

Zambia Newsletter

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I want to **thank all of you** who contributed to the Matching Funds Campaign which enabled us to finally drill a new borehole (cf. below). We were able to match the \$25,000 that was donated by an anonymous donor.

We are now halfway through the third semester at the Bible College. Our **next graduating class will be on Nov 15**. This is always a difficult transition for our students (returning home to restart their small farms and begin a new way of living that is spiritually quite different from when they left three years ago to come to Daybreak). Please keep these students in your prayers, especially over the next few months.

Although we have had quite a few financial challenges this past year, it has **been a VERY good year** for the ministry (Bible College, Christian School, and Kerin's Kids Children's Ministry). It seems each year is proving to be better than the year before! I feel that we have truly "reached our stride" and that we are fulfilling our purposes and are making a difference for good in the kingdom of God.

Daybreak Bible College: Practical Ministry

We believe it is essential that our students learn how to do ministry by engaging in real life ministry (in addition to classroom training). We call this part of our training program, "Practical Ministry." Every weekend our students go off campus to engage in various ministries.

The **following messages** were sent to me recently from Dennis Sabelo who is the Director of the Bible College. Dennis and the students are in the process of starting a new church in another village within reach of our campus.

"This morning, I, Lovemore, Adas and Emmanuel (second year student who's very much familiar with the area) visited Shikoswe village headman to ask for permission to establish a congregation in his village. The headman gave us a go ahead and pledged to give us a place where we will be meeting. We are so delighted by this positive response from the headman. Our entry point will be his home because his wife is already a member of the church of Christ, but she normally walks many kilometers to go to Chikupi COC every Sunday, and in most cases, she fails to go due to long distance. We plan to start going there for evangelism this very month and start meeting

as early as possible. Our prayer is that one of our second-year students who's from that area will join the congregation and help it grow with our support. We are excited about this new development. We shall keep you updated."



"Recently, some of our staff and students at Daybreak went (together with some members from Musamba church of Christ) to visit a Hospice in Chilanga. During their visit, they donated some cleaning materials funded by the Lusaka Youth Coordinating Committee (LYCC). The hospice staff thanked us for sparing our time to visit the sick at the hospice. Our staff and students have decided to visit the hospice every

month due to the need that identified. Our brothers and sisters really need encouragement and support.

[Below is a picture of students visiting the Hospice].



A more recent update from Dennis on the church-planting efforts at Kabweza.

"KABWEZA CHURCH OF CHRIST ESTABLISHMENT PROGRESSING WELL. Today, two other staff members (Lovemore and Adas) and I together with five students went to Kabweza for door-to-door evangelism in the quest to plant a new congregation. Last week Saturday, seven students accompanied by Adas had gone there as well for door-to-door evangelism. The response from the community is overwhelming.

Our aim is to continue with home visitations as we seek to build relationships with the community. At the same time, we are also doing community service. Just today, we noticed two old ladies staying with their grandchildren who need our help by thatching their grass-thatched houses. For this reason, on Saturday next week we will be there to do just that for one of the old ladies. Continue praying for this new congregation to be soon planted in Kabwe community."



"In addition to the church planting efforts... for the two and half months now, every Sunday we are sending two to three students to all the three small congregations nearby that is: Makangwe, Hillside and Chipongwe Central Church of Christ. Last Sunday, the DBC chorus will congregate at Hillside church of Christ and sing for the congregation at the end of the worship service."

New Borehole

As I have previously detailed, we have been having a serious problem this past year with electricity and water. A year ago, Zesco (Zambia Electricity Company) had reduced our power supply to about 2 hours per day. [It has been worse this year as there have been weeks where we had less than 30 minutes a day.] We cannot operate under these conditions. We have more than 150 people living on our campus, plus 500 school children during the day. We also must have water for all the student gardens and pigs we will soon have.

After trying to operate with generators, we finally determined to convert over to solar power (which totally drained our financial reserves). We thought this would solve our water problems; but

now that the peak of the dry season has returned and Zesco has reduced our power supply to less than 30 minutes per day, we discovered that we are still unable to pump enough water during the day (when we have sunlight for solar power).

Although we have four boreholes, there is a **limited amount of water that each borehole can provide**, especially during the dry season when the underground water table decreases. Thus, we found ourselves again having to run the generator during the nighttime hours (which costs a lot of money). We, therefore, determined that we needed to drill another industrial borehole.

Because of the matching contributions given over the past few weeks, we were finally able to drill this new borehole and add additional solar equipment to power this new pump. And the good news is that this new borehole is producing more water than any of our other boreholes! We just got all this hooked up and I am being told that it has reduced the amount of time it takes to fill our tanks by one-half! This means that we should be able to pump all the water we need during the daytime using solar power without the need of the generator.



Left is a picture of the 8-inch metal pipes that were used in this new borehole. As you can see, they are much larger than the usual pipes used in most water wells. This new borehole also appears to have an abundance of water. We hit water at 70 meters (230 feet) and they ended up drilling down to 130 meters (430 feet). That should give us a lot of water!

Christian School

We have had a great year at the Christian School (ACA). The school year will conclude at the end of November, and we are already busy making plans for next year. We will be adding two teachers as enrollment is increasing. We have decided, however, to delay adding Grade 10 for another year due to several factors (e.g., cost, number of students ready for Grade 10, complications with the new educational directives, etc.). Our Grade 7 students will soon take their end-of-the-year comprehensive tests. Last year our students tested in the top 10% of schools in Zambia!

Kerin's Kids (Children's Ministry).

Kerin has been providing assistance to 37 children, and she has just added two more this month. Unfortunately, I have run out of room in this newsletter to include information and pictures of these two new kids, so I will post this information on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/zambia.frenches) and include this information in the next newsletter.