

Christmas Day “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3 v16

- 26 **Tu p** churches in Mangochi District (central Malawi) want to organise seminars to answer the many questions they are asked by Muslims seeking Jesus.
- 27 **We p** several leaders are being trained in evangelism so that they can share the Gospel in surrounding villages. **p** for provision of bicycles for these leaders.
- 28 **Th t** a RoLEC church was planted at Luchenza in Mulanje in September:
p for the group responsible for its administration.
- 29 **Fr p** for provision of basic needs to many pastors serving God in churches.
- 30 **Sa p** RoLEC members Nice Yobe and Mponda Nyongo have started training at EBCoM. **p** it will equip them for effective ministry in the church.
- 31 **Su t** for the pastors’ and wives’ seminar that was held by RoLEC in November.

January 2018

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.

- 1 **Mo t** for calm and political stability in Mozambique over recent months; **p** this would continue in the long term.
- 2 **Tu t** that, after many months of hard work and waiting, ZEC have finally received the documents that confirm that the church is now registered as a national entity.
- 3 **We t** for Chairman Dinos Lokati and his deputy Estavao Dzumani. Give thanks for their dedication to ZEC.
- 4 **Th t** for the leadership of General Secretary James Hamilton and his deputy Innocent Moffat.
- 5 **Fr t** Treasurer Ernest Sakwiya and his dedication to ZEC. **p** wisdom as the church tries to support its own leaders financially.

January

ZEC Mozambique Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

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

- 6 **Sa t** Ps Misomali, churchplanter at Milange (by Mount Mulange—see photo below) has been using his home for church services.



- 7 **Su p** continue to pray that they would find some land in Milange to build their church on.
- 8 **Mo t** for those dedicating themselves to building the kingdom of God.
- 9 **Tu p** those in the local communities would hear the truth of Jesus and give their lives to him.

Chiyanjano (Women’s Fellowship) in Mozambique

Odetta Hamilton - Co-ordinator.

- 10 **We p** that the women who attend Chiyanjano would be strong witnesses within their families.
- 11 **Th t** for Odetta Hamilton and all she does for ZEC Chiyanjano in Mozambique.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique

Isaac Fainote and Ps Evereson - Co-ordinators.

- 12 **Fr p** that more young people would come to know Jesus Christ through the work of FoY.
- 13 **Sa t** for the sacrifices that the leaders and teachers of FoY groups make.

zambesi mission (zm) in Malawi

Simon Chikwana (Field Director), Rose Chirwa (Projects Officer), Mercy Carlos (Field Administrator)

- 14 **Su t** for those maintaining the mission’s buildings and their surrounding gardens.
- 15 **Mo p** for Rose as she works with partners on a number of projects.

- 16 **Tu t** for Mercy as she diligently manages the various administration tasks in the office.
- 17 **We p** for godly wisdom for Simon Chikwana as he oversees **zm** in Malawi.
- 18 **Th t** guards Jack, Grayson, Owen and Kondwane and housekeeper Dorothy.
- 19 **Fr p** for **zm**-sponsored students at EBCoM.
- 20 **Sa t** for the close relationship between **zm** in Malawi and the UK.
- 21 **Su t** for God’s financial provision for **zm**.

January

- 22 **Mo p** protection over all staff and their families.
- 23 **Tu p** for **zm**’s partners now that Myles and Ruth have left Malawi.
- 24 **We t** for the increasing number of Malawians and other Africans who support **zm** financially.

Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)

Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Lackson Makawa.

- 25 **Th t** 1000 Sunday School teachers were trained by CFCM across the country in 2017.
- 26 **Fr p** for safety on the Malawian roads as the team use public transport around the country.
- 27 **Sa t** the opportunity to teach the Gospel to the troubled and vulnerable young people at the Mpemba Reformatory Centre in south Malawi.
- 28 **Su p** for efforts to promote CFCM within the country and find local financial partners.
- 29 **Mo t** the complementary skills of the team which allows them to carry out CFCM’s work effectively.
- 30 **Tu t** many Bible clubs have been established as a result of the work of CFCM.
- 31 **We p** that those running Bible clubs alone would be encouraged.

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In Prayer

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“I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer”.

Psalms 17:6.

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

November

Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

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

- 1 **We p** pray for this year’s EBCoM graduates (see picture below) as their church leaders discern where to place them in ministry.



- 2 **Th t** God has answered prayer and provided significant new financial support (not through **zm**) for the facility upgrades that it needs.
- 3 **Fr p** for good health for students, staff and their families.
- 4 **Sa p** EBCoM are searching for a new Business Manager; **p** that God provides the right person.
- 5 **Su p** for EBCoM’s teaching staff - there have been quite a few changes recently.
- 6 **Mo p** Dalitso Numeri, currently Academic Dean, in place of Robert Yanduya who is on study leave.

November

- 7 Tu t** for new lecturer Precious Chimlambe; **p** he would settle in well and quickly feel part of the team.
- 8 We p** for all those who work behind the scenes or in supporting roles at EBCoM.
- 9 Th p** for the Council, as they seek God's guidance and wisdom for EBCoM.
- 10 Fr t** for the breadth of churches and missions engaged in the running of EBCoM for God's glory.
- 11 Sa p** for the Principal, Pastor Robert Masikamu, as he seeks to lead in a Christ-like way.
- 12 Su p** for the new first-year students at EBCoM, as they reach the half way point in their first semester.
- 13 Mo t** for the freedom to teach and preach God's Word. **p** for the EBCoM students and graduates who seek to participate in the growth of God's Kingdom.

