

Zambia Newsletter

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This year is winding down as we prepare to start a new school year in January (school year goes from Jan to Dec in Zambia). We just celebrated the graduation of the 2025 class of students at Daybreak Bible College (DBC). We have 20 new students coming in January. Our piggery is now up and running and we now have plenty of water thanks to our new borehole (which I wrote about in the last newsletter).

Daybreak Bible College.

We just celebrated our 8th graduation ceremony at Daybreak (having had 10 graduation classes from our previous campus at Mapepe). The theme of this year's graduation was "Empowered and Equipped to Serve." We had a good number of church leaders and past graduates who attended and participated in the ceremony. The total in attendance was 150 which was a large turnout (considering the cost of transportation in Zambia).

This was, however, our smallest class of graduates due to the fact that our recruitment efforts were seriously hindered by the COVID pandemic in 2020-2022. Below is a picture of the 2025 graduates.



Practical Ministry.

In the last newsletter, I wrote about the importance of our practical ministry (which is about giving the students a great deal of practical experience doing ministry). This is something that I am now very pleased to speak about. Each year I have tried to add one or two new components to our training program (as it is not possible to implement everything all at once). It takes time to develop an effective program, and this (practical training) is a component that I have been most

eager to incorporate for several years. Our students are now going out every weekend to engage in actual ministry. It is this training that will really make a difference. Classroom training by itself is not sufficient to prepare men for ministry.

Here is a [message from Dennis Sabelo](#) (Director of the Bible College) that I received a couple of weeks ago:

"Last weekend some DBC teachers and students cycled to Kabweza to finish up the work of roofing an old lady's grass thatched kitchen. The group also made bathroom for the old lady who lives with her two daughters only. She is struggling with her legs and high blood pressure."

The new Kabweza congregation will soon start meeting, and we are excited about it. The Lord has opened doors for us to evangelize in the community and to open this new congregation." See pictures below."



Left: Students delivering grass for the thatched roof which they collected.



Below: Students constructing the roof.



Above: Dennis and some students pictured with the widowed grandmother after the work was done.

Note: We teach the students that disciple-making begins by building relationships with people – usually through acts of service. It is this initial work (service) that has won us a good reception in the village and led to the planting of a new church.

Piggery. Our piggery is now up and running and we now have 31 piglets and 2 pregnant sows nearing their time of delivery. We expect to start selling pigs in June.



Christian School (Aurora Christian Academy)

This year we added Grade 9 (Form 1). We have decided, however, to delay one more year before adding Grade 10 (Form 2). So, it is for this reason that our Grade 9 students will graduate from our school (ACA) next week. These students just completed their comprehensive Grade 9 exams.

We were able to finish construction on the Vocational Training Center (VTC) this past April and immediately began the skills training for our students. Pictured below (in front of the VTC) are the Grade 9 students holding their VTC exam projects.



Pictured below are the Grade 8 (Form 1) students standing at the front gate of the school.



Kerin's Kids (Children's Ministry).



Kerin continues to ministry to about 38 babies. Pictured to the left is Gracious, a new addition to Kerin's Kids.

Gracious is about 5 months old and lives with her grandmother. Her mother is in grade 10 this year and unable to nurse the baby. Gracious is receiving baby formula as a result.

The mother and grandmother live in Chapapa which is where our students started a new church several years ago. It is because of this that Kerin gets quite a few referrals of children who are orphaned or in need of assistance from this area. Chipapa is a very poor village located about 30 miles from our campus.