A momentous snow in DC delayed us a day in getting to Zambia, Africa, so we hit the ground running. After nearly thirty-five hours of flying, we were picked up by the leader of the Kekako Community in Zambia, Fanwell Chilondela. He drove us three-and-a-half hours to Ndola. The drive took longer than expected because of rain, small roads, and big trucks on the two-lane highway in the dark. We arrived at 4 a.m. and struggled to sleep.

We met the Catholic Charismatics around 8 a.m.; they were so excited and grateful, we pushed through to be with them. The group really wanted to learn, so they wanted no breaks; they just wanted to hear more.

Lloyd taught on the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. He explained that we should all expect something special, because the pope released the power of God on the Church. He shared that this Jubilee is a brand-new beginning for all of us, and we should set the bar of our expectations sky high! The people responded with great joy!

I taught on the Five Keys to freedom from the Unbound Model. I covered repentance, faith, and forgiveness. I explained the necessity of forgiving and why many don’t forgive. I discussed entry ways such as personal sin, witchcraft, generational sin, and our response to trauma and sins committed against us. I also covered renunciation of the works of the enemy and standing in the authority we have as children of God. Lloyd wove in talks on knowing and defending our Catholic faith and the power of the Sacraments.

At the final gathering, we were impressed by the quality of the participants’ questions and testimonies about how the program deeply affected their lives. These were some of the most serious and intense groups we have taught. They were still talking excitedly as we left for Lusaka.

We drove several hours to Lusaka, and spoke at the most vibrant prayer meeting we have seen in a long time. The majority of the 200 members are young, upwardly mobile people on fire for Jesus. The music was vibrant, anointed, and incredibly good.

One of the group’s outreaches is to the two prisons in Lusaka. They feed at least 1500 inmates once a week. Local merchants and a large meat packing corporation, along with prayer group members, supply the food. The prayer group serves the inmates themselves. They also do weekly street evangelization.

Our room was in nice quarters, but we had to deal with no electricity at times. In trying to get clothes hung on a line to dry, I almost stepped on a snake! However, there was a small chapel that made our stay like a retreat, where we could be with Jesus and catch up on our rest.

We travelled about seven hours for our next program. Music and singing welcomed us. There were over 300 people—forty of whom came all the way from Malawi! During our time there, I spent much time praying with people. Our driver told us he is returning to the Catholic Church due to Lloyd’s apologetics teaching!

We met the local bishop, who shared this testimony: His parents had six miscarriages before having him. As a boy, he got so sick that his father had to carry him on his shoulders for the very long walk to the health clinic. Their dog followed. At one point, they had to cross a river. The father and son got across, but heard the dog splash and yelp. They looked back and saw the tail of a crocodile, who took the dog under water. The Bishop asked, “Am I to sit and not dance in praising the God who saved me more than once?” Then he danced. The love of God radiates from this young, charismatic bishop. He invited us to come back again and make Chipata Diocese the home of our future outreaches!

Next, we made the thirteen-hour trip to Namibia. We stopped halfway to tour Victoria Falls—to us, it was one of the natural wonders of the world!

Namibia has a bloody history, with continuous wars between various tribes and colonial powers. Namibia did not get independence until 1990, and the bitterness and unforgiveness is still very apparent.

At first, we did not see the joy and enthusiasm we normally encounter with Charismatics. Even the praise and worship was short and subdued. There was obviously a lot of spiritual bondage resulting from the wars.

As Lloyd talked about the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy—and its potential blessings—you could see hope begin to glimmer in participants’ eyes. The Lord brought us there for a reason! Throughout the years, we have learned there are many parts of the harvest. Some plant, others water, and still others pick the fruit. We never know where we are in the harvest; we leave that up to the Lord!

The next day, God was clearly working and bonds were being cast off. Fanwell shared his experiences of forgiveness. One of his grandfathers was from Scotland, had a child by a Zambian woman, and then abandoned them. Fanwell had a deep-seated anger against whites; it was not until he met us and heard the teaching on forgiveness that he forgave for the first time and experienced a freedom he had not known existed. There were tears among the participants, as his testimony hit close to home.

Godwin, a Zambian team member, shared that he had been asked to pray for a paralyzed woman. He led her through the Five Keys, and she repented of witchcraft, forgave those who abandoned her after her paralysis, and commanded hatred, self pity, and paralysis to leave in the Name of Jesus. Afterward, she was able to stand and walk! This testimony really got the group excited.

Joy and hope continually increased on the participants’ faces. People really got into the time of renunciation; they loved that they could aggressively confront the enemy instead of meekly waiting for bad things to happen. They had the enemy on the run, and they wanted him out of their lives, families, and land!

When we left, two vehicles of people drove us to the airport and wouldn’t leave until we got on the plane. They were all so excited; they pledged to bring more participants from all over Namibia next year, if we would please come back. We left them waving from the fence line and started the long trip home.

This was a wonderful trip, and I feel the Lord has much more in store for Renewal Ministries in this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.