

## In Prayer

August - October 2016

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:18.  
**p means please pray... t means give thanks...**



### August

#### Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Malawi

Chairman Ps Joe Tsokalida and his deputy Ps Gerald Malindah; General Secretary Ps Luckwell Mtima and his deputy Ps Willard Muwalo

- 1 **Mo t** each of these men as they work together to serve the churches and their pastors.
- 2 **Tu p** as they develop the vision of ‘Discipling the Nations’ into a strategic plan and present it to the ZEC General Synod between 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August.
- 3 **We t** ZEC, partnering with German organisation To All Nations for ‘grassroots’ discipleship training.
- 4 **Th p** for this training as it continues in Mwanza and Neno districts between now and December.
- 5 **Fr t** strengthening links with J-Life/Learn2Serve who will be training ZEC’s church leaders.
- 6 **Sa t** Myles and Ruth’s tour of N Malawi: training church leaders and children’s workers in Mzimba, Mzuzu, Rumphu, Karonga and Nkhotakota.

### October

- 18 **Tu t** that the college continues to attract students - 76 full time, 86 on extension courses.
- 19 **We p** July’s EBCoM graduates will be filled with hunger to preach the Word in their churches.
- 20 **Th p** EBCoM student Matthews Nda, whose wife very sadly died earlier this year.
- 21 **Fr p** new students, who arrived this month, that they would serve God wherever He calls them.
- 22 **Sa t** lecturers, some returning from further study, some moving on to new spheres of ministry.
- 23 **Su p** Mercy Mkwezalamba leading the course for 3<sup>rd</sup> year students’ wives.

#### Children for Christ Ministries (CFCM)

Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Robert Gideon (Treasurer)

- 24 **Mo t** Elevate, Joseph and Etiny Thole, who trained hundreds of teachers in N Malawi in June.
- 25 **Tu p** that teachers from Khombwe zone, who met on 18<sup>th</sup> August, will have caught the vision for a Bible Club in each of the ten schools in the area.
- 26 **We p** as CFCM chairman Saul Mateyu starts a new role at an orphanage near Zomba.
- 27 **Th t** many EBCoM students attend CFCM training at college. **p** it bears fruit where they work.

#### Mozambique & Malawi

- 28 **Fr p** peace in Mozambique as thousands are displaced by sporadic fighting, many into Malawi.
- 29 **Sa p** zm’s food relief programme: providing relief for the most vulnerable through ZEC.
- 30 **Su p** that small-scale farmers in Malawi and Mozambique would diversify to build resilience.
- 31 **Mo t** for the role that faith-based groups are making in Malawi to improve their people’s health.

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### October

- 6 **Th t** for Gift Mphongolo (FoY), Duncan N’goma (ZEC), Elevate Mzinga and Joseph Jeke (CFCM) who made the MacBean’s northern trip possible.

Music workshop at Mzimba ZEC



- 7 **Fr t** Etiny Thole’s work with Ruth MacBean; the children’s songbook they are compiling will include Tumbuka songs from the north of Malawi.
- 8 **Sa p** Myles working with ZEC leaders, helping them with the big strategic issues they face.
- 9 **Su p** as Ruth continues to guide Echoes of Grace, who are developing biblical songs for their own evangelistic music ministry.
- 10 **Mo t** Bookset and Refresher Conferences held in July and August; **t** that they continue to be a blessing to many church leaders.
- 11 **Tu p** for the future strategic development of zm’s bookset conferences in rural areas.
- 12 **We p** wisdom to know how zm can partner with others to support discipleship training within ZEC.
- 13 **Th p** leadership training courses planned for this month for ZEC leaders in Mozambique.

#### Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

Principal Ps Robert Masikamu, Council Chairman Ps Paul Muotcha

- 14 **Fr t** Ps Robert Masikamu’s appointment as college Principal.
- 15 **Sa p** as he and his family settle in at EBCoM, and start getting to know staff and students.
- 16 **Su p** as Paul Muotcha and EBCoM’s Council address financial and administrative issues, so that the college can operate efficiently.
- 17 **Mo p** EBCoM’s long-term sustainability.

- 22 **Th p** the national registration process for ZEC in Mozambique would now be finalised rapidly.

