

## Roy & Kathi Merritt

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Time to replace JON316

JON316 has been a faithful horse for five years. She has 200,000 tough African kilometres on the clock, and now spends more time in the shop than on the road. We have a new clutch in and are waiting for a throw-out bearing before she is roadworthy again.

We bought this truck early 2005. Since we get them free of tax and customs duties, Zambia's government requires us to keep them five years. JON316 has done her five years. We want to retire her to local duties and purchase a new one.

We have two other Isuzu pickups bought in 2007, JON317 and PSA23. All three of these pickups have stayed busy with church outreach, orphan care, and mission duties. They haul preachers, medical workers, teachers, kids to school or camping or sports events; they deliver local missionaries to every corner of Zambia, meet visitors at the airport and entertain them, rescue abused kids or visit delinquents in prison; they lug manure for the garden, construction materials, food for the hungry, and even transport goats, chickens and pigs.

They serve as ambulances and hearses and wedding limousines. These willing little workhorses are busy all the time. Often people come to our place hoping for a preacher truck for the weekend, or a ride to the hospital for their sick grandmother, and find all three trucks gone.



JON316 is a double cab 4X4 truck with a 3-litre diesel engine.

Michael Bentley, manager at Action Auto in Lusaka tells me a new one is \$33,000. We already have a gift of \$5000 toward **JON318**. Please help us raise the remaining \$28,000. Make your gift to College Church of Christ, mark it "for JON318", then send it to:

Wanda Spears,  
1207 Pioneer Road,  
Searcy AR 72143.

If we receive more than \$28,000, we will invest it in church planting projects.

THANK YOU!  
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