

April

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Mozambique

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

- 1 Sa p** that all the Mozambican synod leaders would continue to provide godly leadership.
- 2 Su t** Masambiliro ZEC did a superb job of roofing their church with iron sheets through **zm's** "Let's Raise the Roof" scheme.
- 3 Mo p** other churches will catch this vision of what God is able to do amongst His people.



Worshippers in Tsizi ZEC in north-western Mozambique. They are waiting for iron roofing sheets

- 4 Tu p** the many churches that need to provide housing for their pastors. Many pastors in Mozambique live a long way from their churches.
- 5 We p** the widow and family of Ps Milano Zidana, a senior pastor from Mikolongo Angonia, who died just before Christmas.

ZEC Mozambique Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

Regional Superintendents: Ps Christavo Chambwinja - West; Ps Raphael Waissonne - East.

- 6 Th p** pray in particular for Ps Raphael Waissonne and his wife. Their young son was tragically killed in an accident last year.
- 7 Fr p** Both regional superintendents as they visit, teach and encourage church elders and pastors in their region, with minimal resources.
- 8 Sa p** Joshua Misomali at Milange ZEC. They are considering buying a plot of land to construct a new church building.

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Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Mozambique Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique

- 9 Su t** faithful discipleship and clear teaching of God's Word in both these groups.
- 10 Mo p** Odetta Hamilton, Chiyanjano Co-ordinator, serving and supporting leaders in local churches.
- 11 Tu t** FoY leaders Isaac Fainote and Ps Evereson, inspiring and serving local FoY groups.

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)

- 12 We t** Simon's leadership and his ability to relate enthusiastically to church leaders.
- 13 Th p** he will delegate wisely and effectively and continue to help others in the **zm** team to develop

Good Friday to Easter Sunday - 14th to 16th April

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures..."

1 Corinthians 15: 3 - 4

- 17 Mo t** Rose as she oversees the ODCs and **zm**-supported income-generating projects.
- 18 Tu t** Mercy as she faithfully carries out the routine tasks of book-keeping and administration.
- 19 We t** that **zm** has been able to help distribute maize to the most vulnerable within ZEC.
- 20 Th p** Dorothy, Jack, Owen, Kondwane and Grayson as they welcome visitors and look after the **zm** office/guesthouse compound.
- 21 Fr t** the new song book 'Ananu Ziimbani' (Come Children Join and Sing) is now ready for printing. It was compiled by children's worker Ethiny Thole (with Ruth MacBean's help) and has 170 songs.
- 22 Sa p** for a publisher and for children's choirs around Blantyre learning the songs ready for recording and an official launch in the summer.

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- 23 Su t** Ruth MacBean's support for the youthful evangelistic group "Echoes of Grace", reaching out with the Gospel, through music, to young people.
 - 24 Mo t** Myles's work with ZEC's leadership, progressing their vision.
- Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)**
Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Robert Gideon (Treasurer)
- 25 Tu t** the appointment of Lackson Makawa, CFCM's new administrator.
 - 26 We t** 900 Sunday school teachers received training from CFCM in 2016.
 - 27 Th t** training of CFCM's volunteer trainers (see photo below) has also been going well.



- 28 Fr p** Malawian Christians and churches will recognise the need for local support for CFCM.
- Mozambique & Malawi**
- 29 Sa t** that good, steady rains have begun; **p** that the rains continue throughout the growing season.
 - 30 Su p** for political stability in Mozambique; and for all those who have fled into Malawi.

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"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine..." Ephesians 3:20a (NIV).

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

February

Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

Principal Ps Robert Masikamu, Council Chairman Ps Paul Muotcha

- 1 We t** for the caring leadership provided by Principal Ps Robert Masikamu.
 - 2 Th p** all staff (administrative, domestic and lecturing) would work well together under his leadership, serving one another and the students.
 - 3 Fr p** Ps Paul Muotcha and the EBCoM Council, that all may work together to help the college through these challenging times.
- 1st semester ends. Diploma students' exams.*
- 4 Sa p** the Council to discern God's wisdom about the right balance of courses at EBCoM.
 - 5 Su t** Malawi's National Council for Higher Education has recognised that the college is working towards meeting its requirements.
 - 6 Mo p** plans for EBCoM's long-term sustainability, without over-reliance on overseas support.
 - 7 Tu p** especially for Mercy Mkwezalamba and the tutors on the Wives' Course, that they may see spiritual development in these ladies as well as a practical understanding of their role in ministry.
 - 8 We p** all students might develop in holiness as well as in their theological understanding.
 - 9 Th t** the Principal's fine-tuning of EBCoM's strategic plan, with support from Myles MacBean.
 - 10 Fr p** that it will give all members of the college a united sense of purpose and direction.

February

11 Sa t Myles MacBean and other overseas lecturers, showing by their presence and in their teaching that God's Word is for every tribe, tongue and nation.

12 Su p Ruth MacBean, teaching music and helping CFCM to provide bible-club training for students.

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

13 Mo t with ZEC leaders that 2016 was a year of peace, growth and blessing.

14 Tu t rejoice with ZEC as they celebrate '125 years of mission work in Africa' later this year. ZEC has connections in Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

15 We p ZEC's 14 new 'team leaders' and teams developing the church's 16 'ministry programmes'.

16 Th p pastors and churches would have a strong sense that 'through Christ' they can do all things.

17 Fr p God's grace for ZEC as they strive to disciple nations for Christ.

18 Sa t the grassroots discipleship training programme run by ZEC partner To All Nations (TAN).

19 Su p sufficient indigenous trainers to extend this programme more widely in Malawi.

20 Mo p ZEC's synod leaders as they work out how to move towards centralisation of pastors' salaries, hopefully allowing pensions to be paid in the future.

