zambesi mission in Malawi

30 Jul - 5 Aug

***zm's** Field Director Simon Chikwana (shown here with his wife Edna) underwent treatment in India for a brain tumour earlier this year. We are very thankful that they are now back home.*

SUN 30	Thank God for the excellent treatment Simon received at Manipal Hospital in Bangalore, and for protecting Simon and Edna during that time.
MON 31	Give thanks that Simon has returned to work. Pray that his health will continue to improve, so that he can fully resume his Field Director role.
TUE 1	Praise God for sustaining and guiding our Projects Officer Rose Chirwa. She has been acting Field Director since February.
WED 2	Praise God for the support that **zm** has supplied to pastors, retired pastors and widows who lost their homes and crops during Cyclone Freddy.
THU 3	Thank God that **zm** should be able to offer further food aid to pastors, retired pastors and pastors' widows as the year progresses.
FRI 4	Hunger will be widespread this year, because of the poor harvest and rampant inflation of food costs. Pray that God will provide for His people.
SAT 5	**zm** is planning a self-sustainability workshop with Project Possible in September. Pray that this will help our partners avoid unhelpful dependency.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Malawi

6 - 12 Aug

ZEC Sunday school classes often meet outdoors before the church service starts. In recent years ZEC has been prioritising training for Sunday school teachers.

SUN 6	Pray for this month's synod meetings and particularly the election of new national leaders. Pray that God's will would be done.
MON 7	Pray that there will be unity following the elections and that the new leadership will seek God's guidance and wisdom in all they do.
TUE 8	Give thanks to God for the initiative among women in the Upper and Lower Shire regions to raise funds to support pastors' widows.
WED 9	Pray that God would help the synod office to create some form of pension programme to support retired pastors and widows.
THU 10	Pray that the leadership and teacher training programme for Sunday school teachers will have a positive impact on children's ministry in ZEC.
FRI 11	Thank God for Frank Mikondo's faithful service as Sunday School Coordinator over the past four years, particularly his commitment to training.
SAT 12	Praise God for the wonderful life and ministry of Pastor Kamwendo. He died in his home town of Ntcheu in June, aged 96 years.

ZEC Malawi - Mission and Ministry

13 - 19 Aug

Ps Thokozani Kanjala (pictured with his wife Esmie and baby boy) graduated from EBCoM last October and has recently become pastor of Mlambuzi ZEC in the Central Region.

SUN 13	Give thanks that ZEC works closely with the Evangelical Bible College of Malawi to prepare men and women for ministry in the church.
MON 14	Pray for ZEC's plans to implement a ministry training programme, to coordinate the flow of EBCoM graduates and place them in churches.
TUE 15	Pray that Ps Thokozani Kanjala and his family would quickly settle in at rural Mlambuzi ZEC, and for the church to support them financially.
WED 16	Thank God for the appointment of Ps Matthews Khumaloh at Kalambo ZEC in Lilongwe. Pray for their plans to construct a church building.
THU 17	Praise God for the love and concern Ps James Mulirenji Logah has for his congregation at Nathenje ZEC, not far from the capital Lilongwe.
FRI 18	Praise God that, under Ps Jonathan Sankhulani's ministry, the congregation at Thambani ZEC has recently doubled in size from 50 to 100.
SAT 19	Thank God for Ps Blessings Nyaude's ministry at Mankhamba ZEC and for the support he is receiving from church members.

ZEC Malawi - FoY and Chiyanjano

20 - 26 Aug

Half of Malawi's population is under the age of 18. The Fellowship of Youth (FoY) has a vital role in ZEC churches. Here the FoY choir leads worship at Mankhamba ZEC.

