

# Zambia Newsletter

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We have seen tremendous progress in our ministry since we moved to our new campus at Daybreak. Although we were not quite ready to make the move two-years ago when we did, it has truly turned out for the best! The new campus is far more suited for all that we are now doing and our training has advanced beyond my expectations. We now have successfully added the second of three classes of students and we are confident we will be able to expand next year to include the third and final class of students in our three-year training program.

### Online Giving.

I am most happy to announce that we have redesigned and updated our web page ([www.zambiamissions.org](http://www.zambiamissions.org)) and have created six new donation forms that will allow people to donate to specific purposes (needs). For example, if you click on the Kerin's Kids donation form, you will see a list of five specific needs to which you can donate. If you click on the Donate form for the Bible College, you will see a list of eight needs to which you can contribute.

There are four other donation forms: General Ministry, Primary School, Optical Ministry, and Construction. If want to know exactly what the needs are for these ministries, then just check out these six donation forms on web page.

There is also the option to donate using a credit card or a bank withdrawal. Also, you can also choose to contribute one-time or set up a recurring donation (which frees you from needing to remember when it is time to send in the next contribution).

### Report: Bible College.

Things continue to go well with the Bible College. The first-year students (picture below) have made great progress with their gardens and chickens (although they got a late



start due to the wind storm). The first-year students are scheduled to bring their wives/families to campus in April (as they achieve self-supporting status). Pictured below are the first-year students in class.

The second-year students also continue to do well, although they too suffered a major setback when the December windstorm destroyed the chicken house and killed half of their chickens. Both they and the first-year students have also begun their evangelistic (disciple-making) training as they have begun going out into the surrounding villages most every weekend. Lorie has also been actively involved in the training efforts for the wives (as they are showing great progress).



### Agricultural Ministry.

As reported above, the students all suffered setbacks because of the windstorm in December; but thanks to the gracious donations of many of you, we managed to make all the necessary repairs quickly (by Feb 20). The students' chicken operations are now fully back in operation.

In March, John Dube (Zimbabwean associated with Healing Hands International) came up to conduct an agriculture workshop for our students. John also remained a few days to assist Francis Mwanza (our agriculture teacher and farm supervisor) in assessing our Farm operations (as an outside consultant). Francis reports that we have now reached the break-even point in our Chicken Business and we are now moving toward profitability (necessary in our efforts to become more self-supporting in the future).

### Education Ministry.

Our Primary School has gotten off to a tremendous start in January as we have maxed out the number of students we can accommodate in our four-room school building. We now

have a waiting list as parents from all the surrounding villages are wanting to put their kids in our school. Our reputation has spread as everyone now realizes that our school is of high quality. Lorie has invested a great deal of time training our teachers who are now doing an excellent job.

We are, therefore, excited to announce that we have just begun construction on three more classrooms. This will enable us to expand to a complete Primary School (Grades K-7) and double our enrollment. This will certainly be necessary as our students' children arrive in April and, then again, next year (Apr 2018).

### **Kerin's Kids (Orphans).**

Update on Emanuel from the last newsletter: Emanuel has continued to improve and has gained even more weight. He is even laughing now. His mother, however, is still in the hospital.



### **Construction.**

We have completed Block D (Student Apartments) and have started construction on Block E. We have until next January (when the third class of students arrive) to complete Blocks E and F and the third-year Chicken House. We have also started construction on three classrooms to the Primary School.

### **Lorie's Reflections.**

A nervous-sounding swell of women's laughter filled the sitting room of our house in Zambia. It was the first of several teaching sessions with the students' wives at the Bible college. They giggled as I told them of the friendship that almost wasn't...that ended up teaching me a lot about prayer. I shared with them about the struggles and blessings of being married to a preacher/ student and church leader. A silence then filled the room as we all realized that when our husband is called by God, or we are called by God, we don't always hear the call at the same time as each other. There are times that we have to pray for our will to line up with God's will. We became a group of women sharing our mutual journeys that day.

There was such excitement as we baked different things together that week. The more we met together the more laughter filled the house. We baked a cake using a Dutch oven over a charcoal burner. Each day they took nutritious and delicious foods home for the husbands and children to sample. We also made homemade lotion and antibacterial medicine from natural ingredients.

I had been praying for the Lord to bind us together as women for His glory! Those prayers were being answered. We have been brought together to learn from each other and share the gifts that we have each received from Him. Please be praying for even deeper relationships to grow as we journey along together. – Lorie



### **Meet Our Students: Joseph Chilimina**

Joseph (pictured below) has chosen by his fellow students to be Student President. He is 29 years old and comes from the Bemba tribe in the Copperbelt. He is married and has a newborn son. He writes, *"I became a Christian to worship and serve God. When I heard the gospel, my eyes were opened to the realization that without Jesus Christ I was going nowhere, so I decided to give my life to him, worship and serve Him."*

Joseph goes on to say, *"I have encountered many changes in my life while here at Daybreak (Bible College). I have been taught different skills such as making a budget, serving God wholeheartedly, and agriculture skills (garden and chicken rearing). Spiritual transformation is taking place in my life and I have now started to enjoy praying and studying the word of God. I have come to a point where I am not learning for myself only but for others as well (understanding that I am an agent of change). When I heard about Daybreak, my heart leaped for joy. I knew that this is the right place for me where I will be equipped, not just in Bible knowledge, but also in life skills as well. Coming to Daybreak is a prayer answered for both me and my wife. After graduation, I will go back to my church and community and will serve God in a unique way. I would love to thank the donors who are making it possible for us to be equipped, and I will continue to ask them not to relent because this support is preparing us for ministry in our respective communities."*

