

South Africa and Beyond!

Douglas Hammett Family -- Prayer Letter

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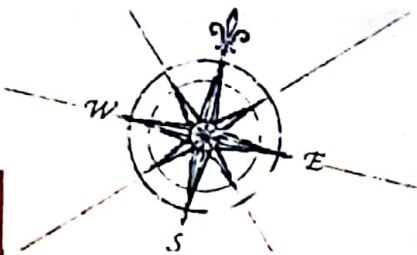


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Dear Pastors, Churches and Praying Friends,

I spent the first 38 years of ministry as a planner, setting goals, strategizing and working through obstacles. That was my nature and personality. Imagine my shock when 11 years ago I came to Africa and realized that a plan laid for tomorrow would almost always be unraveled by the next morning. That took a major adjustment in my outlook and life. But I did adjust and even came to embrace it.

Then, with the outbreak of COVID, lockdowns, and the paralyzing fear in society everything was turned on its head. Many people were expecting the lockdowns would end in a couple of months. However, I was convinced that they would last at least to the end of 2020. But even my prediction was short sighted!

We still are in lockdowns in Africa. It has affected travel in a major way. And I do believe the future will be very different than any of us could have imagined. I work in South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi and now in Zambia. There is a great need to go and meet with the brethren in these countries face to face. And yet, many of our needed trips into other countries have ended before they started.

When the Nadaskay family came, I had expected that I would be able to make some trips into these countries with John. Although risky, it would be possible with another man going with me. Little did I realize how strict the lockdowns would become during our winter months, and the COVID cases would be growing here, which would add even more risk to the travel.

LOCKDOWN OPPORTUNITIES

Over the last year, I have seen the opportunity of reaching out with the gospel and begun with an ambitious schedule of four live online messages each week to reach the lost. Now with over a year of messages under my belt. I've taught over 200 times on the gospel of Christ, and broadcast each of those out to 3000 to 8000 viewers each. In addition, the written messages have gone further than can be counted. God has opened more doors than I can humanly walk through, and yet multitudes are still dying without Christ... the work of evangelism must go forward.

EQUIPPING OTHERS

True missions work is not about what the missionary does, it is about how well he equips the nationals to do the work without him. In response to that I have developed training over the last year to equip men to evangelize with a clear gospel presentation. I am seeing many men catch a burden to reach their villages. I am very encouraged at the response.

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