

# Hardie - 5/25/2026

Greetings all,

We greatly appreciate your prayer and care for us. We have been seeking to go forward on Samuel's adoption for sometime and it had seemingly stalled. This morning Samuel's namesake called who is the contact for Samuel's Father. He said Samuel's father is traveling today, when are you coming? We initially thought we were advised to not visit before Samuel's Father's communication with Social Welfare. We thought we didn't want to influence Father's decision of adoption. This morning the Namesake (Samuel's) relative asked when are you coming? We talked to Samuel's Uncle Aaron and he explained it would be better for us to greet the family before the decision. They want to see Samuel and know how everything is before communicating to Social Welfare their desire for his adoption.

We need your prayers, our funding is not prepared for the three of us to travel first to Lusaka, then to Serenje (Central Province). We will need to pay for our bus tickets we will be taking several different busses and do not yet know the fares then of course food, taxi's and accommodation in Lusaka then also accommodations in Serenje for the three of us plus we will have already provided for the Father's bus transport to Serenje and will have to pay the 550 kwachas for his return home after the meeting. The father will need all of his expenses paid for while visiting , his food and accomodation and we will need to give him living expenses for those he may need to support while he is away if he has dependents. Don't

know presently the length of our stay and cost of the two bus trips to Lusaka then to Serenje.

Checking into the buses this am 400 to 450 kwacha x 3 = (\$21 to \$24)

Total \$63 to \$72. 9 to 10 hour trip that's just the one trip one way.

Serenje 7 hour trip for next day, cost of which we do not know.

Best case scenario we could take off at 8:00 pm tonight, buses no longer travel in the morning 4 am like they used to. We normally have funds come in at this time, there may have been a delay due to the Memorial Holiday in the states. It was Freedom Day here in Zambia yesterday. But the known funds that we have coming in by no means come close to covering the cost of this trip. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to meet Samuel's Father. Last time we tried to see his Father we were meeting with the whole family when Samuel was two and the Father was in the village the night before and left that morning without seeing Samuel. We don't know what is before us the next days, please pray and consider the needs before us. We need if at all possible to take off by 8:00 tonight as Samuel's father arrives at the home of Samuel's namesake today. where we are also headed. Zambia has lifted the overnight travel ban and we can now travel through the night and arrive tomorrow morning if we have the funds to travel. From there we Lord willing will catch a bus and head to Serenje to arrive about 7 hours later.

We went to the tent city this past Sunday and gave away multiple bags of clothes for their proper answering of Bible questions mixed with the Gospel. We enjoyed sharing the Gospel several times over at peoples homes. Yesterday we got a couple bunches of bananas, with the hazard of getting a couple stings by some hornets, hand still swollen a bit. Today we met Baby Ruth's Grandma giving her formula and several articles of clothing for the number of kids she is raising along with Baby Ruth.

Lord willing on our way back through Lusaka we will need to purchase a few more school books. The Lord has kept us to the present and we are thankful. Praying for you and yours in your circumstances, God Bless!!!

The Hardie Family

Pic 1 Our most successful papya tree thus far

Pic 2 This morning meeting Grandma and Bab Ruth gave several articles of clothes to her and several other children she is caring for.

Picture 3&4 bananas from our banana grove growing in back yard.

