

ZEC Mozambique (continued)

26 Sa p Masambiliro ZEC whose church building was destroyed in the floods. They are currently baking new bricks.

Easter Sunday - March 27th

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name ...

Philippians 2:9

28 Mo t with Ps Fernando Jose Gabriel at Chiya ZEC that their building was recently roofed. It has 70 members and two prayer houses.

Churchplanting in Mozambique

29 Tu p those churchplanters whose period of support has ended recently.

30 We p that the fellowships they have established will be able to continue to support their pastor.

Chiyanjano (Women’s Fellowship) in Mozambique

Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique

31 Th t members of both of these groups are enthusiastic about their Bibles and basing their lives on the Word.

April

1 Fr p as they reach out to others, sharing the gospel through both their words and their deeds.

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)

2 Sa t for the whole **zm** team in Malawi: their work often goes above and beyond the call of duty.

3 Su p Simon Chikwana: there are many calls on his time as he works with **zm’s** partners.

4 Mo t Rose Chirwa and Mercy Carlos: their dedication to the Lord’s work in Malawi is tremendous.

5 Tu t a team of visitors from the UK was warmly welcomed in October - they saw the work of **zm** and its partners in Malawi at first hand.

6 We p **zm** staff working to keep the **zm** office safe and running efficiently.

7 Th t Ruth MacBean’s music club at EBCoM has an ever-increasing following, with many students learning to play the instruments available.



Practice for one of the members of the music club at EBCoM, run by Ruth MacBean

8 Fr p as Ruth continues to work alongside Ethiny Thole (CEF worker) to produce a book of children’s songs in Chichewa and Tumbuka.

9 Sa p Myles working closely with Luckwell Mtima and other ZEC leaders to hone their strategies.

10 Su p as **zm** works with J-Life, Kerusso Trust and ZEC, discipling local leaders through Learn2Serve.

11 Mo p as Myles and Ruth plan an extended stay in northern Malawi - to better understand the cultures and challenges that are faced there.

12 Tu t they will also be able to work with regional leaders to meet training and development needs.

13 We t ‘Echoes of Grace’ as they develop Chichewa Bible-based songs and use music to tell others in rural Malawi the good news about Jesus Christ.

14 Th p as ‘Echoes of Grace’ hold their first big event this month.

Children for Christ Ministries (CFCM)

Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Robert Gideon (Treasurer)

15 Fr t Joseph and Elevate, who ‘will go anywhere any time to train those who want to be trained’!

16 Sa p for them as they prioritise training trainers for Bible club leadership courses in 2016.

17 Su t 36 Bible clubs: where children learn about Jesus, and find love and encouragement.

18 Mo p that church leaders would increasingly see the vital importance of children’s ministry.

Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

Principal Ps MJ Phiri, Council Chairman Ps Paul Muotcha

19 Tu t Paul Muotcha and council members working hard to address the challenges facing EBCoM.

20 We t for the tenure of Principal Michael J Phiri - he prepares to step down in June 2016.

21 Th p the council will find the right new Principal, with the gifts to lead and direct the college well.

22 Fr p EBCoM as it considers its response to the findings of the recent ACTEA assessment.

23 Sa p maintenance of an efficient balance of courses, aimed at meeting the needs of churches.

24 Su t lecturers who help students to apply biblical theology to everyday situations in Malawi.

25 Mo t hardworking office and domestic staff who keep the college running smoothly.

26 Tu t students, who give up so much and often leave family behind in order to attend college.

27 We t churches and individuals who faithfully provide student sponsorship through **zm**.

28 Th t development of lasting supportive relationships with local churches and individuals.

Mozambique & Malawi

29 Fr p the food supply situation, following the poor harvest last year.

30 Sa p consistent rainfall in the next few months to provide a plentiful harvest for many.

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In Prayer

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“O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;”

Psalms 63:1a.

p means please pray... t means give thanks...

February

Zambezian 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 that so many were able to attend the ZEC pastors’ conference in 2015. **t** that they had a sense of unity and direction for the whole church.

2 Tu p that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the hearts of everyone serving God in and through ZEC, to revive His mission in Malawi.

3 We p the synod leaders, named above, working out the practicalities of the Lord’s vision for ZEC.

4 Th p as ZEC leaders develop plans to support retired ZEC pastors and their wives.

5 Fr t Asan Nkhoma, ZEC’s Education Co-ordinator and Stephen Williams (**zm** Hon Rep) had a useful time together in November, thinking through the role of education in ZEC’s ‘mission in Malawi’.

6 Sa t ZEC’s new mission secondary school at Mitsidi has proved very popular.

7 Su t a new mission secondary school has opened at Nphepo Zinai, near Muluma. It has just a handful of pupils at present.

8 Mo p the re-opening of Kameza School. It remains closed due to a land access dispute.

9 Tu p development of a coherent strategy to make all three schools viable and sustainable.

10 We t ZEC’s strategic plan recognises the need for discipleship training for its church members.

- 11 Th p** as ZEC works with its different mission partners to develop the programme needed to provide discipleship training at all levels.
- 12 Fr p** as **zm** works out with ZEC which income-generating schemes are simplest and most effective.

ZEC Regional Superintendents

Ps Duncan Ng'oma - North; Ps Henry Muhiye - Central; Ps Isaac Mpanga - South

- 13 Sa p** these men and their families - they are based in Mzuzu, Ntcheu and Blantyre respectively.
- 14 Su t** for the God-given gifts that each regional superintendent has; and the way that they use them to encourage the scattered churches and their pastors in their regions.

