

In Prayer

May - July 2016

“I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Isaiah 49:6b.

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

May

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 **Su** p for blessings on these synod leaders as they demonstrate servant leadership in their lives.
- 2 **Mo** t for the emerging vision within ZEC of ‘Discipling Nations for Christ’.
- 3 **Tu** p for ZEC’s leaders as they prepare to agree the vision at the General Synod meeting in August.
- 4 **We** p for wise appointment of leaders for the multiple programmes envisaged in ZEC’s strategy.
- 5 **Th** t AWANA seminars held in April, helping to equip pastors and Sunday school teachers.
- 6 **Fr** p discipleship seminars run by To All Nations in nine different ZEC churches in June.
- 7 **Sa** p that plans for J-Life/Learn2Serve to deliver a series of seminars in ZEC churches on living out the Christian life would become a reality.
- 8 **Su** p that these various programmes will help produce disciples who can also disciple others.
- 9 **Mo** p that, through ZEC’s efforts, God would raise up and equip more ‘biblical servant leaders’.
- 10 **Tu** t some ZEC leaders were able to visit and encourage the isolated ZEC churches in S. Africa.
- 11 **We** p discernment as ZEC considers ambitious projects such as a ZEC Gospel Radio.
- 12 **Th** p spiritual wisdom and guidance as ZEC’s Education Committee develop their programme.

26 **Su** p as the period of financial support from **zm** for a number of Mozambican churchplanters comes to an end, that their churches would be able to support them.

Chiyanjano (Women’s Fellowship) in Mozambique

27 **Mo** t for their continued godly and faithful ministry and witness within their communities.

28 **Tu** p that some may have opportunity to attend the forthcoming national conference in S. Africa.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique

29 **We** p newly-appointed FoY Co-ordinator Isaac Fainote and his deputy Ps Evereson.

30 **Th** p that they would continue to draw young people together in evangelism and discipleship.

July

1 **Fr** p as the youth encourage one another and share their faith in word and song.

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** p Simon, who needs wisdom to balance the different demands and expectations on him.

3 **Su** t with Rose, who is always glad when her family comes together from across the country.

4 **Mo** t Mercy, **zm**’s Field Administrator; guards Jack, Grayson, Owen, Kondwane and house-keeper Dorothy - as they work and pray for **zm**.

5 **Tu** p as Simon, Rose and the **zm** team consider the best ways to provide support for those most affected by the poor growing season.

6 **We** p as **zm** continues to strengthen its relationships with mission partners in Malawi e.g. J-Life/Learn2Serve and To All Nations.

7 **Th** t as Ruth MacBean continues to walk every step with Joseph and Elevate as a CFCM worker.

8 **Fr** p as she assists Etiny Thole in creating a children’s songbook in local languages.

9 **Sa** t for the way that Myles MacBean has supported ZEC’s leadership as they have developed their church’s strategic plan.

10 **Su** p Simon and Myles as they support J-Life/Learn2Serve with its training programme.

11 **Mo** t for all Myles and Ruth learned culturally during their month-long stay in N. Malawi in June.

12 **Tu** t Ruth led music workshops and helped CFCM with Bible club and Sunday school training.

13 **We** t Myles worked with To All Nations, holding preaching training seminars for rural pastors.

14 **Th** p the Bookset Conferences happening this summer at Mangochi/Ntcheu, Mzuzu and Mchinji: p that they will have long-lasting benefits.

Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

Outgoing Principal Ps MJ Phiri, Council Chairman Ps Paul Muotcha

15 **Fr** p Paul Muotcha, the EBCoM council and all EBCoM’s partners as they try to place the college on a sustainable footing.

16 **Sa** p that college staff, students, council and alumni will be proactive developing relationships, which would provide national partners for EBCoM.

17 **Su** p a new principal, whom we trust will have been appointed by this time.

18 **Mo** t second-year students, currently on placement, would be well used by the churches.

19 **Tu** t the various vocational clubs that are run on Tuesday afternoons. These help students develop “tent-making” skills that may be very helpful in their future ministry.



Instruction in “tent-making” skills, eg tailoring, is given at different vocational clubs at EBCoM.

20 **We** p peace of heart and mind, during the current unrest, for Mozambican students and for the families that they left behind .

21 **Th** p that lecturers would remain relevant and challenging in their teaching.

22 **Fr** t EBCoM’s domestic and administrative staff; for all they do to make the college run smoothly.

23 **Sa** p particularly for Mercy Mkwezalamba, equipping wives for church ministry.

24 **Su** p that children in the nursery would be well cared for and learn about the love of Jesus.

Children for Christ Ministries (CFCM)

Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Robert Gideon (Treasurer)

25 **Mo** t Elevate and Joseph who lead CFCM with dedication and servant hearts.

26 **Tu** p with them as they work to train others who can then train Bible club leaders (2 Timothy 2:2).

27 **We** t that recent regional training events at Dedza and Tchoda went well; and that, in those places, Ps Madeya and Ps Mika now provide ongoing support for Bible club leaders through their pastors’ fraternal groups.

28 **Th** p for increased awareness of how CFCM can help churches teach their children, following the denominational co-ordinators’ meeting in March.

Mozambique & Malawi

29 **Fr** p as tensions are rising again between the government and opposition groups in Mozambique, causing people to flee into Malawi.

30 **Sa** p as shortages of essential food and price rises make life doubly hard at present.

31 **Su** p both governments will be strong in finding and implementing long-term solutions.

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May

13 Fr p ZEC leaders will be guided by the Lord in the development of these programmes.

ZEC Regional Superintendents

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

14 Sa t Duncan Ng'oma reports that evangelism is going well and church membership is rising in Nyungwi, Bolero, Mzimba and Mzuzu.