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 Tu t** ZEC's wonderful celebrations in September, giving thanks to God for 125 years of mission.



Celebrating 125 years of ZEC.

- 15 We p** for the Chairman Pastor Joe Tsokalida and his deputy Pastor Gerald Malindah as they prayerfully seek God's will for ZEC.
- 16 Th t** many ZEC pastors minister faithfully, despite receiving hardly any support from their congregations (who are often afflicted by poverty).
- 17 Fr p** for Luckwell Mtima and ZEC leaders as they formulate a plan for centralising pastors' stipends.

November

- 18 Sa t** good availability of food this year in Malawi.
- 19 Su t** for Chikwawa ZEC, in southern Malawi, who have started building a pig shelter. **p** that the project would be successful in raising income.
- 20 Mo p** Njidza ZEC near Nsanje in southern Malawi: their new roof was recently blown off by high winds and they have been struggling to repair it.
- 21 Tu t** ZEC's strategic plan, which has leadership and discipleship training among its main priorities.
- 22 We t** ZEC's partners who are helping to deliver training: **zm**, To All Nations and J-Life.
- 23 Th t zm** (Myles MacBean) partnership with To All Nations: they developed culturally appropriate preacher training called 'Preach the Word'.



Students in a breakout group during the Preach the Word seminar.

- 24 Fr p** God would enable ZEC to implement all 16 programmes included in their strategic plan.
- ZEC Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting**
Ps Duncan Ng'oma - North (Mzuzu); Ps Henry Muhiye - Central (Ntcheu); Ps Isaac Mpanga - South (Blantyre).
- 25 Sa p** all three Regional Superintendents as they visit churches and encourage pastors and their congregations alike.
- 26 Su t** the practicalities associated with visiting churches, particularly in the north where the churches are far apart; **p** for their safety.
- 27 Mo p** ZEC is able to provide each Regional Superintendent with a monthly allowance.

- 28 Tu p** for the church in Nkanda near Mchinji in western Malawi, where Smith Malasha is pastor. The church is growing slowly but steadily.
- 29 We p** for Enock Manganya, pastor of Chitipa ZEC. He faces many challenges; his wife Esther has also not been well in recent months.
- 30 Th p** for Ledson Banda and Bolero ZEC (near Rumphu in the north of Malawi) as they look for land to build their church.

December

Fellowship of Youth (FoY), Malawi

Gift Mphongolo, FoY Co-ordinator.

- 1 Fr p** for the young people who choose to spend their time serving and worshipping the Lord.
- 2 Sa t** FoY's focus on biblical discipleship; **p** as a result, they would daily show the fruit of the Spirit.

Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

Millie Jumbe, Chairlady; Temwani Fatchi, Secretary.

- 3 Su t** for the fellowship that was enjoyed by Chiyanjano groups at ZEC's 125th Celebration.
- 4 Mo p** for Mrs Jumbe and Mrs Fatchi as they walk with the Lord to lead ZEC Chiyanjano.
- 5 Tu t** for the women who attend Chiyanjano and seek to deepen their spiritual life.

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda.

- 6 We p** David Nseula, pastor at Chifunga ZEC, searching for fertile land to grow maize for the ODC in time for the 2017/2018 planting season.
- 7 Th p** that the children being supported at the ODC's will be well motivated to work hard at school to help to fulfil their maximum potential.
- 8 Fr t** ZEC were able to repair the ODC roof at Nthorowa themselves.
- 9 Sa t** all the staff who work so hard to show the love of Christ to the children at the ODCs.

ZEC Health & Rural Development

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

- 10 Su p** the patients who attend the health centres would encounter spiritual refreshment and restoration as well as physical healing.

December

- 11 Mo t** the recent opening of the impressive new maternity wing at Mitsidi Health Centre, thanks to support from Norwegian Church Aid.
- 12 Tu t** for the successful harvest of honey earlier in the year at Muluma. **p** that they would continue taking steps to become self sufficient.

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

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

- 13 We t** for all **zm**'s supporters who take the time to pray for the mission and its needs.
- 14 Th p** for wisdom for Trevor Matthews, Chair of Trustees, and those responsible for prayerfully shaping the mission.
- 15 Fr t** for the two church groups that went to Malawi during September and October, led by Dave and Janet Brown.
- 16 Sa p** for our honorary reps as they seek to share the work of **zm** with churches in the UK.
- 17 Su p** for good health of the **zm** UK team and their families.
- 18 Mo t** for all the volunteers from York who help pack and send out our mailings every quarter.
- 19 Tu t** for Richard, Charlotte and Jackie, working in the York office.
- 20 We p** that the Lord would encourage younger supporters to become involved with **zm**.
- 21 Th t** for the life of former **zm** missionary Bill Wilson, who went to be with the Lord in July. Please remember his wife Myra and family in your prayers.
- 22 Fr t** for the service of Stephen Williams who stepped down as representative in November.
- 23 Sa p** for Myles and Ruth MacBean, back in the UK - and representing **zm** in churches.
- River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)**
Leader Ps Mvula Mvula - 40 churches; now 16 pastors
- 24 Su t** new churches at Phirilongwe in Mangochi (central Malawi) and Karonga (north Malawi) were opened in September 2017 as a result of RoLEC's outreach program.