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Update

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Impacting Gen. Z—2026 Fellowship of Youth National Conference by Anthony Masala

The Fellowship of Youth (FOY) of the Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) is one of the movements that refuses to fizzle out at every turn of the church's life. Born out of the revival waves of the 1960s–90s that swept across southern Africa, FOY has discipled generations, a living testimony to the Church's faithfulness in nurturing its youth.

Every week, thousands of these fantastic young people gather in their local churches and university campuses to study Scripture, pray, sing, and fellowship. Their shared mission is robust: *"to seek, serve, and make disciples."*

This August, the shores of Lake Malawi - David Livingstone's "Lake of Stars" - became the stage for a historic gathering. Over 3,000 Gen Z youth assembled in Salima for their bi-annual national conference. The sight was awe-inspiring: a sea of young believers worshipping, learning, and committing themselves afresh to Christ.

Under the theme *"Breaking New Grounds"*, a dozen speakers - lawyers, business leaders, philanthropists, politicians, and pastors - challenged the youth to step boldly into new spaces with skills, careers, knowledge, and ministry passion. .

Some of the 3,000 attendees being equipped at the conference. .

Rev. Graycian Chitekwe, National Youth Coordinator, reflected: *“Many youths requested prayer and counselling and expressed renewed commitment to their Christian faith*

Testimonies poured in. Tionge Ntika of Thanthwe ZEC, said. “From the very first session on ‘Our identity in Christ’ the conference has impacted my life and my faith has been deepened”. According to Graycian Chitekwe, many youth who were not part of FOY are now becoming members and attending church regularly.

We pray for more resources so that our partners in Malawi and Northern Mozambique, will continue to be enabled to faithfully plant, water and tend the seed of Christ among Gen Z. The conference was in part, graciously made possible by you, through **zm.**

Flourishing Faith: Chiyanjano Women's Ministry in Northern Mozambique by ZEC Mozambique General Secretary, Saimone Mariquette

Recently, *Chiyanjano cha Amayi* held conferences in a number of provinces. Their July conference in Mecanhelas, Niassa Province, was more than a church gathering - it was a moment of ministry training, personal, focussed discipleship, renewal, and outreach to the lost. The Gospel was preached, and many came to the Lord.

Maria [not her real name], a woman from a nearby village, surrendered her life to Christ after hearing the Word. Others, who had long attended such conferences as routine, went home transformed by sound teaching. These stories form part of a wider testimony of the Mozambican church: even in poverty, faith flourishes, and through faithful preaching and teaching, souls continue to find salvation.

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The faith of Chiyanjano women echoes the faith of the believers in Thessalonica. As Paul writes: *"Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith.*

Namitambo: RoLEC pastors receive training in compost making

For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?" (1 Thessalonians 3:7–9, NIV).

Many church members in Mozambique survive on very little, and the church buildings that stand as symbols of faith are fragile, vulnerable to collapse when the rains come. The rise of ISIS in Cabo Delgado and more recently Niassa provinces strikes fear in the hearts of many members

We however, give thanks to God and **zambesi mission** supporters for remaining faithful to mission work for over a century. Pastors are able to travel longer distances on bicycles funded by **zm**. The written Word of God is accessible to many who cannot afford a copy through **zm** subsidised Bible scheme. Church buildings are roofed with **zm** support. Bible college students are also trained through the ongoing faithfulness and generosity of **zm** supporters

Mathache ZEC in Zambezia Province East Mozambique

Reaching out with hope in times of uncertainty by Rose Chirwa

The people of Malawi and Mozambique, who **zambesi mission** serves with its partners, have one thing in common. Their lives and livelihoods depend on rain-fed farming. Yet, since 2023, they have endured back-to-back natural disasters that stripped away harvests and left families facing acute food shortages.

As reported in the last issue, global crises have added to their burden. For many farming households, these inputs are now beyond reach. The result is predictable: reduced crop yields, deepening hunger, and growing insecurity in the coming season. In Malawi, the outlook is particularly severe.

Across Southern Africa, El Niño conditions threaten erratic rainfall, prolonged dry spells, and weather extremes that could devastate fragile harvests.

In such times of uncertainty, you, our partners, through **zm** have stepped into the gap. 19 congregations in north-western Mozambique, southern and central Malawi, have been equipped with compost making knowledge and skills. In these times of uncertainty, composting matters. It is a lifeline. Affordable, practical, and sustainable, it enriches the soil, retains precious moisture, and reduces dependence on costly external inputs. It is climate-smart farming in action, equipping households to withstand the shocks of a changing climate.

The impact is already multiplying. Participants return to their homes and churches, passing on what they have learned. One such voice is Mrs Mphombwe of Kapalasa ZEC, who built her own compost heap after the training. She shared: *"Thank you **zm** for giving us this knowledge and skill. For me, this was God reaching out to us in our great need at this time of uncertainty. May God give you more resources to reach out to many families and communities."*

Participants at Kavunye River of Life Evangelical Church in Malawi

Latest news

- National News-Malawi
  The UN forecasts that due to the El Nino effect, in October 2026 - March 2027 lean season, an estimated 2.6 million Malawians will not have access to enough safe and nutritious food for normal growth and development, and an active and healthy life.
- **Children for Christ Ministry:** Between May–August 2026 they have trained 217 Sunday school teachers across multiple districts, alongside a demonstration Bible outreach, which attracted 180 children. Key achievements included seminars in Mwanza, an Africa Evangelical Church leadership meeting in Blantyre, 71 EBCoM students taught and 58 individuals received certificates in Rumphi. A future focus will be on tracking curriculum implementation and field evaluations.
- **EBCoM:** The Bible Listening Groups are going well and students are being trained to deliver them in local churches (pictured below). Good News Broadcasting Association and our supporters have sponsored another 7 radios for this expansion.
- **ROLEC: a**dvanced its mission from May–July 2026 through vibrant women's and youth conferences and pastoral visits. A new church plant in Kazembe, Ntcheu has strengthened discipleship, evangelism, and spiritual growth across Malawi and Mozambique.
- **ZEC-Malawi:** Alongside ministry growth, the Chipande Irrigation Project has begun producing crops as a sustainable income stream. The urgent needs for Scripture and discipleship materials highlight the importance of continued partner support and prayer for lasting impact.

Students being equipped to take Bible Listening Clubs into the local churches.

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