

In Prayer

August - October 2020

“It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way secure.”

2 Samuel 22: 33

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

River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

Leader Ps Mvula Mvula.

- 1 Sa p** that alternative ways might be found to allow RoLEC to continue providing leadership training during the coronavirus pandemic.
- 2 Su p** for God's continuing protection over RoLEC's congregations, especially those in rural areas with limited access to healthcare.
- 3 Mo t** for the RoLEC churches ministering to those in great spiritual and physical need.
- 4 Tu t** the Christian witness at RoLEC's secondary school at Chirimba in Blantyre. **p** for its financial sustainability in these uncertain days.
- 5 We p** Joseph Pius is the pastor at Nsanje RoLEC. His family had 15 goats stolen from their home. **p** that the Lord would encourage them.



Animals are often used to provide financial security. They are preferred by many to a savings account.

October

- 19 Mo t** that the new maternity wing at Nthorowa is now fully operational.
- 20 Tu t** Nthorowa health centre shines the light of Christ out into its mainly Islamic community.
- 21 We t** the maternity services provided at Muluma Health Centre. ZEC staff offer compassion, safety and hope to mothers and babies in this rural area.
- 22 Th p** ZEC are trying to raise the funds to build more much-needed staff houses at Muluma.
- 23 Fr t** for the rural health outreach and education work that each health centre undertakes.
- 24 Sa p** for God's wisdom and guidance for ZEC's recently reformed healthcare governance body.

Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)

Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke and Lackson Makawa.

- 25 Su t** that CFCM's Sunday school teacher training programme has not been disrupted.
- 26 Mo t** two more people have been approved to help train Sunday school teachers. There are now 22 volunteer CFCM trainers around the country.
- 27 Tu t** that these trainers dedicate their free time to help CFCM run more seminars; enabling more children to hear the Gospel at Sunday school.
- 28 We p** CFCM Bible clubs in schools: these were suspended between March and July.
- 29 Th t** CFCM was able to use the time well, by visiting churches, teachers and Bible clubs.
- 30 Fr p** CFCM are planning to run a nursery school called 'Little Lambs'. It will provide excellent childcare and raise income to fund CFCM's work.
- 31 Sa p** for successful fundraising proposals to be written, so that CFCM can be more self-supporting.

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October

- 6 Tu t** for the gospel rallies that have been held everywhere that a ZEC church has been planted.
- 7 We p** the need for Bibles in rural Malawi is still huge. **zm** hopes to distribute 4,000 this year.

ZEC Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Malawi

Jimmy Chaona, FoY Coordinator.

- 8 Th t** for the FoY National Conference held at the end of August at Dombole in central Malawi.
- 9 Fr p** that Jimmy Chaona would know God's spiritual wisdom as he coordinates FoY.
- 10 Sa t** for these young people growing in Christ.
- 11 Su p** for FoY members navigating what it means to be a Christian in a rapidly changing Malawi.



A FoY choir praising God during a Sunday service.

ZEC Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

- 12 Mo t** for the election last month in which new national Chiyanjano leaders were chosen.
- 13 Tu t** for our sisters in Christ in Malawi who are earnestly seeking to become more godly.
- 14 We p** for every one of them to grow in Christ.
- 15 Th t** the Chiyanjano groups are such a source of encouragement to those they minister to.
- 16 Fr p** for women who have been widowed or left by their husbands; they can endure real hardship.

ZEC Health & Rural Development

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

- 17 Sa t** **zm** have provided PPE to ZEC's health centres to help protect staff from COVID-19.
- 18 Su p** for funds to allow **zm's** help to continue as the virus becomes more prevalent in Malawi.

21 Mo t for the mutual support that Christian women in Mozambique provide to each other.

22 Tu t the compassionate role that Chiyanjano women have, caring for the sick and bereaved.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) in Malawi

Chairman, Ps Chimwemwe Kanjirawayaya and his deputy, Ps Joe Tsokalida; General Secretary, Ps James Baisson Phiri and his deputy, Ps Willard Muwalo.

- 23 We t** that ZEC churches have continued to meet and worship during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 24 Th p** for God's protection over ZEC's members, practising hand washing and social distancing.
- 25 Fr t** the vast majority of pastor relocations have now been completed.
- 26 Sa p** for pastors starting in new churches. **p** for God to guide and help them to settle in well.
- 27 Su t** ZEC runs two mission secondary schools at Mitsidi and Mphepho Zinai.
- 28 Mo p** these two schools, as they aim to provide quality education in a Christian environment.

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda.

- 29 Tu t** that ZEC's three **zm**-supported ODCs were able to reopen in July after schools restarted.
- 30 We t** for the ministry at each ODC - the children receive both physical and spiritual food.

October

- 1 Th t** for the success of the Tender Shoots project at Nthorowa, now generating income.
- 2 Fr p** that the electrical cabling for the maize mill at Chifunga would soon be delivered from South Africa, so that the project can be finished.
- 3 Sa p** that Ntonda would be able to develop a workable project to fund the ODC children's care.
- 4 Su t** for good harvests at Nthorowa and Ntonda with plenty of maize stored up for the children.

