

# TRIBAL CHAPLAINCY

# JULY NEWS



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## REACHING ZAMBIA FAR AND WIDE

This last month, the month of July, was filled with opportunities to strengthen Tribal Chaplaincy across Zambia. While Austin continued flying and reached an exciting milestone of 100 flight hours toward his 200-hour goal, our team traveled throughout Luapula, Northern, and Central Provinces, visiting chiefs and chaplains. Our team also had the opportunity to help host chiefs for Chief Mukuni's Traditional Ceremony.





# HALFWAY IN FLIGHT HOURS

This month Austin reached 100 flight hours, putting him halfway to the 200 hours required to complete his Zambian commercial license conversion! We are so thankful for how the Lord has provided consistent opportunities for him to fly and continue building experience. It has been exciting to watch this goal become more and more attainable, and we are praying he will continue making steady progress over the coming months.



# CHIEFS AND CHAPLAINS ACROSS ZAMBIA

One of the major focuses of July was visiting chiefs and chaplains across several provinces to disciple chaplains and see how ministry to the chiefs is going. We found many faithful chaplains who continue to disciple chiefs through regular Bible studies, prayer, and pastoral care. Several chiefs shared how having a chaplain has transformed not only their own walk with the Lord but also the atmosphere within their families and palaces. Where our team found inactive chaplains, they worked with the chief to select a new one so that every chiefdom has a committed chaplain.



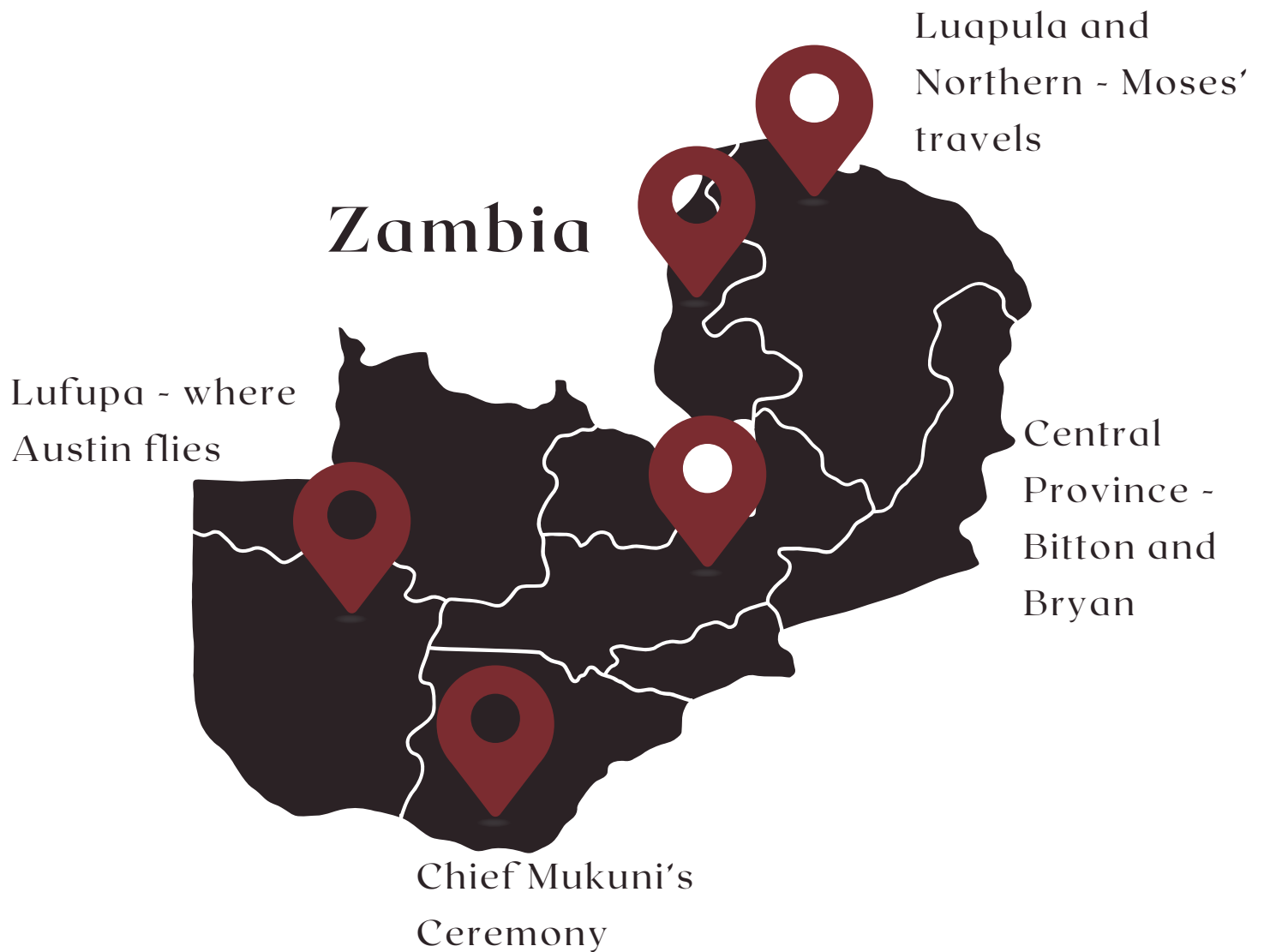
Across the chiefdoms visited this month, 63 people publicly professed faith in Jesus Christ, including three chiefs, two queens, council members, and many community members. One of the most encouraging moments came during our teams' visit with Chief Kasomalwela, who shared that after attending the King of Kings Celebration in 2022 he completely stopped consulting witch doctors and now desires to follow Christ wholeheartedly. During their visit, he, his queen, and one of his council members publicly confessed faith in Jesus and asked for ongoing discipleship. Moments like these remind us why Tribal Chaplaincy exists—to see traditional leaders transformed by the Gospel and equipped to influence their communities for Christ.



