

HeartBeats



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From the Director...

Imagine my horror when I opened my email to find this in the subject line of correspondence from Edward and Barbra Mwansa: Survived the accident! My heart skipped several beats as I fumbled with the mouse, trying not to panic as I opened their letter. Here's what happened:

"Calvary Greetings! Friends, we were traveling to South Africa to have time to rest and buy products to sell in the salon (this helps support our family and the ministry).

"We crossed the Zimbabwean Border from Zambia, and the border guards forced us to pay them before allowing us to proceed. Edward drove all afternoon and we rested in Harare. We were about 40 kilometers from the South African border by 3:00am when we had to dim our lights because there was another car coming in the opposite direction. When it passed, we put the lights back to full power, only to discover big animals (donkeys) standing in the road.

"In my mind I saw death, and shouted 'Jesus!' Edward managed to honk and applied the emergency breaks but the animals never moved - they covered the whole road - and we hit and killed two of them. After the accident we lost our lights - we were still moving, and Edward kept asking me what he should do next. I asked him to drive off the road even though we could not see where we were going.

"Immediately the car stopped - we were in the deep bush, where there are wild animals! We both came out quickly and we thanked God we were alive! But the car was deeply damaged in front. The wind screen, battery, radiator, etc ..

"We started trying to stop vehicles for help, but no one wanted to stop. Finally, at 6:00am a truck driver stopped and agreed to take Edward to report the matter to the Police at the border while I remained on the scene alone.

"During this time I saw the two dead donkeys- one on each side of the road. Edward reported the matter to the Police and they told him they could not come because they had no fuel at the police station. When Edward assured them that we would refund them the cost of the fuel, they borrowed some from another department.

"The Police came and assessed the situation. Edward gave them a full report, and showed them the car insurance we paid for in Zimbabwe, with the hope that they would help us. They told us that because of the economic and political situation in Zimbabwe right now we would not receive the kind of help we need - even though we have insurance. They just advised us to hire a tow truck, and take the car to the Police station. We had to pay the tow truck driver for every kilometer at 10billion Zimbabwean/kilometer.



"The vehicle is now at the Police Station at Beit Bridge on the Zimbabwean side, and we are still waiting for a police report. We have just crossed the border into South Africa to access cheaper accommodation and rest. My right leg is swollen and I am in pain.

"At the moment it is impossible for us to take the car home - it is not running - and we have no funds to fix it. Losing this car is quite a hardship for us - our family needs a safe vehicle, and we also use it for ministry.

"Keep us in prayers - we have not yet shared this with our children, or they may suffer from shock, too. We need prayers for we do not know what to do next in a foreign land. In Prayers - Barbra and Edward"

Well - we prayed - and prayed - and waited - and waited - and finally heard from them about two weeks after this first email. They did eventually make it home, and Barbra was seen in a clinic for the injury to her leg (we still don't know what happened to her), and Edward is having to see a dentist for damage done to his teeth during the accident. Waiting for word from them was SO difficult - we were hearing news reports of all the unrest in Zimbabwe, and had no way to know if they had gotten caught up in the chaos of that country - or if they'd made it home. It was a relief when we finally heard from them.

Please keep this family in your prayers. They work SO diligently for the Lord - and have been through more than most of us will ever experience - but they keep on trusting Jesus, and don't let their trials keep them down for long! They REALLY need a "new" vehicle - pray for God to provide for that need, and for all of the other needs of their ministry. I know they'll be grateful!

In His Service - Sharon Pearce/Director

Client Corner...

When "Katie" was 16 years old, her mother forced her into an abortion - something she's regretted ever since. "Katie's" still living at home - and is pregnant again - and headed for another abortion. We talked to her at length about how much help there would be for her - and she decided not to have the abortion! A few hours later Katie showed up with her mother in tow - her mother was NOT happy to learn that her daughter is pregnant again, and made it clear that she thinks having the baby is "stupid." Needless to say, "Katie" isn't going to have much support at home. Because of your support, we were able to assure "Katie" that she won't be alone!

Silent Voices believes that God is the Author of life, that all human life is valuable - born and preborn - and that abortion is never the answer to an unplanned, "crisis" pregnancy. We are dedicated to giving compassionate, practical assistance to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, providing accurate information about the realities and possible consequences of abortion, and offering help, hope and healing through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to women already struggling with the trauma of abortion.

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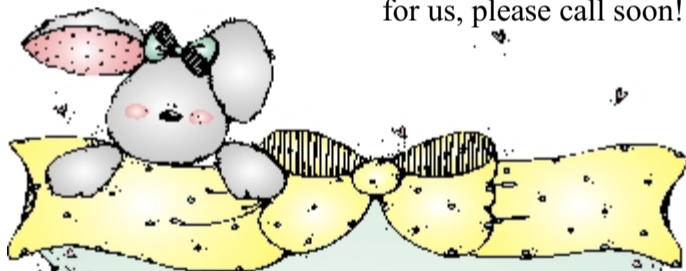
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2008 Ice Cream Social/Auction

Our Annual Ice Cream Social and Auction will be held on Friday, October 10th at Clairemont Emmanuel Baptist Church. We are accepting donations items for the Auction - if you have a product or service you would like to donate, now's the time to let us know! We could also use some help with contacting businesses for donations - if this is something you'd like to do for us, please call soon!



Thank You!

We want to say a special "Thank You" to Ed and Dana Melendrez from Storage Outlet Self Storage in Chula Vista!

When we needed to cut costs, they worked with their corporate office to get us a discounted rate. We now pay much less - on a bigger sized space! They've been a blessing to work with! If you need a place to store your "stuff" - we hope you'll consider using Storage Outlet!

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Update on India

Over the last few months we've been talking with Sam about the status of the orphans in his care - orphans that are sponsored by Silent Voices' supporters. Sam's health has become increasingly unstable, and we've been concerned that we'll have no one we can trust - or communicate with (in English) when he is no longer physically able to oversee the children. He has come to the same conclusion - and has recently made the decision to place "his" children in a Convent orphanage.

The orphanage he has chosen has a long history of providing quality care, and receives funds from the government and from foreign agencies, so the children will be well cared for. We know this was a difficult decision for him to make. He's spent decades caring for abandoned children in India, and we know his heart aches for them. Please keep Sam and his family in your prayers.

NFP Classes Available

Looking for a more natural method of family planning? Sharon teaches Natural Family Planning - a great alternative that's as effective as the Pill - with none of the potential side effects! For more information, give her a call at the office - she'd LOVE to answer your questions, and/or schedule a class with you!



Wild Donkeys Destroy Van!
Read all about it inside!