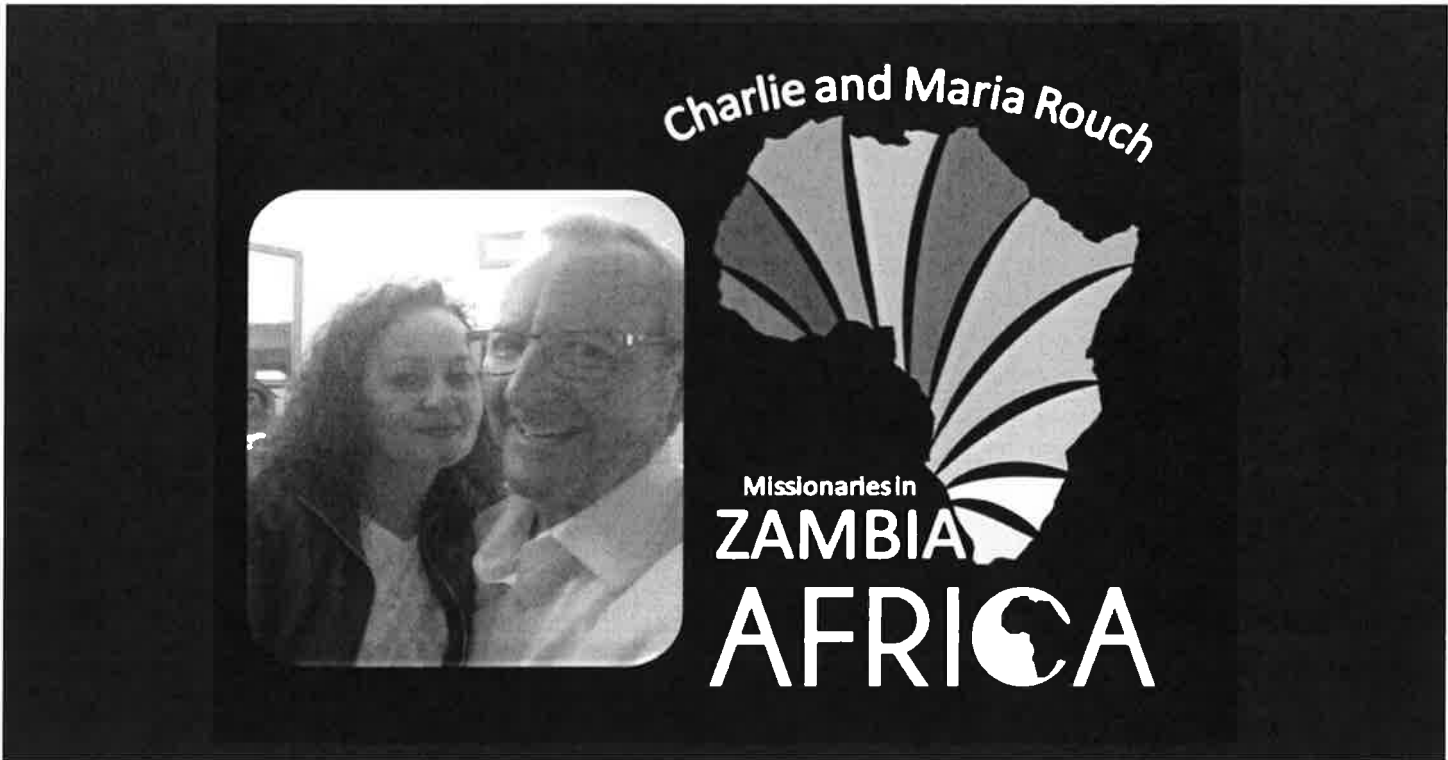


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Dear Pastor and church,

February - April

**Nsobe Bible Baptist . . .**

We are so thankful the Lord has brought Pastor Stephen Kunda and his wife Bertha, along with their 11 year old daughter, Deborah, to team up with us in this work. The people at Nsobe are Lamba tribe. Altho most of my work personally has been with the Bemba people, Maria spent 7 years of her life here actually living with Lamba people in the bush. Kunda's are both Lamba, so they understand the specific thot patterns of the people. Nsobe is a different work than any we've ever started before. It is located deep in the bush. In addition to the locals, some in the church are teachers from the nearby local school. Almost 30 have been saved so far. People in the community live in a