15 Su p their transport needs - that local pastors and churches might find ways to help.

16 Mo p spiritual discernment as they advise and help pastors working in challenging situations.

ZEC Churchplanting in Malawi

17 Tu t ZEC Ntchisi - a church planted by Ps Yamikani Sikumbiri, who graduated from EBCoM in 2014: the church now has 20 members.

18 We p for Enock Mang'anya at Chitipa ZEC, where a number of families are experiencing instability.

19 Th t Thambani ZEC: they have been able to buy land to generate income and have fundraising ideas to help build the church and pastor's house.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY), Malawi

Gift Mphongolo, FoY Co-ordinator

20 Fr t that Gift is working hard to bring FoY groups together, proclaiming Jesus Christ and serving Him.

21 Sa t the leaders who encourage great evangelistic zeal in these young people.

22 Su p preparations for the national FoY conference, held on 11th - 14th August at Salima: that there will be a readiness to receive the gospel in that area.

Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

Millie Jumbe, Chairlady; Mrs Fatchi, Secretary

23 Mo t as these ladies continue to lead and inspire the women's fellowship.

24 Tu p remembering especially widows, who face particularly hard times with the current shortages.

25 We p as preparations are made for a ZEC National Women's Conference in South Africa.

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda

26 Th t the land purchased at Nthorowa has given some food security for the ODC at this difficult time.

27 Fr t a new boarding facility is being constructed at Ntonda to help children study for their exams.

28 Sa t that the ODCs cared for 270 vulnerable children last year and **zm** scholarships allowed 44 of them to attend secondary school.

29 Su p that Ps Masoamphambe, ZEC's Rural Development Co-ordinator will inspire others to develop their own income-generating schemes.

ZEC Health & Rural Development

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

30 Mo p ZEC Chifunga, who are still trying to develop an appropriate income-generating scheme.

31 Tu t electrification at Ntonda Rural Hospital is now complete - it just needs the final hookup.

June

1 We t a legacy will help cover the cost of two new staff houses at Muluma. **p** for building to begin.

2 Th p urgently for government to approve the staffing plan at Muluma, so that the maternity unit can finally open.

3 Fr t three pigs have now arrived at Mulanje ZEC, part of an income generation scheme.



Ps Synoden Mulamba (L) with two church members looking after the pig-rearing project at Mulanje ZEC.

River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

Leader Ps Mvula Mvula - 40 churches; now 12 pastors

4 Sa p all RoLEC pastors would be encouraged as Ps Mvula Mvula visits them every year.

Difficult circumstances in Malawi & Mozambique

Flash floods in Malawi in Jan 2015 destroyed homes and villages and many lost their lives. Not only were fledgling crops washed away, but heavy silt layers made it impossible to plant a new crop. Many hoped and prayed for 'soft refreshing rain' during the current growing season, so that this year's harvest would be plentiful. Sadly, particularly in the south of Malawi, it has been a 'stop-start' rain, resulting in a feeble crop in many areas.

Give thanks that food relief from **zm** came to ZEC pastors and widows 'just at the right time'. But **please pray** for national governments to find long-term nationwide solutions to build greater resilience to extreme climatic conditions.

In Mozambique, opposition group RENAMO has been involved in violent acts aimed towards the governing FRELIMO party. This has driven thousands of refugees into neighbouring Malawi.

Giving a typically positive Malawian perspective, **zm's** Projects Officer Rose Chirwa writes "let us give thanks for **all** that we have".

June

5 Su t the good training provided by J-Life/Learn2Serve for rural pastors at Saidi RoLEC.

6 Mo p for plans for J-Life/Learn2Serve to provide further pastor and elder training within RoLEC.

7 Tu t that Justice Chipwanya, Peter Mlera and Joseph Pius are growing in their understanding of the part they play in the development of RoLEC churches.

8 We t the RoLEC church at Chikaonda has been successfully re-roofed.

9 Th p that church members will encourage their leaders and one another in the Lord.

10 Fr p the current hardships would prompt whole communities to turn to God, asking Him to provide for their every need.

11 Sa p that all RoLEC pastors would be zealous in reaching out to the lost in these difficult times.

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

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

June

12 Su p Honorary Representatives to continue to be inspired by what the Lord is doing in the church in Malawi and Mozambique, and to share this exciting information in churches here.

13 Mo p as they seek to minister to and encourage the congregations they visit.

14 Tu p remembering Trevor Matthews, Chairman, and the Executive Committee as they meet today.

15 We p wisdom and strength for **zm's** UK staff as they meet at York Baptist Church today.

16 Th p staff and executive members looking to excite people about the important role of mission representatives (1 Corinthians 16: 17-18).

17 Fr t for faithful prayer support from churches and individuals, most of whom have never met their Christian brothers and sisters in Malawi.

18 Sa t for our unseen helpers, who meet each quarter to stuff envelopes for the mailing.

19 Su t Ruth and Colin Cresswell working behind the scenes to update the website each month.

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

20 Mo p for each of these men, guiding the church during the current national instability.

21 Tu p as they support pastors and their churches in times of food shortage and hunger.

22 We p that pastors would find strength in the Lord as they care for people in desperate need.

23 Th t two regional superintendents have now been appointed - Christavo Chambwinja in the West and Rafael Waisone in the East.

24 Fr t for fresh opportunities as many pastors were called to new churches at the end of 2015.

Churchplanting in Mozambique

25 Sa t the work of Jose Chibwana and Joshua Misomali; **t** for the fellowships they have helped to establish over the last four years.