#### Churchplanting in Mozambique

- 23 **Fr p** regional superintendent Christavo Chambwinja, working to support and encourage church leaders on the west side.
- 24 **Sa p** Rafael Waissone, regional superintendent on the east side, starting to understand some of the challenges that churches face in his area.
- 25 **Su t** Ganizano Paulo, a recent EBCoM graduate, who is pastor at the vibrant Duya ZEC.
- 26 **Mo p** upholding the churches at Chindiwo, Coromana and Chitsulo in east Mozambique, each of which faces particular difficulties.
- 27 **Tu p** Joshua Misomali, recently appointed churchplanter in Milange; he will need patience and perseverance in sharing the love of Christ.
- 28 **We p** that churches would provide havens of peace amidst the political unrest in Mozambique.

### October

#### zambesi mission (zm) in Malawi

Simon Chikwana (Field Director), Rose Chirwa (Projects Officer), Mercy Carlos (Field Administrator) and Myles and Ruth MacBean (Church Development Partners)

- 1 **Sa t** Simon leading the zm team; **p** his oversight of the purchase and distribution of maize to the most vulnerable.
- 2 **Su p** as Rose asks us, “for the hunger situation in the whole country”; “that people would consider growing other foods than maize”.
- 3 **Mo t** Mercy, Jack, Grayson, Owen, Kondwane and Dorothy in their work for zm.
- 4 **Tu p** the ongoing health of zm’s team in Malawi.
- 5 **We t** the encouragement brought by Myles and Ruth MacBean’s five-week tour of N Malawi.

## August

**7 Su** p that the 'Preach the Word' and CFCM training carried out would bear fruit that lasts - for both those who attended and those they teach.

**8 Mo** p the longer-term multiplication of all these ZEC training and discipling programmes (2 Tim 2:2).

**9 Tu** p Chairman Joe Tsokalida, General Secretary, Luckwell Mtima and Simon Chikwana (**zm**) finalising arrangements for their visit to the UK in September.

**10 We** p new long-term 'Partnerships in the Gospel' with **zm's** supporting churches would be formed.

**11 Th** p ZEC's new programme teams engaging churches, focusing on 'Discipling Nations for Christ' ZEC National Youth Conference, Salima, until 14<sup>th</sup> August; EBCoM Council Meeting

**12 Fr** p as ZEC looks to appoint a keen, well-qualified co-ordinator for income-generating projects.

### ZEC Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

*Ps Duncan Ng'oma - North (Mzuzu); Ps Henry Muhiye - Central (Ntcheu); Ps Isaac Mpanga - South (Blantyre).*

**13 Sa** t Duncan Ng'oma's invaluable help with Myles and Ruth MacBean's recent northern teaching tour.

**14 Su** p each of the regional superintendents as they visit, support and encourage pastors in their areas.

**15 Mo** t In just a few months, Joshua Chipeta has gathered together a group of committed church members and elders at Chikangawa ZEC.



Chikangawa ZEC

**16 Tu** t at Nyungwe ZEC, Ps Solomon Kayimira's priority is discipling church members who understand what following Jesus means. He will soon baptise 22 new believers!

## August

**17 We** p Enock Mang'anya at Chitipa ZEC. People often come to him for prayer, but he is not satisfied with the church's rate of growth.

**18 Th** p remembering all ZEC's churchplanters, each one facing similar joys and trials.

### Fellowship of Youth (FoY) , Malawi

*Gift Mphongolo, FoY Co-ordinator*

**19 Fr** p as youth leaders work to develop FoY into a 'spiritually and economically vibrant movement, able to transform the church (ZEC)'.

**20 Sa** t Gift Mphongolo had a good visit to N Malawi in May/June, meeting up with FoY leaders and their groups to share the development of the vision.

**21 Su** p in the outworking of this vision, young people would find a way out of poverty, immerse themselves in God's Word and work to develop their own education.

### Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

*Millie Jumbe, Chairlady; Mrs Fatchi, Secretary*

**22 Mo** p these ladies may know the Lord's direction, as they continue to lead with servant hearts.

**23 Tu** t many women in N Malawi attended 'Preach the Word' training. They have been so committed to learn, and to share what they have been taught.

**24 We** p the ZEC Chiyanjano Conference being held this summer in South Africa will bear fruit.

### ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

*At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda*

**25 Th** p that Chifunga ODC would be able to develop plans to become self sufficient. They have been struggling to do this. ZEC General Synod begins.