bondage that is spiritually deep and dark. It is not an area that is enjoyable to just "visit". Our work is not to face off directly with the enemy, but to make sure the Light of Christ and the brightness of God's Word has free course to dispel the darkness that keeps the people in bondage. We pray for God's angels around us, and ask the Lord to remove all influence that would hinder the free course of His Word, or us as servants. It is amazing (and sad) to sometimes see people come, yet not stay, sometimes not even through the whole service . . . because darkness hates the Light . . . it just cannot survive the Light. On the other hand, in our years of serving in this country, I've not seen a clearer positive response of the few who are actually cutting ties with cultural/ancestral darkness, giving their lives to Christ, and truly hunger to learn more every week as we arrive. As a ministry team (Rouch's/Kunda's), we have all agreed that the people are not nearly as close to officially organizing as a church, as we thought a few months ago. So, we will continue to build strong Biblical foundations.

### **Just When You Think You've Seen It All . . .**

Cooking Class in a Bible Institute ? Oh . . . but there is SO much more to this . . . but it works ! Maria has actually set up a full "kitchen" in one of our classrooms and one Saturday a month, she teach the Pastors and their wives HOW to cook their same staple foods, but in many different tasty ways. We teach them HOW to watch for sales/get the best buys, HOW to manage their money in purchasing groceries, stewardship in giving, and different "tricks of the trade" to work together saving money in their families. They contribute to come to this class which covers the cost of the food and electricity to prepare it. Before she started the class 5 months ago, she asked me to join her as an "assistant", I laughed. No one burns water better than me ! But I agreed to give it a try on one condition . . . that I could be the comedian, (only to "keep things loosened up"). She agreed. **Don't let her fool** you tho . . . IT'S A TRAP ! It's not REALLY about food ! FOOD is the camouflage . . . the "bait" ! But we all DO know food is what will draw EVERY preacher and his wife to the class (C'mon, all of you reading this know that it true )! This "sneaky" little Romanian

Missionary has the attention of every Pastor/wife. But her class has "morphed" into nothing less than a 7 hr. marital counseling session with Pastors and their wives ! We deal with non-Biblical local traditions/culture. Maria and I "tag team" the teaching between peeling carrots, etc. Pastors and their wives come THINKING they are just learning about cooking and saving money. OH NO ! . . . once a month they contribute to learn about cooking & finances, but also listen to a 7 hr. session on how to be a better husbands/wife team . . . HOW to become a true "team for ministry and life" ! Yes . . . it's a TRAP . . . but every one of them keep coming back for more every month ! At the end of the day, the lesson is discussed as we all sit down and have a delicious fellowship dinner together !

### **Faithful and True . . .**

Due to drastic price increases and change in government regulations concerning paid workers, we have had no choice but to cut back drastically on workers here at the mission. It hurts up front, but faithful servants of the Lord show their true colors. They are preachers and some in training. But most remain, no matter what. The character of people, their "love level" for the Lord, and loyalty to their Missionary really shines (or not) when money is not available. But we are humbled that most workers have assured us "Preacha, we are serving God here. The work still must be done around the Mission. Don't worry, we will be here, money or no money" - and they have kept their word. We always wondered how they would respond if something like this ever happened. They are faithful and true !

### **Progress on Church Buildings:**

**NTBC, Pima:** making their bricks for the walls;

**NTBC, Kasalya:** floor poured, ready to start walls with their bricks;

**Victory B, Livingstone:** starting up with their walls.

All of you on the home front continue to hold the ropes in prayer and financial support ! God bless you for remaining faithful ! Thank you so very much !

Partners in His Harvest,  
Charlie & Maria Rouch, Zambia

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**Furlough 2019 CHANGE . . .**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Maria and I have had to re-schedule our furlough to April - July 2019. We will only be stateside for 4 months and will do our best to report to churches who request us. Please contact us by e-mail using our NEW address: [servingsogether4zambia@gmail.com](mailto:servingsogether4zambia@gmail.com) !



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