

In Prayer

May – July 2018

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

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

May

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.

- 1 Tu t** our prayers were answered - the flash flooding experienced in Lilongwe in December proved to be an isolated event. Praise the Lord.
- 2 We p** for financial wisdom as ZEC plan to centralise pastors' stipends starting in June, rather than the original date of January.
- 3 Th t zm** have supported a further print run of ZEC's 125th anniversary cloth.
- 4 Fr t** bicycles provided by zm for the pastors' bike challenge in 2017 are now being used by pastors.



Bicycles used in the pastors' bike challenge in 2017

July

- 19 Th p zm** is planning two bookset conferences in 2018: one this month and one in August. However, it is possible that financial constraints affecting zm may cause them to be cancelled.
 - 20 Fr t** the pigs at Mulanje ZEC are growing in number and size!
 - 21 Sa p** the project would soon generate an overall profit, so that the church at Mulanje can commence new projects of their choice.
 - 22 Su t** the late rain that came after January's drought is providing plentiful drinking water.
 - 23 Mo p** for our partners in the Gospel in Malawi: that they would radiate Christ.
 - 24 Tu t** for those who support zm in Malawi.
- #### ZEC Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi
- Millie Jumbe, Chairlady; Temwani Fatchi, Secretary.
- 25 We t** for the training of Chiyanjano ladies that took place in the north of Malawi.
 - 26 Th p** that this training would bear fruit.
 - 27 Fr t** for the vision of Mrs Jumbe and Mrs Fatchi.
- #### ZEC Health & Rural Development
- Ntonda Rural Hospital, plus health centres at Matanda, Mitsidi, Muluma and Nthorowa.
- 28 Sa p** for those providing medical care without the availability of equipment and medication that we have in the UK.
 - 29 Su t** work on mains electrification of the health centre at Nthorowa ZEC is progressing well.
 - 30 Mo p** patients given health care by ZEC would experience spiritual as well as physical healing.
 - 31 Tu t zm** has been able to provide funds to start building new staff houses at Muluma.

July

- 7 Sa p** for regional superintendents Ps Christavo Chambwinja and Ps Raphael Waissone.
- 8 Su t** for ZEC pastors and their families: many will face real hardship in the coming months.
- 9 Mo p** that ordinary church members would be able to support their pastors, despite being in great need themselves.

Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Mozambique

Odetta Hamilton - Co-ordinator.

- 10 Tu p** for Odetta Hamilton, as she co-ordinates the work of Chiyanjano groups in Mozambique.
- 11 We t** for the perseverance, enthusiasm and joy exhibited by the Chiyanjano ladies.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique

Isaac Fainote and Ps Evereson - Co-ordinators.

- 12 Th p** for the young people as they seek ways for God to use them to His glory.
- 13 Fr t** for all of those involved in teaching and discipling the young people.

zambesi mission (zm) in Malawi

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

- 14 Sa t** despite the poor rains, some parts of the country managed to produce maize for harvest.
- 15 Su t** the zm-supported maize farming project at Chipande ZEC produced a reasonably good crop.



Good maize at Chipande is shown on the left and centre; to the right are crops affected by the drought

- 16 Mo p** none of ZEC's ODCs will have harvested enough maize this year to meet their needs.
- 17 Tu t** for Simon, Rose and Mercy as they work with our partners.
- 18 We p** for protection for zm staff as they visit different projects and partners across Malawi.

- 22 Fr p** that the members of Nkaya ZEC would be able to find a suitable meeting place soon.
- 23 Sa t** Enock Mang'anya and his wife Esther are continuing to persevere in Chitipa (north Malawi).
- 24 Su t** foundations have been dug for a church building on land owned by ZEC at Chitipa.
- 25 Mo p** churches in northern Malawi are often far apart, so pastors and churches can feel isolated.
- 26 Tu p** for wisdom for ZEC as they consider their strategy for churchplanting in the north.
- 27 We t** for each of the regional superintendents, responsible for the care of pastors in their area.
- 28 Th t** for pastors who are seeking to glorify God, despite facing many practical and spiritual challenges.
- 29 Fr p** for God to be glorified and for His Kingdom to grow throughout Malawi.
- 30 Sa p** for pastors to be able to reach those from different backgrounds, including Islam.

July

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 Su p** the General Secretary of ZEC in Mozambique has warned that there will be “terrible hunger this year” due to drought.
- 2 Mo p** for the church leaders who are supporting pastors and churches.
- 3 Tu p** for the leadership of ZEC Mozambique, as they seek God's will.
- 4 We t** for those in ZEC churches in Mozambique, as they seek to become more Christ-like.
- 5 Th t** for the freedom Christians have in Mozambique, Malawi and the UK to worship God.

ZEC Mozambique Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

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

- 6 Fr t** Milange ZEC has been assigned a plot of land to build a church, but it is very small. **p** for the government to grant additional land, so that the new church is not constrained.

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May

- 5 **Sa p** for ZEC pastors and their families.
6 **Su p** for effective management of day-to-day issues in the run-up to the synod and leadership elections planned for August.
7 **Mo t** ZEC church plant 'Tiwale' near Blantyre: a young congregation raising money for timber roofing.



ZEC church plant 'Tiwale' near Blantyre

- 8 **Tu p** for the completion of the pig sty at Chikwawa; **p** that they would be able to buy piglets soon.
9 **We p** for all the training courses run by ZEC; **p** for the discipleship courses currently in progress.

