

Diane Cusick

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Location: **Lusaka, ZAMBIA**

Mission: **Early childhood education**



*'Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.'*
Psalm 103:1

Most schools opened in Zambia on 1 February 2021. I have not been visiting them yet as it requires overnight stays but I am communicating with the teachers by phone. So far, they have had good attendance by children and things seem to be going well. I am thinking of visiting one school in Mazabuka where I could do a return trip in a day – just to see how they are managing with all the health guidelines and young children! I had intended to spend about a week with the teachers as it is a relatively new school, but this is not possible yet under the circumstances.

In Zambia, we have not yet heard anything about a vaccine although I know that in South Africa they have begun a vaccination programme there.

I am still attending worship online and enjoying the many different services I have access to. I may attend an induction service of one of our ministers in a local congregation the last Sunday in February. I do miss the fellowship of being together.

I have been attending many webinars and zoom meetings in the last few weeks – I feel all 'zoomed out' some days as it is meeting after meeting. Sometimes I think I am doing nothing at all – just watching a screen. I am hoping to have our Early Childhood Development Board meeting on Zoom in March – some may not be able to attend due to network issues across Zambia, and some may have no access at all to the internet.

I am blessed to have a great garden space to be in nature and take photos!

Thank you for your continued support. Keep updated with my life and work by checking my blog... www.dianecusick.blogspot.com



Prayer points

- Pray for our teachers and children as they are back at school, that they will be kept safe from the virus.
- Pray for Diane as she continues to work from home, that she continues to have motivation to do meetings by zoom, and that the Early Childhood Development Board meeting will take place.
- Pray for the leadership of the country Zambia as they decide the way forward on a vaccine for the Zambian people.
- Pray for the leadership of Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Synod of Zambia as they continue to support the congregations during this time.