



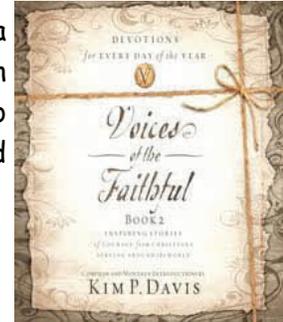
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Prayer Letter of John Starke

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Hey, I know that guy!

At Equipping The Saints we start each morning with a devotional time. One of the books we use is composed of mission stories from actual missionaries. On April 16th we turned to *Voices of the Faithful (volume 2)* and read the devotion entitled "A Hug from a King". The story sounded really familiar.



God has sent you to help my people," spoke the Nkoya king as he wept with joy and thanksgiving. The king had given the team permission to teach the Bible among his people after a pastor, Mike, and other volunteers from Virginia shared the Gospel and prayed for him.

A few months later, Mike and more volunteers returned to visit the king. Upon their arrival, the king stood up, walked over to Mike, and embraced him. The action was unprecedented since kings from the western province of Zambia neither stand in front of their visitors nor touch them. The Nkoya king saw himself as Mike's brother, not his superior, for he also now worshipped the King of Kings.

The transformation of the king and his people has made a significant impact in this remote area. But they were not the only ones changed. The pastor who shared the Gospel was radically altered, and Mike and his family moved to Zambia to plant churches among the Nkoya."

Last September I was able to secure 288 John Maxwell Leadership Bibles for tribal chiefs of Zambia. I know Mike! What a blessing to see his story in print and be a small part of the story. Your giving makes this possible. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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