

In Prayer

August – October 2017

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful”. Colossians 4:2.

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

August

Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

Principal, Pastor Robert Masikamu; Council Chairman, Pastor Paul Muotcha.

- 1 Tu t** for God's faithfulness over the past academic year.
- 2 We p** for the recent graduates as they begin their ministries: may the Lord be their provider.
- 3 Th p** EBCoM still does not meet the aspirations of the Malawian National Council for Higher Education for local funding: **p** for the steps that are being taken to address this situation.
- 4 Fr t** the Principal praises God for being by his side during his first year at EBCoM.
- 5 Sat p** for EBCoM's prospective students to be those who have been truly called by the Lord.
- 6 Su t** good harvests in Malawi (see below).



- 25 Mo t** Ps Mvula Mvula's passion for discipleship and godliness in the church.
- 26 Tu p** the 16 pastors - that God would equip and protect them as they preach the gospel.
- 27 We t** in May 149 women attended the Southern Region Women's Conference held at Nsanje.
- 28 Th t** membership among women is growing fast. **p** wisdom regarding the best means to provide training for women leaders.
- 29 Fr t** pastors were challenged and equipped during May's training conference at Chirimba.
- 30 Sa p** Maitanidwe Vachico who graduated from EBCoM in June. **p** wisdom in assigning him to the right RoLE church in Malawi or Mozambique.

October

- 1 Su t** for the godliness and discipline of the pastors as they seek to serve their churches.
- #### Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Mozambique
- Chairman Dinos Lokati and his deputy Estavao Dzumani; General Secretary James Hamilton and his deputy Innocent Moffat; Treasurer Ernest Sakwiya.
- 2 Mo t** ZEC's registration as a national entity in Mozambique has been approved.
 - 3 Tu p** pastors who are moving to live at their churches to better serve their congregations. ZEC expects that 30 pastors will either have moved or will be moving soon.
 - 4 We t** for the leadership of ZEC Mozambique and their desire to listen to God.
 - 5 Th t** for the thirst for God amongst ZEC congregations in Mozambique.
 - 6 Fr p** four Mozambican students graduated in June: **p** for them as they start out as pastors.
- #### ZEC Mozambique Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting
- Regional Superintendents: Ps Christavo Chambwinja - West; Ps Raphael Waissone - East.
- 7 Sa t** churchplanter Ps Misomali at Milange is currently using his home for church services.
 - 8 Su p** a good piece of land would become available for a church building in Milange.
 - 9 Mo t** Ps Chambwinja and Ps Waissone for their servant hearts and dedication to the work of ZEC.

October

- 10 Tu p** for the challenges facing both Regional Superintendents in serving their widely-spread churches.
- #### Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Mozambique
- Odetta Hamilton - Co-ordinator.
- 11 We t** the Chiyanjano National Conference of Women held at Mitanda in June.
 - 12 Th t** for Chiyanjano co-ordinator Odetta Hamilton, and for all the work that she does.
- #### Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique
- Isaac Fainote and Ps Evereson - Co-ordinators.
- 13 Fr p** preparations for this month's Mozambican Fellowship of Youth National Conference.
 - 14 Sa t** the young people in FoY who are seeking to grow in their love for Jesus.
- #### 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).
- 15 Su t zm** staff in Malawi have decided to hold a day of prayer and fasting every Friday.
 - 16 Mo p** God would strengthen, encourage and guide **zm** staff in areas where they need help.
 - 17 Tu t** for Simon, Rose and Mercy as they run the **zm** office in Malawi.
 - 18 We p** Rose as she works with ZEC's project co-ordinator Allan Mtendere to develop best practice for goat-farming projects.
 - 19 Th p** safety for Simon as he travels to different **zm**-supported projects.
 - 20 Fr p** for the families of **zm** staff - that they would remain in good health.
 - 21 Sa t** for **zm**-sponsored students who have completed their course at EBCoM.
 - 22 Su t** for the positive relationships that **zm** has with its partner organisations in Malawi.
 - 23 Mo t** Ruth MacBean's work with Etiny Thole to produce and publish the children's songbook Ananu Ziimbani. It was launched last month.
 - 24 Tu p** Myles and Ruth helped **zm's** partners using a 'Model-Assist-Watch-Leave' approach. They are now at the watch and leave stages.