21 Tu t for the way that **zm**-supported goat farming projects have helped many vulnerable families.

22 We p just before Christmas Ps Kathyole, a senior pastor at Ntcheu died. Please pray for his family.

ZEC Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

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

23 Th t the foundation of the new church building at Machinga ZEC has been completed.

24 Fr p Kondwane Makumbi pastoring the slowly-growing church in the Muslim town of Namwera.

25 Sa t **zm** has been able to extend the support of a number of pastors until after the harvest this April.

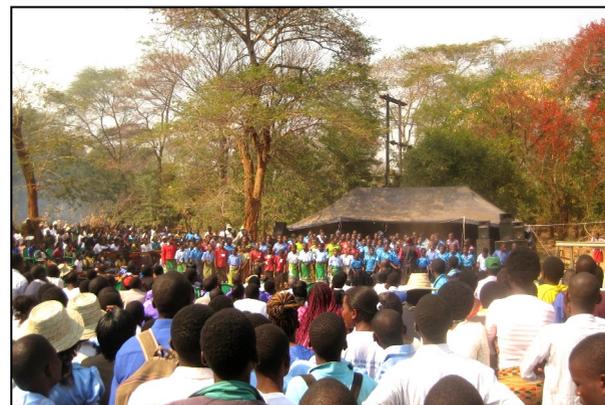
26 Su p these churches will have plans in place for their support after that.

27 Mo p each of the regional superintendents as they visit and encourage pastors, despite the challenges of transport.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY), Malawi

Gift Mphongolo, FoY Co-ordinator

28 Tu t 3,000 young people came to the FoY national conference at Salima (see below). They were only expecting about 1,700!



March

1 We p the lessons learned will be used in planning more effective gatherings in the future.

2 Th p individual commitments to Christian faith and lifestyle would be maintained every day.

3 Fr p as Gift and other FoY leaders follow up those who attended, back in their local churches.

ZEC Health & Rural Development

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

4 Sa p Ntonda Rural Hospital has been told by the Christian Health Association of Malawi that it is overstuffed, leading to several staff transfers.

5 Su t Felistone Kapanuka, sponsored by **zm**, from Nthorowa - soon to qualify as a Clinical Officer.

6 Mo t The new maternity building at Mitsidi is almost ready to open. Construction of the new maternity facility at Matanda is also going well.

EBCoM 2nd semester starts. 2nd Year Certificate students commence their church placements.

7 Tu t Muluma Health Centre is now offering nearly all services. It is just waiting for final staff transfers before maternity services can commence.

March

8 We p that new staff housing at Muluma would be available soon.

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda

9 Th p the 40 children cared for by the church at Chifunga. Plans are afoot for a pig-keeping project to help the ODC to become self-sufficient.

EBCoM Council meets today.

10 Fr p active involvement of the local church at Ntonda in support of the ODC, which cares for 120 children.

11 Sa t the ODC at Nthorowa is caring for 68 children. p its steps towards self-sufficiency.

Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

Millie Jumbe, Chairlady; Mrs Fatchi, Secretary

12 Su t the wonderful southern regional Chiyanjano conference held at Phodogoma at the end of October, see photo below.



13 Mo t for the compassionate ministry of these groups of women throughout Malawi.

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

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

14 Tu t the help, support and encouragement of **zm** executive, chaired by Trevor Matthews.

zm UK executive meets today.

15 We p following the post-Brexit fall in the Pound **zm** faces financial challenges in 2017.

zm UK staff meet today.

March

16 Th t the staff team residential in January, working on three main UK focus areas from **zm's** five-year strategic plan (in italics below).

17 Fr p as they explore ways to develop **zm's** focus on *prayer*.

18 Sa p about *developing relationships* with the mission's existing supporters.

19 Su p considering how **zm** can *regenerate our supporter base across all age groups*.

20 Mo t opportunities to be involved at bible and mission conferences from Easter onwards.

21 Tu t Carol Fernandez, appointed as an Hon. Rep. on 1st December, is rapidly getting involved.

22 We p as **zm** continues to look for new Hon. Reps. especially for S. England and N. Scotland.

River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

Leader Ps Mvula Mvula - 40 churches; now 12 pastors

23 Th t the last Learn2Serve discipleship training course 'so captivated' participants that RoLEC are planning another course in the first half of 2017.

24 Fr t funds have been made available from **zm** to roof the churches at Karonga and Salima.

25 Sa p Pastor Mvula Mvula in his overall leadership of RoLEC. p also for the development of his leadership team.

26 Su p Ps Mvula Mvula, looking to develop more women leaders within the church, asks for wisdom to choose wisely (1 Samuel 16:7-12).

27 Mo t RoLEC are always reticent about 'asking for a gift' in any situation. t for their dependence upon Jehovah Jireh, the LORD who provides.

28 Tu t RoLEC's vision to reach out into Malawi's cities. After an outreach in Balaka, Ps Acklen Jeke was appointed to the newly-formed church.

29 We p Peter Mlera leading the church at Cape Maclear. He has been using his particular gift for children's work, running two midweek bible clubs.

30 Th p Joseph Pius leading the church at Nsanje after successive years of flood and then drought.

31 Fr p Justice Chiphwanya, pastor of the large city centre church at Chirimba in Blantyre. t for progress on construction of their new church.