



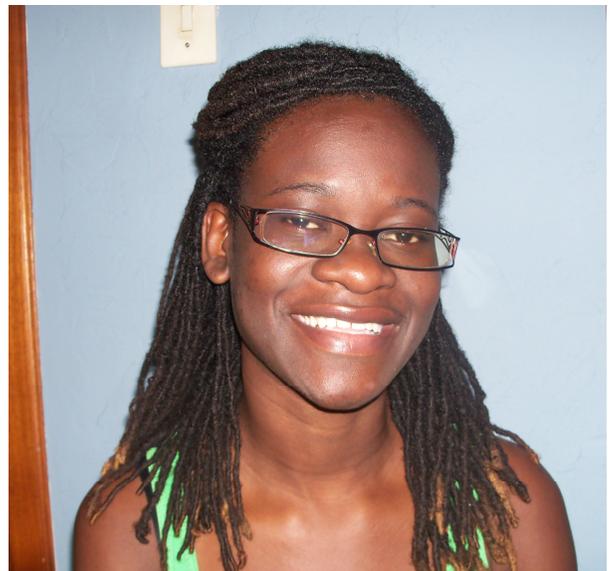
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**“Step by step...press on towards the mark”**

Every child of God must at some point consider these two concepts, the day by day submission to the will of the Father for that day as well as the final goal, “...the mark of the high calling of Christ”. We find these two present repeatedly in Scripture as we are challenged to “walk” daily yet with discernable purpose and orientation. We find our guidance in His Word, “a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path”, illumination for both, the step we must take today as we head towards our defined goal. When these concepts are overlaid on the background of the Biblical mandate of “Missions” the stories come vividly to life in the history of the church from the first commissioning of the apostles until now. Endless servants such as Paul have arisen to the very same challenge in the quest to “begin in Jerusalem, then Judea, then Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth”. As a farmer plowing his field knows it will only be accomplished one step at a time and yet he is also aware that for the furrow to be straight he must always keep his eye on the reference point he’s chosen as his goal. In like fashion there is really no foreknowledge available on the day the seed is planted, just what the future holds and when and where the final harvest will yield it’s promised fruit, thereby making the faithful execution of the daily chores, at times so easy to undervalue and yet so vital to reaching the ultimate goal which each laborer may not even have the privilege to see or comprehend in their own lifetime. These truths of God’s role as the Lord of the harvest and master vinedresser (John 4 & 15) have played out over and over in the last 2000 years, but let me share with you one such story. Over 100 years ago assembly missionaries began to faithfully plant the seed of the Gospel in the African country of Zambia. Churches were planted, their immediate communities reached for Christ, then matured sufficiently that in time they sent out their own missionaries to neighboring countries. Earlier this month the missionary community in Zambia was challenged as the Lord very suddenly called home two of His servants. (Details can be read at:

<http://www.cmml.us/news/2012-06-06/tragedy-chitokoloki-mission-station-zambia> ) The very day of their funeral there was a young lady on a flight from Africa to South America. Her parents are missionaries from Zambia working in Mozambique alongside of whom she had also served the Lord for several years and yet the Master of the Harvest had put in her heart the desire to follow His commands “...even unto the uttermost parts of the earth”. Several months ago, when here at Morningstar it was confirmed that the Coates were departing permanently, we received an unsolicited request from her to come and serve the Lord at



Morningstar Children's Home and Strong Tower Christian School. Her skill set was a remarkable match to the needs here and the Lord's timing in providing the visa and transportation was precise. So it was that Shula Mulenga arrived in Chiclayo to take charge of House #2 with a two week overlap before the Coates departure, in every way an answer to our prayers provided by fruit from seeds planted on the other side of the world over a century ago. So we welcome her to the staff here, she is a great asset to the ministry! At the same time let our hearts be encouraged herein.....together we serve the one true sovereign God in whose hands are not only our daily steps but also our final inheritance and at His disposal we must faithfully serve if given one more day, or joyfully enter into our inheritance with the saints in light and we can be certain in any case that "your labor is not in vain in the Lord" and wherever we find ourselves in the journey we must **"Step by step...press on towards the mark"**.



### Then & Now

Almost two years ago Claudia arrived at Morningstar, scared, abused and neglected. She has since blossomed into a lively 7 year old full of energy and opinions! During that time the family court has decided to sever parental rights and we have just been informed by the judicial system that she will be soon cleared for adoption. This is the point at which we begin to broach

the subject with the child and your prayers are valuable that the Lord would prepare her for this process as well as bring along the family of his choosing for her.



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