October

- 25 We p** planning of meetings and services for Myles and Ruth MacBean's period of deputation after they return to the UK in November.
- #### Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)
- Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Lackson Makawa.
- 26 Th t** every graduate from EBCoM in June received special training in children's ministry from CFCM.
 - 27 Fr p** the EBCoM graduates to continue to realise the importance of teaching children the Gospel, wherever they go next year.
 - 28 Sa t** over 279 Sunday school teachers and pastors were trained by CFCM during their tour of the north of Malawi in May (see photo below).



- 29 Su t** the Sports Day Camp held at Mpemba Reformatory Centre in August.
- 30 Mo p** completion of CFCM's registration as a national organisation in Malawi.
- 31 Tu t** the appointment of Lackson Makawa as Administrator has been a great success.

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August

- 7 Mo t** no-one was injured when burglars broke into EBCoM one night in May.
- 8 Tu p** during the burglary, important and costly items such as computers were taken. Please pray that the college will find a way to replace them.
- 9 We t** for the outline approval of EBCoM's five-year strategic plan. It is due to commence in October.
- 10 Th p** for the team developing and refining the details of the strategic plan. They will be reporting back at the Council meeting later this month.
- 11 Fr p** for Principal Robert Masikamu and Council Chair Paul Muotcha as they prioritise their time and effort on the big issues that EBCoM faces.
- 12 Sa p** that plans to generate funds locally to support the college would come to fruition.
- 13 Su t** for all those who support the work of EBCoM, both directly and indirectly.

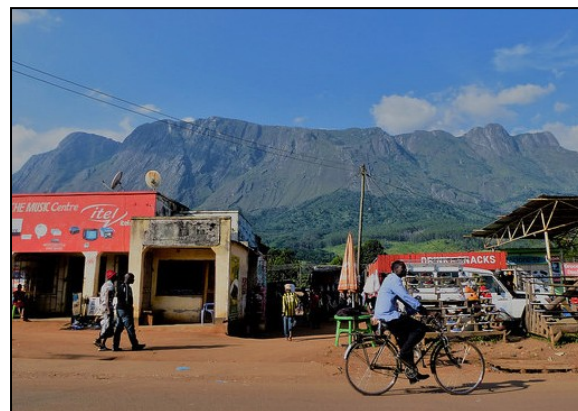
Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Malawi

Chairman, Pastor Joe Tsokalida and his deputy, Pastor Gerald Malindah; General Secretary, Pastor Luckwell Mtima and his deputy, Pastor Willard Muwalo.

- 14 Mo t** for the launch of ZEC's strategic plan: **p** for its effective implementation.
- 15 Tu t** for the churchplant at Dowa in Central Malawi, which has started with 22 new members.
- 16 We p** there are concerns that the current low price of maize may mean that many farmers will not be able to afford fertiliser for the next growing season.
- 17 Th t** for ZEC's different mission partners, including J-Life and the German mission 'To All Nations'.
- 18 Fr p** for Myles MacBean, working together with To All Nations' 'Disciple the Nations' staff to deliver the 'Preach the Word' course until Sunday at Bwanje.
- 19 Sa t** over 140 ZEC members attended the most recent Learn2Serve leadership training (run in partnership with J-Life) at Ntcheu and Chiradzulu.
- 20 Su p** that ongoing leadership training will continue to deepen relationships amongst ZEC's leaders.
- 21 Mo t** ZEC have cultivated and planted 300 mahogany trees at Mitsidi (on the edge of Blantyre).
- 22 Tu p** for the final preparations for ZEC's 125th Anniversary celebrations, due to begin next week.

