some began to spontaneously shout, "Revival! Revival!" The receptiveness felt

amazing. By the fourth day, you could see hope, vision, and energy rising within them. On the last day, they divided into geographic areas to plan how they could start schools in their respective regions.

We received many wonderful testimonies from those who attended, and a young man said, "Today, my life starts anew." It may sound like a cliché, but it was clear that it was truly a new piece falling into place for many of those who came. One of the bishops who attended all days said, "We have never experienced a seminar like this. We feel transformed." I received an email from a businessman saying he now has new lenses through which to view life.

The plan is now for the different leaders to gather the week after we conclude the training and begin to concretize how they can oversee the schools' startup. I am very hopeful that FBS can become a significant help in the country.

During the week, we spoke with a church leader overseeing 400 churches in the area around the capital, Lusaka, and he wants us to come and conduct similar training in Lusaka in the spring of 2024. Please pray for this effort in the country! It is a very poor and underdeveloped nation, and we believe in teaching people the principles of stewardship so that God can lift them out of poverty and misery.

With wishes for all of God's blessings

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the continued work in Zambia!
- Pray for our initiative in Romania. We aim to hold a training session in June.
- Pray for all translations!
- That we find all the right collaborators we need.
- Pray for all the fantastic people who are responsible for FBS in various parts of the world.
- That we will see a wave of business miracles among our students that brings glory to God!



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