

# Hardie - 6/4/2026

Greetings to all,

We are so thankful for your love and support you have shown us. We have tried to share with you our love for Samuel, our desire to be his parents (His Mom and Dad) whether he is our foster son or adoptive son makes no difference. From what we understand according to Social Welfare we have broke the law by seeing Samuel's family, his Father, Grandmother, the thought is we could influence the decision. Simply pray for us today at 10 am 3:00 am Iowa time Social Welfare in Senanga is meeting with us. Indicators are to tell us all the areas we have failed in. We were encouraged in the past by The Passport Office, The Head Social Welfare Office in Lusaka, Two Social Welfare Officers from Sakeji where Samuel formerly went. All said adopt him to make life easier.

All we have ever done is out of the love, care, desire and hope in raising Samuel up in our Lord Jesus Christ to enable him to be the best he can be in the Lord. We sought simply to make life easier for Samuel's future and we have now seemingly been cast in a negative light. we will proceed forward through the meeting today. Sorrowfully they have attacked Samuel's Uncle for saving Samuel from certain death they said he should not have done that, that was only to be left up to Samuel's Mother's side. In the past Uncle Aaron was appreciated, looked up to, and now he is blamed for doing the wrong thing thing. Thank you everyone that assisted our travel seeing Samuel's Grandmother, 84 years old so overjoyed to see Samuel, seeing Samuel's Father and Samuel's namesake (Husband to his father's Sister). We are on our knees praying for guidance, grace and clarity through this matter.

We were told by the current Provential Head Social Welfare Office from Mongu that seeing the family has brought trauma to the boy and that what we did in seeing the family could be considered seeking to influence the family to adopt. We were to get permission and a travel letter to see the family. We sought to make it possible for the Father to say yes or no to the adoption. We said multiple times it is your choice we don't want to influence your decision. We were told the Father had to call the Head officer in Senanga regarding adoption. Initially we said no to traveling to see the family, we were told no it was not like that, that they just wanted to see the Welfare of Samuel. There has been great accusations and potential allegations. All we can do is lay out lives down and pray the Lord's purposes and intents will be fulfilled and that we will be preserved and kept as a family before God.

Please pray for Samuel and us that the Lord will be glorified for what ever happens and what we do from this day forward.