



# above & beyond

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## 1st Bible School Class



## The Copperbelt

### Religiosity vs. Christianity

The other day while we were soulwinning, I was talking to one man and he's waiting outside the Post Office. It seems like he's listening quite well to me and I was sharing on how salvation is by grace and not connected to what I do, but it's a gift of God that I simply accept what He's done and receive Christ. At the end of talking to him, he replies, "OK so all I need to do is accept Christ, and follow in his footsteps and then I'll be saved." I was shocked because I had just spent about 10 minutes sharing with to him about grace. I realized that people here are very religious, but as soon as some one has a religious mindset even when the gospel of grace comes in they are blinded (II Cor. 4:4 *blinded* here means *hardened*) and they interpret it the opposite to what it really is. They will take a grace term like being born again and ask Jesus how they can do that (Jn 3 Nicodemus). They' will apply a religious meaning to it, "stop doing the bad, start doing good;" "change my life." Then someone walked up to him and he said, "I have to be somewhere." He walked away and I got talking to someone else. This man was a Seventh Day Adventist (SDA). We got talking pretty much about the same thing, the Gospel of Grace, the Finished Work of Christ. A few minutes into the conversation I looked over and saw that the first man I was talking to had not left! He was just standing nearby having a good old chat to his friend. I realized that because of his religious mindset he really had no desire for the Word. As I continued talking to the SDA, it just became really clear, the idea that the place where we are ministering is extremely religious, but very few people have ever received the Gospel of Grace. Halfway through talking to the SDA I almost got to a point where I was going to offer him an opportunity to pray with me and get saved, then I got quite stirred up and thought I am going to call the other guy! He needs to hear this. So I called the first guy and brought him back into the conversation. He came strait back and I said "you know something, you've got a religious mindset, you think you're doing

## GOD IS DOING IT!

**September 2009:** We saw the beginning of a Bible College here in the Copperbelt.

Basing ourselves in Kitwe, the center of 5 cities, our prayer was to have students from all 5.. and that prayer is being answered, *panono panono*, (Bemba for, "bit by bit", or *gradually*). We decided to offer the 3credit hour /week introductory class "Who God Is & What He Has Done". And so far we have 10 students! 1 moved from Ndola (Samuel, my translator who we met in Masala Market place - see August news); one commutes from Ndola, and another from Luanshya (who'll be moving soon). The rest are from Kitwe, leaving 2 more cities to pray for students from!! One student told me of the deep heart decision he made... He put the application and pen down and prayed. Finally after much pondering, he was looking at it, and in the early hours of the morning, he made the heart decision to come by faith, and he picked up the pen and filled out the form!...

The classes have been going excellently, with a great response from the students. We count it such a privilege each time, to teach sound doctrine, line upon line, precept upon precept, in Grace. I am so conscious each time at the effect this will have on this entire region, one the students and "those that hear [them]" (1Tim 4:16).

This past Sunday we were visited by Pastor Brown and some of the body members from Lusaka. It was so encouraging and we felt so special to be visited from 5hrs away, just for a Sunday afternoon! They made it for the end of the service and the rap, and then headed back, another 5hrs, to get there before dark. I could tell the new people here were intrigued by the life and fellowship, and seeing brothers and sisters they had never met before. God is doing it! (Mt16:18)

everything right and that gives you access to God and that makes you born again and that's going to get you to Heaven, but it's not. In fact, inside though you are doing all the outward things, you have a religious mindset and that has stopped you from receiving God Himself who wants to have a relationship with you and give you eternal life as a free gift (Eph 2:8). All God wants is for you to receive the Son by faith." He suddenly started really tuning in to what we were saying as well as the SDA. When I said, "would you like to

make a decision to change your mind from religion, forsake your good works and your efforts to please God through the energy of your flesh and simply receive the Son who's already done everything possible for you to be saved, just receive Him today, would you pray with me and accept Him as your Savior?" You know there was a change. I think that little word on the religious mindset broke through and they both said, "yeah." Three strangers bowed their heads and prayed together on the streets. As I started to pray I could hear them both quietly praying after me in their own words. I Could sense a real genuineness and sincerity and openness because the Word of God had penetrated because of the light of the Gospel of Grace (II Cor 4:4)!



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