

# Zambia Newsletter

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Some major steps were taken over the past two months that will greatly enhance our progress going forward. After much searching we finally found (hired) a qualified teacher for our women's program, and we hired a Mission Superintendent to manage the daily operations of the ministry (see below). Lorie and I also taught two classes, and Charles Phiri (chairman of our Daybreak board) taught a class on evangelism. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for pictures/updates ([www.facebook.com/zambiamissions](http://www.facebook.com/zambiamissions)).

### **Report: Bible College.**

During April and May, Lorie and I each taught a class to a combined class of first and second year students (including their wives). Lorie taught a class on "Where There Is No Doctor" for the first class (1:30 hours) in the morning, and I taught the second class of the morning (1:30 hours) after chapel on Genesis. Lorie's class deals with basic medicine (e.g. how to treat common illnesses, first-aid, preventive healthcare, nutrition, sanitation, etc). Picture below of students in class (saying a prayer as class begins).



Following our classes, Charles Phiri taught a class on evangelism. Brother Phiri is the chairman of the board (Daybreak Mission is registered with the Zambian government). He is one of the most effective Zambian evangelists in the country.

In April, we hired Violet Phiri (daughter of Charles) to be a teacher in our women's program (training program for the student wives). Violet is married and has a son. She will not only be teaching Bible and ministry, but she will also be working with the student wives outside the classroom as she works to facilitate spiritual growth in the lives of these women (e.g. small groups and mentoring relationships).

In the next few weeks, Fielden and Janet Allison, along with Keith and Robin Honey, will be teaching a short course on Marriage and the Family. The Allisons have been missionaries in Africa for 45 years and have degrees in Marriage and the Family Therapy.

### **Organizational Development.**

There is much to running a ministry with many different components (e.g., Bible College, Kerin's Kids, Primary School, optical ministry, agriculture training program, Daybreak Farm, construction, etc). Our Zambian staff now numbers more than 20, and our temporary construction workers number more than 30. Someone has to manage this staff plus deal with all the administrative tasks (e.g. finances, dealing with government, repairs to vehicles, buildings and other equipment, etc). Our farm also needs someone who knows a great deal more about farming than I know.

Thus, in April we hired a white Zimbabwean (Christine Smith) to be our Mission Superintendent (someone to manage the staff and all the non-ministry operations of our ministry). Christine and her husband were among the white farmers whose land was confiscated and given to black Zimbabweans about 15 years ago. Many of these farmers came up to Zambia where they bought new farms. Christine was among those who came to Zambia, but unfortunately, her husband died before they were able to establish their farm. Christine is about 47 years old and has a great deal of farming experience and with managing African workers.

Christine will be a great asset to the development of our farm and agricultural training program. This will allow Lorie and I to keep our focus on the spiritual side of our ministry while allowing someone else more experienced to manage the staff and daily operations of the ministry.

### **Agricultural Ministry.**

Christine has already made great progress in re-directing our farming operations. Within the first month she has negotiated a contract for us to sell our chickens and a contract for our students to sell their vegetables. We now realize how we can develop our farm to generate income to help support this ministry in the future. With Christine's supervision, we now believe it will be very possible for us to build enough chicken

houses (which are cheap to build) to grow about 50,000 chickens every six weeks. This should generate enough income to fund about one-half the costs of the ministry within 10 years.

We are also looking to develop some cash crops. Our efforts at raising corn and soybeans have not proven successful. Thus, we are now reassessing our farm strategy so that we are now looking at the possibility of developing a tomato farm (using drip-irrigation), putting in bee hives for honey (which we can also teach our students), and aquaponics (fish ponds with vegetables).

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



Update on Emmanuel. You will remember from past newsletters that Emmanuel was born prematurely and was extremely sick for the first few weeks of his life (Intensive Care Unit). His mother also was extremely sick in the hospital. Kerin was not sure that either of them would survive as Kerin spent many days and nights with them in the hospital to ensure they got proper care.

The **good news** is that both Emmanuel and his mother have been released from the hospital

and are doing much better. In fact, the mother has become healthy enough that Emmanuel has returned home to live with his mother (as she is now able to care for him). Kerin continues to make regular visits to check up on them. Kerin is providing baby **formula** for him (as his mother is not able to nurse him).

Update on Carol. Kerin has found a place that does physical therapy for paralyzed patients and children with muscle atrophy. Kerin is hopeful that over the few months/years, she will regain the use of her leg and arm muscles.

Update on Emily. Emily is a child who was very sick (along with her mother) soon after birth. Kerin took her in to provide care for her (in hopes that she and her mother would become healthy enough for them to be united). Eventually, she went back to her mother; but then she began to experience some health problems again. So, Kerin took her back into her home and Kerin (with the help of the doctors) was able to get her weight back up so that she was able to return back to her mother a few weeks ago. She will begin school in June and appears to be doing well now.

Be sure to visit Kerin's Facebook page for pictures and updates on the ministry ([www.facebook.com/kerinskids](http://www.facebook.com/kerinskids)).

### **Education Ministry.**

Our Primary School continues to grow as the families of our first-year students came to join them in April. We now have more than 100 students in grades K-6. This increase led to the need to hire another school teacher in April. Construction on the three new classrooms continues as we hope to finish all three by the end of June (as they are badly needed). Next year we plan to add Grade 7 and we expect enrollment to more than double next year

(especially as the third class of Bible College students arrives next year with all their children).

**Lunch Program**. Many of our students who come to us from the community, come from parents who are farm workers (poorest people in Zambia). Many work on a nearby potato farm. We noticed that these students were bringing nothing but a **cold potato** (wrapped in a napkin) for lunch and were so hungry that they weren't even waiting until lunch to eat (leaving them nothing to eat for lunch). They were very **malnourished** and getting sick constantly (lethargic).



This prompted us to start a **lunch program** with protein rich foods (costs us **only \$3.00** per month per student). We soon noticed that our students were **healthier** (missed fewer days being sick) and did much better in their **class work**.

[Above is a picture of the students at lunch] This program is dependent on individual donations. If you would like to contribute to this program, then you can send your donation (address top of newsletter) or visit our web page and select Primary School under Donate ([www.zambiamissions.org](http://www.zambiamissions.org)).

### **Meet Our Students: Brian Musonda.**



I am married to Judith and blessed with two children (Jane and Christine). I grew up in the Roman Catholic until in 2001 when the gospel was explained to me and was baptized.

In 2010, I went to South Africa to do a course in youth evangelism and character building. After which, I served in the Gwembe Valley as a missionary. Am also an early childhood teacher.

I am very happy to come to Daybreak Bible College. I believe that after this training, I will be equipped to be a spiritual leader in my church and community. I also will have been equipped to establish myself and family financially through drip irrigation farming.

Daybreak is just the right place for me and my wife, in that I am seeing us growing together both physically and spiritually. I would love to encourage my students to pay closer attention to what we are taught for they are unique skills we are being given. These skills will help us to build our own financial base and help other people in our different communities.