

# Joshua and Meagan Phiri

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The Phiris serve in three districts of the Southern Province of Zambia. Their ministry focuses on reaching the most neglected communities with the gospel, bringing both spiritual transformation and practical support to those in need. Through church planting, community development, and village outreach, they are committed to serving "the least and the lost," ensuring that even the most remote and underserved areas have access to the message of Christ.



## Ministry Approach

Their work includes church services, Bible studies, youth and children's ministry, and personal evangelism through house-to-house visits and counseling. They partner with local leaders and international mission teams to provide ministry that respects cultural traditions while introducing biblical truth. In addition to sharing the gospel, their ministry extends to educational programs, health-care initiatives, and sustainable development projects that improve quality of life in struggling communities.

## Mission Goals

One of their primary goals is to plant churches across fifteen districts of Zambia's Southern Province. They are passionate about training and equipping local leaders to sustain and expand the work of the ministry. Recognizing the importance of leadership development, they provide theological education and practical training to ensure churches remain strong and biblically sound.

## The People They Serve

The communities Joshua and Meagan serve are diverse and deeply rooted in cultural heritage. Many people in these regions face economic hardship, limited access to healthcare, and educational barriers. Most rely on subsistence farming or small trades to provide for their families. Despite these challenges, they are resilient, hospitable, and eager to embrace opportunities for growth and transformation.

Spiritually, the region is a mix of Christianity, traditional African religions, Islam, and secular beliefs. Many individuals blend Christianity with indigenous customs, making discipleship and biblical teaching a critical aspect of Joshua and Meagan's work.

## Challenges

Ministering in these communities presents unique challenges. Some of the key obstacles include:

1. **Traditional Beliefs:** Many communities have deep-rooted traditions that sometimes conflict with Christian teachings, requiring cultural sensitivity and wisdom.
2. **Economic Struggles:** Poverty often forces people to prioritize survival over spiritual growth, making consistent discipleship difficult.
3. **Limited Church Resources:** Many local churches face challenges such as lack of trained leadership and inadequate resources, requiring strong discipleship and church support initiatives.