SUN 20	FoY celebrates its 40th anniversary this month. Thank God for all the young people who have been saved through ZEC's youth ministry.
MON 21	Pray that there will be enthusiasm and sufficient funds for the celebrations, so that God's name will be glorified.
TUE 22	Thank God for FoY Coordinator Jimmy Chaona and for the leading role he is playing in planning the 40th anniversary celebrations.
WED 23	Pray that FoY leaders in ZEC churches will live lives of purity and integrity, setting an example for younger believers.
THU 24	The majority of ZEC congregations are composed of women. Thank God for the godly influence of the Chiyanjano Cha Amayi (Women's Fellowship).
FRI 25	Pray that the lives lived out by the Chiyanjano leadership will set a Christ-like example for younger women to follow.
SAT 26	Praise God for the gift of music among the women of Chiyanjano, helping them to express their joy as they sing praises to the Lord.

ZEC Health and Rural Development

27 Aug - 2 Sep

David Nseula is pastor at Chifunga ZEC. He also manages its Orphan Daycare Centre. In June his wife Faith gave birth to twins: a boy and a girl called Gracian and Grace.

SUN 27	Give thanks to God for the safe arrival of twins for Pastor and Mrs Nseula. Pray that Gracian and Grace will remain strong and healthy.
MON 28	Pray for staff in health centres and hospitals across Malawi, who have been stretched to the limit by a government-imposed recruitment ban.
TUE 29	Praise God for the ongoing construction of new semi-detached houses for staff at Nthorowa Health Centre. Progress has been good.
WED 30	Pray for wisdom as Nthorowa evaluates whether to upgrade to become a rural hospital, so that they can treat more patients in their community.
THU 31	Pray for wisdom for ZEC regarding Ntonda Rural Hospital. Its services are under-utilised, due to competition from other good facilities nearby.
FRI 1	Pray for the appointment of a new administrator at Matanda Health Centre. Pray too for plans to replace the faulty borehole pump.
SAT 2	Thank God that prayer, vaccination and health programmes have helped significantly to reduce the number of cholera cases in Malawi.

ZEC Orphan Day Care centres (ODCs)

3 - 9 Sep

zm *is helping ZEC's three Orphan Day Care centres to become self sufficient, so that they have the resources they need to care for the vulnerable children in their community.*

SUN 3	Praise God that the ODC at Nthorowa ZEC has been operating without any supplementary funding from **zm**. Pray that this will be sustained.
MON 4	Pray that all of the ODCs would become sustainable through the success of income generating schemes and good management.
TUE 5	Over 120 children are registered at the ODCs at Ntonda, Nthorowa and Chifunga. Praise God for the opportunity to influence these young lives.
WED 6	Praise God for the pastors and church members who are devoted to caring for the ODC children and teaching them about God.
THU 7	The ODC children return every night to sleep in their guardians' homes. Pray for their protection, and that they will be treated with love and care.
FRI 8	Only a small number of ODC children progress to secondary school. Pray that every child would be motivated to work hard at school.
SAT 9	Thank God for the hundreds of children who have been cared for over the decades that the ODCs have been running.

Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

10 - 16 Sep

*Titus Kuchinji is a 3rd year diploma student. He was initially self-supporting, but fell into arrears in his 2nd year. He was delighted when **zm** agreed to fund his final year course fees.*

SUN 10 Pray for the 53 **zm**-sponsored EBCoM students. Most of them will be sitting their final exams this month.

MON 11 Praise God for the successful workshop and consultation held in June, during which a team drafted up EBCoM's new five year strategic plan.

TUE 12 Thank God that the purpose and core values of the college were at the forefront of all the planning and decision making.

WED 13 Pray that efforts to achieve accreditation by the NCHE will be successful, so that EBCoM can attain national recognition for what it does.

THU 14 Praise God that several part-time lecturers have been released by their churches to become full-time teaching staff at EBCoM.

FRI 15 Give thanks for former lecturer Ruth Guinness's appointment as Educational Advisor at EBCoM. Please pray that her support will bear much fruit.

SAT 16 Pray for former student and lecturer White Zibophe, currently lecturing and studying for a PhD at George Whitefield College in South Africa.

