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Location: **Lusaka, ZAMBIA**

Mission: **Early childhood education**



'Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.' Psalm 46:10

It's a New Year and I am thankful to God for his provision over the last few months!

Before Christmas I was back to work almost as normal. However, the last few weeks of December saw the Covid-19 numbers in Zambia begin to rise rapidly (due to the South African strain of the virus), and to date we have seen increasing numbers and increasing deaths daily. We have lost quite a few church leaders from various denominations in Zambia. Because of the rise in infections, schools have not opened as planned – the new date is 1 February, 2021, but we await news from the Ministry of Education to see if this will happen.

I have been making some materials for our Early Childhood Development centre in Mazabuka – it opened in 2020 and due to the pandemic has not made much headway! I am hoping when schools open again to be able to go to Mazabuka and spend a few days with the teachers helping them to understand play! Both teachers attended the workshop I had in December so at least they have basic knowledge, but need to be helped to put it into practice.

Churches are open here, but I have not been going – I continue to worship from home with an online service! This is not ideal but as many people are not observing the health regulations, I feel it is safer for me.

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



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Prayer points

- Pray for our teachers as they prepare to open schools, that they will feel safe, and that parents will send children to attend school.
- Pray for our Synod leadership as they continue to guide Presbyteries and Congregations on how to cope during the pandemic.
- Pray for Diane as she continues to work from home, that she continues to have motivation to plan and prepare for the year ahead.