- 15 Mo t** that ZEC is able to provide each superintendent with a monthly salary/allowance.

ZEC Churchplanting in Malawi

- 16 Tu p** for ZEC's synod leaders, as they understand the Lord's will for churchplanting in Malawi.
- 17 We p** that a churchplanting strategy linked to ZEC's overall vision would be established.
- 18 Th t** ZEC have decided not to request support for any more churchplanters until a clear plan emerges.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY) , Malawi

Gift Mphongolo, FoY Co-ordinator

- 19 Fr p** Gift Mphongolo, as he continues to motivate youth leaders in the discipleship of new believers who came to Christ during recent conferences.
- 20 Sa t** Kabula ZEC hosted a joint event for young people from several Blantyre churches. Each group came with a contribution - singing, games, drama and readings.
- 21 Su t** for the vibrant context in which God's Word was heard, and for the prayers and praise offered to Him.

Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

Millie Jumbe, Chairlady; Mrs Fatchi, Secretary

- 22 Mo p** Millie Jumbe, Mrs Fatchi and the new committee as they work together to develop their five-year strategic plan.
- 23 Tu p** local Chiyanjano leaders would be encouraged and equipped to inspire their members.
- 24 We t** Chiyanjano ladies as they minister to the sick and bereaved in their churches and communities.

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda

- 25 Th t** for land acquired at Nthorowa and plans being put in place which, it is hoped, will lead towards self-sufficiency.
- 26 Fr p** remembering those at Chifunga, who have found planning for sustainability more difficult.
- 27 Sa t** one recipient of goats on the "Kids for Kids" scheme at Nthorowa ODC now has a herd of 14!
- 28 Su t** Ps Masoamphambe, ZEC Rural Development Co-ordinator, actively encouraging the guardians of children at Ntonda ODC to do their part.

ZEC Health

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

- 29 Mo t** Administrator Fashion Faiti is executing a good overall plan for development at Nthorowa.

March

- 1 Tu p** as CHAM (Christian Health Association of Malawi) seeks to expedite overdue government funding for Nthorowa Health Centre.
- 2 We t** electrification for Ntonda Rural Hospital is nearing the final stages, prior to mains connection.
- 3 Th t** bricks are being made for the two new staff houses at Muluma.



Bricks for the new staff houses at Muluma

- 4 Fr p** the staffing plan at Muluma still awaits government approval. This is needed before the maternity unit can become operational.

ZEC Churchplanters in Malawi

Although there are few parts of Malawi where the gospel has not been proclaimed, there are still areas where there are no evangelical churches: places where the gospel is preached and "what is in accord with sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1) is taught from scripture.

For many years **zm** has been helping the Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) to plant such churches. Since the fledgling church cannot support its own pastor, **zm** provides them with an allowance for the first four years of the life of a church.

From the end of May onwards, **zm** will be supporting just nine churchplanters in Malawi. During April, 12 churchplanters or pastors who have received temporary church development support will receive their last monthly support from **zm**. Please pray for their encouragement and support from ZEC's regional and national leadership. Pray that they will not feel isolated. And lastly, please pray that their fellowships would be able to support their own pastor and his family.

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

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

- 5 Sa t** for the work of Dave Brown, UK Development Manager, building and maintaining relationships with churches throughout the UK.
- 6 Su t** Honorary Representatives Ralph Gunn (Scotland), Mike Berry (Midlands) and Stephen Williams (North West).
- 7 Mo p** a new representative in the South/South-West region, after Tom Jardine's retirement.
- 8 Tu p** as **zm** Executive, led by Trevor Matthews, meets today: for wisdom and strength.
- 9 We p** good fellowship and encouragement for UK staff meeting today.
- 10 Th t** the very efficient running of the York office, managed by Administrator Richard Brassington.
- 11 Fr t** new Finance Assistant Charlotte Dunning, already proving a tremendous asset to our team.

- 12 Sa t** volunteer Jackie Beryl's invaluable assistance in the York office.

- 13 Su t zm's** wonderful supporters, who are so committed to the Lord's work overseas.

River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

Leader Ps Mvula Mvula - 40 churches; now 12 pastors

- 14 Mo t** Ps Mvula Mvula's clear vision for the church; and his leadership by example.
- 15 Tu p** with him for church leaders who really know, serve and love the Lord.
- 16 We p** as he disciples Justice Chipwanyana, Peter Mlera and Joseph Pius as key leaders for RoLEC.
- 17 Th p** for their churches at Chirimba, Cape Maclear and Nsanje respectively.
- 18 Fr t** rejoice with Siki church, whose members walked 10km to collect the iron roofing sheets provided by **zm**.
- 19 Sa t** for RoLEC's other mission partners, such as King's Way Church in Belfast.
- 20 Su p** echoing RoLEC's vision for church members to know their Bibles and follow God's calling.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Mozambique

James Hamilton Eliya - General Secretary; Innocent Moffat - Deputy General Secretary; Dinos Dikira Lokati - Chairman; Estavao Elisa Dzumani - Deputy Chairman; Ernest Sakwiya - Treasurer

- 21 Mo t** Ps Luckwell Mtima and Simon Chikwana were able to teach on leadership and growth during the recently-held synod meetings.
- 22 Tu p** the recently-elected synod leaders - it is an entirely new team.
- 23 We p** that they may become visionary, servant leaders of integrity who seek the Lord's wisdom.
- 24 Th p** their plan for two regional superintendents: one for the 'East side' and one for the 'West side'.

Good Friday - March 25th

"And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:8