## CHIEF MUKUNI'S CEREMONY

This month we also had the privilege of serving during Chief Mukuni's Traditional Ceremony, where Overland Missions helped host many of the chiefs who traveled from around Zambia to attend. These gatherings provide such a unique opportunity to build relationships with traditional leaders outside of formal ministry visits, allowing conversations and friendships to grow naturally. Austin had the privilege of hosting Paramount Chief Chitimukulu for the weekend, spending time with him throughout the event and continuing to build a relationship that we pray will lead to even greater opportunities for discipleship in the future. We are continually amazed at how God continues opening doors for meaningful ministry among Zambia's traditional leaders.

# OUR TRAVELS THIS MONTH



## NEXT MONTH

August will continue to be a busy month for our family and our team. Austin will keep flying to build the remaining hours needed for his commercial license conversion, while our Tribal Chaplaincy team continues following up with chiefs and chaplains across Zambia to encourage, disciple, and strengthen these growing relationships.

# TESTIMONIES FROM OUR ZAMBIA PROVINCIAL CHAPLAINS

**SALVATIONS: 568**

## TESTIMONIES:

From Chaplain Kephass: "During this month of June 2026, we had community evangelism in both chiefdoms Mphuka and Senior Chief Mburuma. At the evangelism, 16 people gave their lives to Jesus Christ and 12 went for baptism. They were baptized in the Luangwa River."



These ladies graduated from the 180 Degrees program and left prostitution to start a new life with Jesus!



# PRAAYER REQUESTS

-Please pray for safety while Austin flies.

-Pray for safety for our team as they drive around the country of Zambia.

## FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY

Our Zambian members all are on financial support through their own personal fundraising and finances from us. Their job and the travel they do requires about \$1,000 a month each. Zambia is a more challenging place to raise funds, and they have minimal connections to the USA. If you would like to help support one of our team members and the ministry they do, please reply to this email!



## THANK YOU

Thank you for continuing to stand with our family and our team. Your prayers, encouragement, and generosity make this ministry possible, and we are continually grateful for your partnership. It is such a privilege to watch God transform lives through Tribal Chaplaincy, and we are thankful that you are part of what He is doing across Zambia.

God bless,  
Austin, Tate, and Remington Bonnema