Prayer Focus
EBCoM's strategic plan

EBCoM has changed dramatically since it was founded in 1964. Students were taught in a farmhouse before the college moved to its current home in Blantyre. Today EBCoM operates out of a well-developed campus, teaching courses from certificate to degree level to up to 190 students. But what future direction should the college take and what priorities should it have? How will it maintain an appropriate balance between academic learning and spiritual formation, as it prepares men and women for ministry in the church?

In June, a group of past and present EBCoM staff and students joined council members at a three day workshop to develop the college's new five year strategic plan. Led by external facilitator Macduff Phiri (see photo - seated centre), they built upon an earlier consultation process. EBCoM's mission has remained unchanged, namely: "to train Christian men and women in the knowledge of the Lord and of the Scriptures, together with other relevant subjects, with a view to providing suitable leaders and workers for the Christian Church". The new plan proposes four new objectives, which include infrastructure improvements and NCHE accreditation, but also the exciting plan to set up three regional pastor training hubs. Please pray for God's wisdom and strength as the college applies the finishing touches to its strategic plan and then implements it.

Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)

17 - 23 Sep

In 2022 CFCM visited Chizumulu and Likoma Islands in Lake Malawi, see photo above. They returned in August to provide follow up training to pastors and Sunday school teachers.

SUN 17 Thank God that CFCM conducted a second round of Sunday school teacher training on the islands on Likoma and Chizumulu in August.

MON 18 Pray that CFCM's new island-based volunteer trainers will continue training teachers, so that they can share the Gospel clearly with children.

TUE 19 Praise God for the 38 pastors who attended CFCM's conference at Mchinji in June on "Pastors Investing in Children's Ministry".

WED 20 Please pray that these pastors will now prioritise and champion children's ministry in their churches.

THU 21 Thank God that many children from CFCM's Bible clubs in Phalombe have been helped through the provision of blankets and shelter.

FRI 22 Praise God that CFCM has been able to offer subsidised Bibles at all its training seminars this year.

SAT 23 Pray that this will result in teachers having a deeper understanding of God, His Word, and of how they should live their lives.

River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

24 - 30 Sep

Gift Mtintha has taken over the leadership of River of Life Evangelical Church this year. He is pictured here with his wife Joyce at Chirimba RoLEC in Blantyre.

SUN 24	Pray for Gift Mtintha as he takes over the leadership of RoLEC, that he will be full of the Holy Spirit and of faith (Acts 11:24).
MON 25	Thank God for the newly established RoLEC churches in Malawi and also for their churches in Mozambique and South Africa.
TUE 26	Pray that RoLEC's pastors and churchplanters would continue to live godly lives, so that they can point people to Christ more and more.
WED 27	Give thanks for changed lives in response to the Word of God proclaimed at the Annual Youth Conference in August.
THU 28	Praise God that pastors from RoLEC churches who suffered losses in Cyclone Freddy have been assisted through **zm's** disaster relief programme.
FRI 29	Pray that the young people studying at RoLEC's mission secondary school in Blantyre will grow in their faith, as well as achieve academic success.
SAT 30	Pray that God would provide the means to build another classroom block, library, laboratory and girls' dormitory at the school.

Zambezi Evangelical Church - Mozambique

1 - 7 Oct

Pastors Joao Thupilifa and Zechariah Bulawayo (Chair and General Secretary of ZEC Mozambique) board a taxi to travel home. They took 150 subsidised Chichewa Bibles with them.

SUN 1	Thank God that **zm** was able to offer immediate help to pastors in north eastern Mozambique who lost their homes during Cyclone Freddy.
MON 2	Praise God for the supply of subsidised Bibles in to believers in north western Mozambique. They had been waiting a long time for them.
TUE 3	Mission Director Mike Beresford was refused entry into Mozambique in April. Pray that he will be allowed in next time he tries to visit.
WED 4	Pray that former Chair Pastor Duwe's family will know God's comfort following the death of his son after he suffered severe burns in a fire.
THU 5	Thank God that Pastor Duwe's daughter-in-law survived the fire, but pray for her as she brings up their seven month old baby alone.
FRI 6	Praise God that another former Chair, Ps Dinosse, has recovered well from a snake bite and has not had to have his leg amputated.
SAT 7	Pray that the family of Pastor Million will know God's presence, peace and comfort as they mourn the death of one of their children.

