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And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And he spake many things unto them... ~ Matthew 13:2-3

WHY BOTHER WITH A BOAT?

It took five churches to move this boat. A pastor from Tennessee presented the burden of funding a boat for expanding the gospel on an African lake that touches seven nations. A church in Fredericksburg VA gave \$20,000 to purchase the boat and get it transported. Two churches in Cape Town handled the purchase of the boat, organized paperwork and registration, and physically transported the boat on its first 1,000 miles of a much longer journey. A Zambian church member who previously served as a deacon in Emalahleni, South Africa, specializes in export and import logistics and is transporting the boat across several international borders.

Eventually, this boat will arrive on the northern part of the southern shore of Lake Tanganyika in Zambia, where another church will use this boat to take the gospel to plant even more churches.



Pastor Miles with the New Boat

IT TAKES A LOT TO MOVE THE GOSPEL

God has used a lot of people, a lot of money, and a lot of time to move this boat. On this long journey, one church member was asked to collect paperwork that would take another two-hour trip. After the pastor apologized for the oversight, the member replied, "No! Thank you for letting me help. Now I've also had a part in this mission." It takes a lot to move the gospel; it takes individuals like you and me living for God in the church where we serve doing our part for global missions.

Why do we do this? For over six months we have been working with pastors and members from many churches in three different countries to move this boat so the gospel can be spread and churches can be built. Men and women, boys and girls, and more African villages cannot turn to God and place faith in His Son Jesus Christ unless the gospel is preached in areas further from us.

Jesus preached from a boat. In Matthew 13 Jesus began his parable ministry using a boat to preach the gospel. This is still happening. Thank you for partnering with us so we can develop church planting globally. God is answering your prayers and building His church.

In our Lord's service,
David and Julie



Gospel Boat on Lake Tanganyika, Zambia

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