

# Greg and Linda Waller

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## *Medical Missions*

Dear Faithful Friends and Prayer Partners,

Thank you so much for praying for the Zambia trip! We had a wonderful and productive trip with only a few problems, which only serve to make the trip more memorable. No trip we have taken to date, has involved so much advanced planning, correspondence, 2 separate pre trips, and a bunch of added expenses, but in the end it was a blessed trip. Each who prayed for us and the country of Zambia during the leading up to this trip had a part in the results.

Since the ministry there in Zambia is fairly new, our biggest problem was having enough soul winners to deal with the crowds. As harsh as it may sound, we do not want to push people through the medical and glasses clinics unless each one can have a face to face presentation of the Gospel. Bro. Rae had special classes well in advance for soul winners, but with less experience they were a bit slow at first. As soon as they began to see more and more saved, they began to get more excited. Perhaps the effect on the soul winners themselves will be as significant as those who were saved. A missionary we know from another part of Zambia showed up and helped out for a couple of days. Linda gave up her pharmacy assistant (an excellent soul winner) to help as well. Although only half or less spoke English, there were still many for him to reach. This is an opportunity in other countries as well, but we need more who can volunteer.

"Wow," I said on the last morning, "this car really gets great gas mileage!" I was driving an SUV borrowed from a Missionary on furlough to move the team around (on the wrong side of the road, just like Guyana). I had driven all about for a week and the fuel gauge was still just under half. Less than an hour after I made that statement, the vehicle suddenly sputtered and died in bumper to bumper traffic. We pushed it to the shoulder (which luckily, was too rough to be used as a traffic lane) while our other doctor ran down the road to catch Bro. Rae. "There is a man here with an 18 liter gas can..." an onlooker volunteered. Apparently having this can was part of his livelihood and for about \$2 US (plus the cost of the gas), we were back in business. A plastic bottle from the great assortment available on the road was our funnel, after a bit of knife work..

A young lady came on the second clinic day with a severe kidney infection. We sent her at once to the hospital where she was given Tylenol and a note to come back to us. We gave her in sections, pills, and other meds and had her return daily. Two days later she was improved but vomiting and not able to keep down her meds. She feared she would die and wanted to get saved! After she trusted the Lord, we made calls to the hospital and took her personally. This time they kept her. She is now fully recovered and in Church! Praise the Lord!

In all our soul winners reported 493 decisions for Christ. Sunday after the clinic, sixteen new kids were in Sunday school and nine new adults in church services including one who trusted the Lord at the end of the service. Please pray for all these folks to be brought into the church in the days and weeks ahead.

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Fried chicken was the fare for our evening meals nearly every night as it was the only safe eating place I under an hour's drive. "I know you," said the parking lot attendant to Dr. Horn. "You gave me medicine, and I trusted Jesus." Linda was on the way to the toilet when the toilet attendant (yes, pay toilets) asked her about the tract she had given him the night before. She answered all his questions and led him to the Lord. So intent was he to the Gospel, he quite forgot to collect the 2 Kwacha from each person going to the toilet! We watched a group of hungry children dig in the trash for bones to eat. When buying fried chicken for a large group, there is always extra (plus, rolls nobody eats, fries, etc.) Linda loves to work with kids so she lined them all up in order, gave them a fresh piece of food (not trash) and showed them a bit of love. By the end of the week she had them praying with her. All this from fried chicken at the only restaurant around!

Please pray for us in the days ahead. Linda had surgery on her foot right after Zambia, and will have the other foot operated on in about 2 weeks. I am driving to Milwaukie to teach for 2 weeks in a Bible College (a missions medical class). We are preparing for the Ghana trip coming up soon. As always we thank you for your prayers.

In Christ,

The Wallers, Unworthy but Willing