

# Fry Update

Zimbabwe Missions



*Mikayah and Lilliana participated in AWANA beginning this month! Lilli loves it; Mikayah is starting to!*

## September: Expectation of Change

Greetings everyone! We hope and trust that this newsletter meets you well in the Lord, continuing to grow mature in Him! We, as we have said most months since returning on furlough, have been BUSY this month! The month began with a fun trip to West Virginia for the Italian Heritage festival with Heidi's parents (the Mancinis... see the Italian connection?). We enjoyed a great time at the festival with family. Ian has nearly finished his first class back in college and has felt the help of the Lord in getting back into study habits and the requirements of higher education. Ian has also had the privilege this month of helping Heidi's aunt and uncle do some home renovation, which has kept him very busy, coupled with school, youth leadership, marathon training, and the realities of furlough.

Ian was excited to run the Mad Anthony Half Marathon in Waynesboro, PA this month. He finished with a new personal record and a 6th place finish, which encouraged him in all the time and energy he's put into training for the marathon on November 2nd. We've had one very positive meeting with a missions team this month and are hopeful of getting some clarification of where we really are in terms of fundraising as the fall progresses and church budgets for 2015 begin to become solidified. Ian was overjoyed to preach at Ridgeview Baptist Church again this month, and we have been very encouraged by the infilling of encouragement and challenge from consistent fellowship with brothers and sisters in our mother tongue!

We do covet your prayers as we expect baby Fry to arrive in the next week and a half. Heidi is doing very well, but she's to the stage where she's ready to hold the baby instead of carrying him! Please keep us in your prayers as labor and delivery are fast-approaching. Heidi has restarted some

Baby Fry will be in next month's newsletter! Please pray for the delivery!

preschool teaching with Mikayah and Lilli, though Lilli is learning as a shadow! Thank you for your prayers for our family! We know you are praying!

### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR NEXT MONTH?

The coming month of October is going to be a more laid-back month for us as we adjust to having a new baby. We have plans to visit with family we have not seen in awhile. On October 15, we will share with a church here in VA about the ministry.



## Prayer and Praise

### Prayer Requests

--**Eden's fire:** pray for the people affected by the fire, for funds to rebuild, and opportunities to witness to those responsible for the fires.

--**Baby Fry's delivery:** pray our baby has a safe entry into this world and for our adjustment of having 3 kids!

-- **More speaking opportunities** for the rest of our furlough to share about the ministry in Zimbabwe.

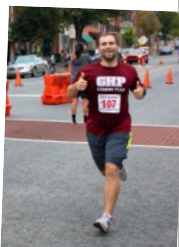
-- **Times of refreshing** as we get closer to returning to the mission field: that we might return rejuvenated, deeply connected to God and to one another, ready to continue in the struggle to lift Jesus high in Doma!

### Praises

--**Protection at Eden:** no one was killed or even seriously injured in the fire

--**Safe travels** to WV and PA this past month

--**Great 1/2 Marathon** for Ian with a PR time of 1 hr. 29 min 57sec.



## Fire at Eden!



*On September 16, a massive wildfire ran rampant through Doma. The fire was too large and fast to prevent all damage.*

### Difficult Realities

Every year, in Zimbabwe, between June and November, the entire countryside gets burned. Usually, we are able to burn 20 foot fire breaks and prevent the wildfires from damaging Eden's property. On September 16th, the biggest fire the ministry has ever encountered came through our area. The fire was started more than 5 miles from Eden and burned that entire distance in less than 10 minutes. The fire was started to scare lions out of the area, after they had killed some cattle. The result is that many villages, some of Eden included, went up in flames. The wind was blowing at gale force proportions that day and carried the fire over our fire guards and into grass roofed houses that went up in incredibly fast blazes. We lost the teenage girls house, both chicken houses, several kitchens and toilets and a few staff houses. Our good friend and house helper, Sainabu lost her home and most of her belongings for the second time this year! You may remember she lost her home and many belongings in March before we returned on furlough. Please pray for Sainabu as she feels she is cursed and is struggling to find hope to carry on. She isn't a born again

believer yet, so please lift Sainabu up, asking God to protect her from the cultural lies and deception of her rural cultural upbringing.

### How Can You Help?

Many people have already asked what can be done to help. Primarily, pray for the people who don't know Christ and whose faith could be shaken by happenings like these. Second, the early estimates are that we've lost upwards of **\$200,000 in buildings** and possibly as much as **\$300,000 dollars in goods** (chickens, cages, clothing, beds, appliances, etc.) Those estimates are high, but we are still in the process of evaluating the damage. Please do anything you can to help, especially with the reconstruction of the staff and girls houses. We are in good spirits about the entire situation, but want to present those losses to you as accurately as possible at this time. We will share more as we learn more!

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