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda

- 10 **Th t** the care that so many vulnerable children get at the ODCs run by the Zambezi Evangelical Church.
11 **Fr p** sadly one of the children at Nthorowa died from tuberculosis in February. **p** for his guardians.
12 **Sa t** for the plans the ODCs have to become self-sustaining. **p** that these would be successful.
13 **Su p** that the children attending the ODCs would give their lives to Christ.



Ntonda ODC and Health Centre

May

- 14 **Mo t** for those who work in the ODCs, in circumstances that can often be very challenging.
15 **Tu p** for God to be glorified at all times through the work of the ODCs.

River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

Leader Ps Mvula Mvula - 40 churches; now 16 pastors

- 16 **We p** for the training planned for September at Mbululu for church pastors and elders from the 16 churches in the central region.
17 **Th t** 25 leaders from the southern region took part in training for effective bible study leadership.
18 **Fr t zm** loaned RoLEC funds that enabled them to buy their own patterned 'chitenje' cloth. **p** for sales to be good, so that the church can pay back the loan and keep a small amount of extra income.
19 **Sa p** RoLEC plan to open a secondary school at Chirimba in Blantyre; state school standards are low, with typically one teacher per 100 pupils being the norm.
20 **Su p** for Nice Yobe and Mponda Nyongo, RoLEC students at EBCoM, currently engaged in practical training in the south and central areas respectively.
21 **Mo t** a young RoLEC teacher has mobilised a group in Machinga, ready for churchplanting.
22 **Tu p** for the development and growth of the English service at Chirimba RoLEC, Blantyre.
23 **We p** Pastors Mvula Mvula, Gift Mtintha and Justice Chipwanya arrive in the UK today for a three-week visit. **p** for their visits to **zm**-supporting churches, that God would speak through their preaching and ministry.

Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)

Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Lackson Makawa

- 24 **Th t** that the response of teachers in Bvumbwe school zone (near Blantyre) to CFCM's Bible club training has been positive.
25 **Fr p** that these newly-trained teachers will be inspired to start and run their own Bible clubs.
26 **Sa t** for the gift of drums that help the children to praise and worship God in their Bible clubs.
27 **Su t** CFCM have been carrying out training in five locations in the northern region of Malawi.

- 28 **Mo p** for the CFCM team as they consider how to seek financial support from within Malawi.
29 **Tu t** CFCM's resources, including their 52-lesson Sunday school teaching notes in Chichewa, are proving very popular and helpful.



CFCM resources, including lesson plans, wordless books and memory verse scratch cards

- 30 **We p** for the CFCM team - they give so much of themselves in their quest to train others.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC), Malawi Fellowship of Youth (FoY)

Gift Mphongolo, FoY Co-ordinator.

- 31 **Th t** after an evangelistic campaign, FoY have successfully planted a church at Nkaya in Balaka district (southern region).

June

- 1 **Fr t** for Gift Mphongolo and all the FoY leadership team who help and support him.
2 **Sa t** the vibrancy of FoY. Thousands of young people attend FoY meetings in churches in Malawi every week.
3 **Su p** these young people would be used by God to glorify His Name and extend His Kingdom.
Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)
Principal, Pastor Robert Masikamu; Council Chairman, Pastor Paul Muotcha.
4 **Mo t** various upgrades to EBCoM's facilities have been progressing well.
5 **Tu t** for all those students who are graduating from EBCoM today. **p** for church leaders to have spiritual wisdom as they place them in ministry. **EBCoM graduation today**

June

- 6 **We p** that full approval for EBCoM's national higher education registration would be achieved without any major issues or delays.
7 **Th p** for staff and students affected by poor harvests after low rainfall in January.
8 **Fr p** for new intake interviews held in May.
9 **Sa t zm** currently supports 62 students at EBCoM; **p** they may grow in their understanding.
10 **Su p** for the EBCoM students who are finishing their ministry internships (semester out).
11 **Mo p** for a restful and restorative break for all EBCoM's lecturers over the summer.
UK staff meet today

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

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

- 12 **Tu t** for Richard Brassington, Administrator, who leaves **zm** today to focus on teaching. **p** for him and his family as he begins his next steps. *UK Exec Committee and Trustees meet today*
13 **We t** for **zm's** supporters who pray for the work of the mission.
14 **Th p** for ways that **zm** can encourage younger generations to engage with the mission.
15 **Fr t** for the encouragement that comes from meeting with supporting churches across the UK.
16 **Sa p** for faith and wisdom as **zm** addresses the mission's current financial situation.
17 **Su p** our honorary representative Ralph Gunn's three-year-old granddaughter Ruby has developed leukaemia. **p** for her and her family.
18 **Mo t** for Ruth MacBean, now an honorary representative for **zm** and CFCM specialist.
19 **Tu p** that all the **zm** team would seek to grow in Christ and reflect Him.
20 **We t** for the trustees and executive committee members who devote time and expertise to **zm**.
ZEC Regional Superintendents & Churchplanting
Ps Duncan Ng'oma - North (Mzuzu); Ps Henry Muhiye - Central (Ntcheu); Ps Isaac Mpanga - South (Blantyre).
21 **Th p** that members of the newly-planted Nkaya ZEC will be rooted in Christ and his Word.