**26 Fr** t Ps Masoamphambe has been very effective at gaining community support at Ntonda.

**27 Sa** t at Nthorowa they have harvested a reasonable amount of maize. They hope to get a borehole drilled, so they can start a market garden. ZEC General Synod concludes today.

### ZEC Health & Rural Development

*Health Centres, Matanda, Mitsidi, Muluma and Nthorowa, plus Ntonda Rural Hospital*

**28 Su** t that a new agreement between ZEC, CHAM and the government has led to revised staffing plans being agreed for all ZEC's health centres.

### Maintaining a Partnership in the Gospel

Please read 1 Corinthians 16:15-17, noting in particular verse 17, "...they supplied what was lacking from you. They refreshed my spirit and yours also."

Our focus in **zm** is on equipping national Christians for the leadership of the church, rather than sending missionaries. There is a real need for those who will be like Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus, people who:

- refresh the spirits of supporters and churches in the UK;
- develop and nurture the partnership; and
- build and maintain the links.

**Give thanks** for all who represent **zm** in this way:

Ralph Gunn (Scotland), Mike Beresford (York), Stephen Williams, (Cumbria), Mike Berry, (Midlands) and Dave Brown (E Anglia).

**Please pray** for new honorary representatives, particularly in the South, East Anglia and North Scotland regions, to share in this ministry to God's people.

**29 Mo** t the new government agreement means that Muluma can now provide maternity services.

**30 Tu** p good construction progress for the building of two new staff houses at Muluma.

**31 We** t for the many years of service provided by Chiole health centre - it closed on 30<sup>th</sup> June, since it is too near a government clinic at Ntcheu.

## September

**1 Th** t construction of a new maternity facility at Matanda has started. It is funded by Norwegian Church Aid.

**2 Fr** p the most recent recipients of goats at Kubalalika ZEC will be able to look after them well, despite facing hunger themselves.

### River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

*Leader Ps Mvula Mvula - 40 churches; now 12 pastors*

**3 Sa** p Ps Mvula Mvula encouraging each pastor, and leading the church in a Christ-like way,

**4 Su** t Justice Chiphwanya pastoring a growing church in their new church building at Chirimba.

**5 Mo** t EBCoM student Maitanidwe Vashico's placement with Ps Peter Mlera at Cape Maclear.

**6 Tu** t Joseph Pius's faithful service as he pastors the church at Nsanje in the Lower Shire.

## September

**7 We** t each pastor and his family as they seek to use their homes for outreach Bible studies.

**8 Th** p J-Life as they work out with RoLEC the best times of year to run the Learn2Serve course.

**9 Fr** t five churches are now ready and waiting to receive iron sheets from **zm** for their roofs.

**10 Sa** t Ps Mvula Mvula has said that 'becoming a Christian is still fashionable in Malawi'. p church members will make the most of this opportunity.

### zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

*Mike Beresford (Mission Director), Trevor Matthews (Chair of Trustees and Executive Committee)*

**11 Su** p Malawi visitors, Joe Tsokolida, Luckwell Mtima and Simon Chikwana arrived in the UK yesterday and take part in services today.

**12 Mo** p for the visitors over the next three weeks, as they seek to develop long-term relationships between ZEC and **zm's** supporting churches.

**13 Tu** t Trevor Matthews and the exec. committee, supporting staff in working out **zm's** five-year strategy - a two-way 'Partnership in the Gospel'.

**14 We** t as **zm's** UK staff have the opportunity to meet ZEC synod leaders today.

**15 Th** p Finance Assistant Charlotte Dunning and her family; her husband has been unwell recently.

**16 Fr** t Jackie Beryl, working with Administrator Richard Brassington in the York Office, on an increasing variety of tasks.

**17 Sa** p **zm** is looking for new Honorary Representatives to continue to share God's mission and the work of His church in Malawi.

**18 Su** p asking the Lord to show us key people to be 'Prayer Advocates' in their local churches.

### Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Mozambique

*Chairman Ps Dinis Lokati and his deputy Ps Estavao Dzumani; General Secretary James Hamilton and his deputy Innocent Moffat; Ernest Sakwiya - Treasurer*

**19 Mo** t Ps James Hamilton leads these men with humble determination.

**20 Tu** p perseverance for them as they work together to tackle the huge problems facing them.

**21 We** t ZEC has now been accepted for registration with the Mozambican government.