

# HELLO –Mulibwanji—Ola’—Otsohile!

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Or whatever you say for a greeting! Every people group has language as a part of their culture and communication!

I was going to regale you with the story of our return to the States in August of 2019 to be in Seattle for 7 months and then the trip to see some of our supporters and friends and family as we crossed the southern United States on the cusp of the COVID 19 pandemic that has engulfed us for the whole year of 2020!

We did have an official change to RETIRED status in Dec. 2019! But we are seeking the Lord for ways to stay active with Africa and the World...and in November and December of 2020, we got to do just that!

We have been part of a team of facilitators for a Workshop called ICW. Those letters stand for Intercultural Communications Workshop. The author of the workshop is a friend and Navigator ministry partner from Zambia!

She is Mutinta. She won a Billy Graham scholarship to Wheaton a few years ago and got her Masters in Missions and Communications. She wrote the workshop after that schooling, and we have facilitated other Adult Learning workshops with her in the past.

We had the privilege to work with her in our last 2 years in Zambia, facilitating the ICW, a 6-session workshop held over 2 days. Our last “in person” workshop was one where we got to use the Aviation side of our work to take us to Mukinge Mission Hospital and do the workshop for most of the SIM team as they gathered there. It was a great privilege.

In early November 2020, Mutinta put forward that she would like to offer the workshop over Zoom to about 18-20 folks in Christian work scattered across the African continent and some in the Middle East! Would we consider doing this? It did mean:

- working 3 days a week with two facilitators over there,
- re-writing for Zoom for the first three weeks in November
- then practices over Thanksgiving and the following Monday & Wednesday
- then ready to “DO” the 3-day workshop!

We had prayed – for everyone to get the participants’ manual printed

- for the internet and power to work for all
- for David, Sally and our web-master Carleen to be able
- to wake up and “DO” the workshop 2am to 6:30 am on December 3-5, Thurs, Fri, and Sat.)

We facilitated from here in VA. The participants were from Zambia, South Africa, Namibia, Ghana, Congo, Sierra Leon, and a couple more places.

AMAZING joy to see God work this out! Here is a screen shot of some of us on the final day.



We are so grateful for how God is showing us involvement and how powerful prayer is! We are so grateful for a first taste of part of the rest of “finishing well” the Lord has for us.

Thanks for listening in...Sally Lott