August

- 23 We p** for the pig farming income-generating project at Mulanje: it is not yet profitable.
- 24 Th p** the pastor's bike challenge, in which riders from ZEC and **zm** will ride over 100 miles to Blantyre on pastors' bicycles, to raise awareness of the issues that pastors in Malawi face.
EBCoM Council meets today.



Pastors often have to rely on bicycles to reach their rural congregations.

ZEC Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

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

- 25 Fr p** for the six churchplanters in Malawi that **zm** supports.
- 26 Sa t** the church at Chikangawa ZEC has been provided with iron roofing sheets.
- 27 Su p** Enock Mang'anya and his family at Chitipa ZEC - they are facing adversity due to the culture of the local Lambya tribe, who typically only respect a pastor from within the tribe. **p** for encouragement for Ps Mang'anya. **t** for his faithfulness.
- 28 Mo t** the Bible Society of Malawi has been partnering with ZEC to support a number of churchplanters in strategic locations.
- 29 Tu t** work is now complete on the church building at Machinga ZEC, where former **zm**-supported churchplanter Levi Kamodzi is pastor.
- 30 We p** for all the churchplanters as they preach the gospel and seek to win hearts for Christ.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY), Malawi

Gift Mphongolo, FoY Co-ordinator.

- 31 Th t** for the young people who dedicate their lives to God and choose to join a FoY group.

September

- 1 Fr t** for the teaching and development of the church's future leaders whilst they attend FoY.
- 2 Sa t** for Gift Mphongolo as he leads the ministry of FoY and visits local groups.

Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

Millie Jumbe, Chairlady; Mrs Fatchi, Secretary.

- 3 Su t** Chiyanjano groups celebrating the 125th anniversary of ZEC this weekend.
- 4 Mo p** for all the women in Chiyanjano groups, that their relationship with God would deepen.
- 5 Tu t** the dedication and leadership of Mrs Jumbe and Mrs Fatchi.

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda.

- 6 We p** the ODC classroom roof at Nthorowa (below) still needs to be repaired: **p** that funds to do this would soon become available.



- 7 Th t** Nthorowa has commenced steps towards becoming self-sufficient: **p** these steps would be successful.
- 8 Fr p** **zm** plans to buy beans and rice for the ODCs whilst prices are low; please pray that we would be able to buy sufficient quantities.
- 9 Sa t** good harvests at Ntonda and Nthorowa have meant that no extra maize should need to be purchased this year. Praise God!

September

ZEC Health & Rural Development

Ntonda Rural Hospital, plus health centres at Matanda, Mitsidi, Muluma and Nthorowa.

- 10 Su t** for all the staff who work tirelessly to do the work of God in the health centres.
- 11 Mo p** that the health centres and local ZEC churches would be united in serving God by meeting the health needs in their communities.
- 12 Tu p** for the sick whom the staff at the health centres encounter, that they would know God's healing power.
- 13 We t** the roof at Ntonda has been repaired.

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

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

- 14 Th t** for all of **zm's** generous supporters whose donations are helping to restore our reserves.
- 15 Fr p** our honorary reps as they visit churches and conferences to share about the work of **zm**.
- 16 Sa t** the trustees and members of the executive committee who oversee the direction of **zm**.
- 17 Su p** all staff, as they seek to become more Christ-like.
- 18 Mo p** Dave and Janet Brown as they prepare to guide two group visits from the UK to Malawi during September and October.
- 19 Tu p** Myles and Ruth MacBean as they begin preparations to return to the UK in November.
- 20 We t** the leadership of Mission Director Mike Beresford.
- 21 Th t** for links we have with individuals, churches and local communities in the UK.
- 22 Fr p** that the Lord would encourage younger supporters to become involved with **zm**.
- 23 Sa t** that all the outstanding actions involved in conversion to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) have been completed.

River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

Leader Ps Mvula Mvula - 40 churches; now 16 pastors

- 24 Su t** RoLEC's annual youth conference held at Chirimba in Blantyre in August. About 400 young people attended. **p** long-lasting transformation as the messages preached impact many lives.