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"Let the little children come to Me, and don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these," Luke 18:16b

The beating of the drums

In Zambia and Namibia, they say, "Ni utwile milupa." Well, I don't have ANY idea how to pronounce that one! But it means "I hear the drums." Sky Scott and her family moved to their new home on the Zambezi River. She tells us that she "enjoyed the frequent music of African drums." She would listen to the deep, hollow bumping of the drums and find it very romantic. Her family loved living in the African bush, surrounded by Lozi (LOH-zee)villages!

They still love living there, but they don't enjoy the drums as much. Here's why. Sky and her family walked through the drying sand one hot day. They got to a friend's village and found only the grandmother and children. The others had gone to dance. The friend's family and some others from neighboring villages had gone to dance to help a man who was at the witchdoctor.

What do the drums echoing along the river mean? The Lozi people are drinking and dancing, fully believing that this is the only way to 'help' someone or to control their fears. The repetitive, quickening rhythm of the drums is like the fear that still beats in the hearts of Sky's friends. Please ask Jesus to help the Lozi people understand how much He loves them then they won't have to live in fear. First John 4:18a (HCSB) says, "There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear."

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