

Trip to Solwezi October 2018

We left Bristol for Heathrow mid-afternoon on **Sunday 7th October** after a very different start to the day this year. New Life Church Bristol joined with Frenchay Parish Church for a Harvest Festival Service during which members from both churches prayed for the Zambia team. Following this we all had lunch together in the village hall before setting off for the airport.



After parking the car and transferring to Terminal 3, checking in our luggage and passing through security, we finally had some time to relax until our first flight which was leaving for Dubai at 20:20 a mere 3,619 miles.



Monday 8th October 2018

After the 7 hour flight we landed in Dubai at 06:30 (3 hours ahead of UK) and our next flight was due to take off at 09:05 local time. The Dubai to Lusaka flight took off after a short delay waiting for clearance from air traffic control. We landed in Lusaka at 14:40 local time (1 hour ahead of UK). After passing through immigration and getting visas to enter Zambia, we were met by Pastor Evans, Pastor Joseph, Anton, and Pastor O'Brian. We made our way to the Taj Pamodzi Hotel, checked in, dropped off our bags and then straight out to visit the Lusaka church of which Pastor Joseph is the leader.





After a time of worship Pastor Richard did a short preach on the first four words in the Bible 'In the beginning God'. After the service we headed off for a meal with the leadership team from Africa and their wives.

Tuesday 9th October 2018

We checked out of the Taj Pamodzi hotel at 06:00 and then collected Pastor Evans from his accommodation a few streets away. At 06:15 we were on our way to Solwezi (580.6 km) 360 miles.







The roads have improved considerably this year and after 11.5 hours of driving we arrived safely. We dropped Pastor Evans off at the church and then drove to the Royal Solwezi Hotel for dinner an time to relax.

Wednesday 10th October 2018

The day started with a visit to the local supermarket so that we could purchase gifts for the children of the primary school.



After purchasing the gifts we sorted and packed them into gift bags. These gifts were purchased with the $\pounds177.50$ that was collected from the offering at the Harvest Festival Service on the Sunday we departed, plus a few other donations, including money raised from the breakfast donations at New Wine this year.

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We were greeted by Maureen and Evans on arrival and were taken into the Church where the children were waiting to do some presentations. (These have been filmed and will be put on the website).







Children dressed in the clothes for the career they aspired to. For example, those in the white coats want to be doctors and those in the brown uniforms would like to be in the military. The clay items were made by the children to show what they do. After the presentation we looked around the school.





























After the school tour we distributed the mealie meal and gift bags to families and children of the primary school. (Photos on next page).

Mealie Meal Photos























Thursday 11th October 2018

Cave Gathering Conference starts today.



Day 1 of the conference morning session. There was probably around 300 present and Snr Pastor Evans Luwi opened the conference with a powerful word from 1 John 5 where he talked about those who are born of God will overcome the world. Richard Brown then followed on preparing the hearts of those attending by preaching about Mary and Martha and the importance of not allowing anything to distract our attention from God.



In the afternoon Richard Brown started the first in a series of 5 talks on the book of Ruth explaining that this world is not our true home but that we belong to the Kingdom of God.

Friday 12th October 2018

Day 2 of the Cave Gathering Conference morning session.

Dave Summerhill preached about the importance of demonstrating the love of Jesus in real and practical ways and of taking church outside of its four walls.



Richard Penska followed on after the break and talked about the need for us all to follow Jesus if we want to see his purposes worked out in our lives.



In the afternoon session Richard Brown talked about Naomi and Ruth moving from Moab back to Judah, as this is where God was now going to complete this wonderful story.



At the end of this second day we saw around 15 people either commit or recommit their lives to God with the promise "Where you go I will go, where you live I will live. Your God will be my God and your people will be my people".



Saturday 13th October 2018

Day 3 of the Cave Gathering Conference morning session. Richard Penska spoke about Robes of Righteousness.



After the break, Dave Summerhill asked what do we mean by the Sabbath.



In the afternoon Richard Brown continued with the story of Ruth, talking about Divine Coincidences.



Sunday 14th October 2018

Day 4 of the Cave Gathering Conference morning session. This final day Richard Brown covered both the sessions concluding the story of Ruth.



In the afternoon Pastor Evans concluded the conference with a word from 1 John 4-5 and then closed the proceedings



At this time Dave explained what was going to happen next! All the leaders were going to line up outside and have water bombs thrown at them (at the lunch time break we filled 1000 water bombs at the hotel and transported them to the church). A video is available on church Facebook page.

Monday 15th October 2018

Today we travel back to Lusaka, another early start leaving our hotel at 04:45 to collect Evans from the church where he stayed overnight, and leaving Solwezi at 05:15 for the 360 mile journey.







After dropping Evans of at his overnight accommodation we checked back into the Taj Pamodzi hotel Lusaka.

Tuesday 16th October 2018

Today was a free day. We went to the Lusaka National Park and was able to see a white rhino which was penned for the day. We also saw other animals in the park which covers 49 square kilometres.





Wednesday 17th October 2018

The last day before the flights home, we checked out of the hotel at 11:00, and then met Hudson Luwi and David Brown from Fountain of Life Ministries for lunch at a local garden centre café.



First flight Leaving Lusaka at 21:25 arriving at Dubai at 06:30.



Second flight Dubai to London Heathrow 09:40 we landed at Heathrow at 14:10, 20 minutes ahead of schedule. After going through passport control we collected our luggage and headed to the car park to collect our car and headed back to Bristol.



