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Location: **Lusaka, ZAMBIA**

Mission: **Early childhood education**



“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” *Psalm 18:2*

As I write this prayer bulletin, I know that I am a child of God whom He loves deeply. I have been shown this love through so many people in the last months – by bringing me food and flowers and gifts, by visiting me, praying with me and for me and my family...the love has been overwhelming and I am so grateful to each and every one of you for your support at this challenging time.

I have finished my chemotherapy and am now on immunotherapy which brings a few different side effects but on the whole is not as severe as the chemotherapy. I have a lot of hospital appointments between cancer and diabetes (I am now a type 1 diabetic due to the immunotherapy). These take a lot of juggling and I am learning a lot about how to manage both of these conditions. The medical teams are incredibly supportive and are there for me when I need them – I am so grateful for them too! I feel much stronger and can get out and about a bit now!

Teachers in Zambia are doing well. The synod have appointed an acting Early Childhood Development Coordinator, who is the Community Schools coordinator so she will have a very large workload. Her name is Mabuchi Dokowe. I am quite concerned about the future of ECD in the Synod because Mabuchi is primary school trained and does not have a lot of knowledge about how Early Childhood works!

I am thankful to still be in touch with many colleagues from Zambia and even Malawi – their prayerful support means so much.

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

Please pray:

- For Mabuchi Dokowe as she strives to run the Early Childhood Department, that the Lord would give her wisdom and good health
- For Diane as she continues with immunotherapy, that the side effects would not be too harrowing, and that her energy levels continue to improve
- For Diane's family and friends, as they support her through this journey