ZEC Mozambique - Mission & Ministry

8 - 14 Oct

Andrew Evaristo has been appointed as a churchplanter in Mozambique. He is pictured here with his wife Angelina at his graduation from EBCoM last October.

SUN 8	Praise God that Narcissio Alfredo Manuel and Andrew Evaristo, who graduated from EBCoM last October, have been ordained as pastors.
MON 9	Narcissio and Andrew both have young families. Pray that they will adjust well to their new situation in Mozambique.
TUE 10	As these men are set apart as churchplanters in Mozambique, pray that they will remain true to the Lord with all their hearts (Acts 11: 23).
WED 11	Thank God that Ps Rafael Waissone has moved to Tete to start ministry at Chingodzi ZEC on the eastern side of the Zambesi River.
THU 12	Pray for wisdom and the leading of the Holy Spirit as ZEC's leadership and its churches consider where new churches should be planted in future.
FRI 13	Pray that God would encourage pastors and their wives; they really feel the strain when they have little or no financial support from their churches.
SAT 14	Thank God that His grace is sufficient, and pray that ZEC pastors across Mozambique will take courage and find their strength in Him.

ZEC Mozambique - FoY and Chiyanjano

15 - 21 Oct

The ZEC Chiyanjano Cha Amayi (Women's Fellowship) held their regional conference at Temba in rural north west Mozambique. It was attended by over 1,000 women.

SUN 15	Pray that the teaching the women received at Temba will have helped build them up as believers and witnesses to Christ.
MON 16	Thank God for the women's leaders and pastors who conducted the teaching and encouraged the women.
TUE 17	Pray for churches where there are few members in the Chiyanjano, that the women will still be encouraged and persevere in their service.
WED 18	Give thanks for the Chiyanjano cloth production project. The rolls were delivered in July and the cloth is now being sold to support ZEC's ministry.
THU 19	Thank God for the work going on among the youth in northern Mozambique through the Fellowship of Youth (FoY) networks.
FRI 20	Thank God for all those young people who are not afraid to stand out from the crowd and be counted as Christ's disciples.
SAT 21	Pray that all the young people in ZEC Mozambique will value God's Word, carefully study it and live by it.

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

22 - 28 Oct

***zm's** former Honorary Representative Ralph Gunn is shown visiting Duya ZEC in Mozambique with Rose Chirwa in 2013. Sadly Ralph died in April after a period of ill health.*

SUN 22	Give thanks to God for the lives and ministry of Ralph Gunn and our former Chair of Trustees Margaret Court who both died in April.
MON 23	Please pray for Honorary Representatives Ruth, Carol, Philip and Johana. Pray that more churches would invite them to share about **zm**.
TUE 24	Mission Director Mike Beresford is planning to retire in August 2024. Give thanks for his commitment to serving God through **zm**.
WED 25	Pray for the mission's Executive committee as they discuss and make decisions about Mike's replacement and **zm's** future structure.
THU 26	Thank God for **zm's** partnership with Project Possible, as together we help our partners to becoming increasingly self-sustaining.
FRI 27	Thank God for **zm's** presence at conferences in England, Scotland and Wales throughout the summer.
SAT 28	Give thanks to God for **zm's** supporters who give so generously to support the mission and our partners' ministry.

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Pastor Mvula Mvula has now stepped down as leader of the River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC). They have approximately 50 churches across Malawi and Mozambique. Pastor Mvula has been its leader since it was founded in 1999. Although Mvula will retain some leadership responsibilities, Pastor Gift Mthinta (see prayer pages for 24 - 30 September) has now taken over Mvula Mvula's former role.

We give thanks to God for Mvula Mvula's passion for reaching the lost and his concern that all believers should grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord as His disciples. Please pray for Mvula and his wife Esther, that the Lord would grant them rest and peace. Pray too for Gift Mthinta as he leads RoLEC in the future.

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