Dear Gabi,

Greetings from North Carolina!

You probably expected that I would be back in Tucson by now. Originally, that had been the plan. At the end of SPLICE (Cultural Transition and Acquisition training class) I felt led to sign up for the language learning course. **PILAT** (Programs In Language Acquisition Techniques) was time well spent. We received training in how to learn any language, not just one specific. Each of the tools are easily transferable to a new language. PILAT is a class I had originally wanted to take when I first heard about it nearly two years ago. However, since English is the official business language in Zambia, my supervisors and I felt that PILAT wasn't totally necessary for me. Since then, I've discovered that the heart-language for most people in the immediate area where I will be working is Nyanja. I would like very much to be able to interact with my neighbors in a language that is most meaningful to them. So after discussing it with my supervisors at WorldVenture, I received permission to take the course. Thankfully, there were still several spots for the May course. The summer courses are all completely booked.

Some of our time was spent learning phonics. In English we have 44 sounds that we use. However, there are thousands of sounds that people use throughout the world. So we practiced a number of those sounds - both how to hear them and how to make them. Imagine a group of adults sitting in a room practicing: aba, apa, aka, aga. Click here to learn more about PILAT on my blog.

The course took an additional two weeks and started an entire week after the first one ended. So obviously, I'm three weeks behind my original schedule. All of the people I planned on visiting said that a visit 3 weeks later would actually work out better for them. Praise God!!

The **support raising/goodbye/see America tour** is going very well. I have been so blessed with the visits I've already had and expect several more before I get back to Tucson around July 1. So far, I have driven nearly **5,000**

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miles and visited a number of churches: Assembly of God, Eastern Orthodox, United Methodist, Presbyterian, Conservative Baptist, Independent Baptist, Southern Baptist, Bedside Baptist, Air Force Academy Chapel and an Evangelical Lutheran Church. Whew!! All of them have been warm and welcoming and filled with the Holy Spirit. It is wonderful to worship with brothers and sisters, whatever form the service takes.

Most importantly though, I've **visited with so many wonderful people**. Some are dear "old" friends and some are new friends I've just made. One couple, I hadn't seen since they left Alaska 20 years ago!!! It's been exciting to reconnect and share what God is doing in my life and how He is working in Zambia.

Support is at 70%! Thank You!!!

Many people continue to ask about my **house**. Sadly, it still has not sold. I have had an offer on it since March. Because housing prices in the Tucson area have fallen so dramatically, I am having to do what is called a "Short Sale." That means that I am trying to sell the house for less than what I owe the bank for the mortgage. Obviously, this requires approval from the bank. My realtor has supplied the bank with the required paperwork on at least four different occasions. Unfortunately, they continue to tell us that they don't have all of it. The short sale process is a long and time consuming process. Please pray that the bank will move quickly with all of the necessary steps so that we can finalize the sale.

At this point I am still on track to depart around August 30th! Several people have asked: "What happens if you don't leave on the 30th of August?" The only reason I wouldn't leave is because my support is not at 100%, at which point I would continue to raise support until I reached that amount. However, I have faith that God will provide what I need. All of the money that has been sent in as committed support and as special gifts continues to be collected by WorldVenture and will be used to fund my outgoing expenses (moving, airfare, shipping/replacing household items, technology, etc.)

Praises:

- Safe travels thus far
- Wonderful visits reconnecting with friends
- Positive church visits where I've had opportunities to share

Points of Prayer:

- Continued safety on the road
- For God to continue to raise up prayer and financial partners
- For my bank to approve the paperwork quickly

Thank you so much for your continued prayer support. I couldn't do this job without your partnership!

Blessings,
Gabriele :-)

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