

Zambia Newsletter

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It has been a VERY busy few weeks here in Zambia! We had our second annual lectureship, a visiting teacher, a visit from an elder and his wife (from one of our supporting churches), celebration of our 10th anniversary, completing our Piggery and buying our first batch of pigs, and many other things.

Matching Contribution.

As most of you know, this has been a very challenging year for us financial as our supply of electricity was reduced to two-hours per day which caused a serious water problem that caused our gardens to dry up. We had to convert to solar power. Unexpected government requirements also put us under some deadlines to complete some school facilities (necessary to keep our school registered and operational). As a result, our financial reserves are now totally depleted.

This still hasn't totally solved our water problems as we cannot pump enough water up out of the ground during the day (when we have solar) to meet our demands for water. As a result, we have going to have to drill another industrial bore hole. Unfortunately, we don't have the money to do this.

Realizing our current situation, we have an anonymous donor who wants to help with these needs and has, therefore, pledged to donate matching funds -- dollar for dollar (up to \$25,000) for any contributions made to help solve these last few needs.

If you would like to participate in this effort and contribute matching funds, you can do so by mailing a check to Zambia Missions, 1700 Goodman Rd E, Southaven, MS 38671 (write "Matching Funds" on the memo line) or by going to our webpage (www.zambiamissions.org) and clicking on the orange "Donate" button at the top (be sure to select "Matching Funds" in the drop-down list).

Lectureship.

We hosted our second annual lectureship here at Daybreak Bible College (cf. picture below) the weekend of Aug 1-4.



I spoke on my assigned topic of "Christian Living." We had several former students from across the country in attendance and six of our board members.

Anthony Oben from Cameroun also spoke at the lectureship and taught a short course the week before and after the lectureship. This is Oben's second time to teach a class here at Daybreak as he does a very good job teaching. It is also good for Zambians to hear from church leaders from elsewhere in Africa.

Tenth Anniversary. On the last night of the lectureship, we celebrated our tenth year at our Daybreak (cf. two pictures to the right). This also marks 20 years that Lorie, Kerin, and I have been in Zambia (10 years at our old campus at Mapepe before moving to Daybreak in 2015).



Cutting the cake at the Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Classes. Lorie and I are currently teaching two short courses (combined class of all the students). Lorie is teaching her class, "Where There Is No Doctor" and I am teaching a class entitled, "The Essential Core of Christian Faith and Discipleship."

Piggery.

We finished the piggery last month (cf. picture next page) and we have now gotten our pigs: two boars and six sows. It is my understanding that this should produce about 60-75 piglets. We added this to our agriculture training program so that we might teach our students how to raise pigs and enable our students to



earn enough money while they are attending Daybreak. Our students have been struggling to earn enough money growing vegetables since the competition has increased dramatically at the marketplace (supply is much greater than the number of people with money to buy vegetables). I want our students to remain self-supporting, and we believe that this new training program will enable them to do so. It will also give our students a skill that could generate considerable income for them once they return to their village homes after graduating.



Students leaning to clean pig stalls!

Youth Conference.

The Lusaka Province Youth Conference was held at our Daybreak campus on the weekend of July 2-5 (cf. picture below). There were several hundred who attended and there were several baptisms. This is the third year that the event has been hosted at Daybreak. [BTW, the term "youth" in Zambia refers to unmarried adults].



Prison Ministry.

Our Bible College is involved in a prison ministry which gives our students practical experience in ministry and evangelism. We are happy to report that there were 14 men who were baptized into Christ at the prison the last week of June.

Kerin's Kids (Children's Ministry).

Diana - Her mother has health issues and is unable to nurse her. She is 18 months old and has been on formula since she was born. She lives at the potato farm near our campus. The potato farm is a commercial farm from where many of our ACA school children come. Farm workers on commercial farms are among the poorest people in the country (landless people working on someone else's land for VERY little income).



Christian School (ACA).

We just completed the second term at ACA. The children are on break this month (August). We completed the Vocational Training Center and have now begun training students in various vocational skills.



Above: Students in the Vocational Training Center learning woodwork (repairing broken school desks).

Right: Students taking their final exams.



Visitors from the USA.

We are happy to welcome Jimmy & LeEllen Smith from Troy, TN. Jimmy is an elder at the Troy congregation which has been a long-time supporter of the work here in Zambia. Jimmy & LeEllen are on their way to join an African Safari in South Africa but have managed to include a few days to visit us here at Daybreak before heading off on their safari.