ZEC Regional Superintendents & Churchplanting

Isaac Mpanga - Upper and Lower Shire, Henry Muhiye - Eastern Malawi, Austin Njobvu - Central Malawi, Laston Musisi - South Lake Malawi, Samuel Chiyambeni - Northern Malawi.

- 5 Mo t** nine new churches have been planted in Malawi, many are in areas dominated by Islam.

August

- 6 **Th t** that RoLEC pastors and church members are passionate about preaching the gospel.
- 7 **Fr t** for the six RoLEC churchplanters that **zm** is currently supporting at Lilongwe, Salima, Karonga, Mbululu, Chinguwo and Nsanje.
- 8 **Sa p** Allan Gomani is the churchplanter at Chinguwo, preaching Christ crucified into the local animistic culture.

Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

Principal, Pastor Robert Masikamu; Council Chairman, Pastor Willard Muwalo.

- 9 **Su t** that EBCoM reopened on 13th July after being closed as a result of coronavirus since March.
- 10 **Mo p** that those students whose training has been disrupted by the virus would not be discouraged.
- 11 **Tu p** for knowledge of God's will, as graduating students are called to a place of ministry.
- 12 **We p** EBCoM is implementing a major restructuring plan, as it seeks to be financially viable and sustainable.
- 13 **Th p** for those staff who are stepping down from their roles at the college - that God would guide them and continue to bless them.
- 14 **Fr p** for wisdom as EBCoM plans its curriculum and programme for the next academic year.

ZEC Synod Meeting scheduled from today until Sunday

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

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

- 17 **Mo t** all our UK staff have been able to work from home and remain in good health.
- 18 **Tu t** for the technology that has allowed us to speak at some church meetings virtually from home.
- 19 **We p** for the Executive Committee as they finalise the mission's five year strategy.
- 20 **Th p** for watchfulness, prayerfulness and flexibility as the mission faces rapidly changing circumstances in the UK and in Malawi and Mozambique.

- 21 **Fr t** for **zm's** supporters' faithful prayers.
- 22 **Sa p** for God to raise up new representatives - they are badly needed in several parts of the UK.
- 23 **Su p** for wisdom and a smooth transition as we make plans to resume working in our York office.
- 24 **Mo t** for unheralded volunteers Alan Gunn and Ruth Cresswell, who host and update **zm's** website.
- 25 **Tu p** for effectiveness in using social media to help more people engage with the work of **zm**.

zambesi mission (zm) in Malawi

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

- 26 **We t** all our staff in Malawi are in good health.
- 27 **Th t** for the peaceful rerun of the presidential elections that were held in June.
- 28 **Fr p** that new president Lazarus Chakwera will unite the people of Malawi and work tirelessly for the benefit of the entire population.
- 29 **Sa p** coronavirus is spreading more rapidly in Malawi - at the end of June there were 1265 confirmed cases and sadly 16 deaths.
- 30 **Su p** for Malawi's health services as they tackle the virus, alongside other deadly killers such as malnutrition, HIV, TB and malaria.
- 31 **Mo t** churches can still meet during the COVID-19 outbreak, provided that they have hand washing, social distancing and fewer than 100 people.

September

- 1 **Tu t** the new pastor's house at Nanlaku ZEC is ready for use, thanks to gifts from **zm's** supporters. The original building was destroyed in Cyclone Idai.



The new pastor's house at Nanlaku ZEC

September

- 2 **We p** for grace and wisdom for our Malawian staff as they respond to our partners' requests.
- 3 **Th t** the harvest earlier this year was generally good, so widespread hunger has been averted.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) in Mozambique

Chairman Joao Thupilifa and his deputy Benjamin Savanthenga; General Secretary Zakariya Bulawayo and his deputy David Waite; Treasurer Ernest Sakwiya.

- 4 **Fr t** Mozambique has (so far) been spared the worst ravages of coronavirus. On 1st July there had been 903 confirmed cases and six deaths.
- 5 **Sa p** for ZEC's leaders as they discern how best to navigate COVID-19 restrictions and concerns.
- 6 **Su p** there have been reports that those suspected of having coronavirus face discrimination or the threat of violence.
- 7 **Mo t** for **zm's** Word for Word scheme. Our aim is to distribute 1,000 Bibles in Mozambique this year. There is real hunger there for God's Word.



Most ZEC churches in Mozambique are in rural areas, where it is almost impossible to buy a Bible.

- 8 **Tu t** for the group of churches from the area around Beira that joined ZEC in 2018.
- UK Trustees and Executive Committee meet virtually today*
- 9 **We t** **zm** have been able to provide a further 22 bicycles to support ZEC pastors in their ministry.
- UK staff meet virtually today*
- 10 **Th p** there has been Islamic insurgency in north eastern Mozambique. **p** for God to protect His people from this threat.

September

Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique

Francisco Fanuel Khumayo - Coordinator.

- 11 **Fr p** for Francisco Khumayo as he interacts with and encourages the dispersed FoY leaders.
- 12 **Sa t** that the young people who participate in FoY groups have such a vibrant faith in Jesus.
- 13 **Su t** that the FoY groups are at the forefront of ZEC's evangelistic activities in Mozambique.
- 14 **Mo p** for God to raise up new leaders through FoY, including some called into full-time ministry.

ZEC Mozambique Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

Regional Superintendents: Ps Jamieson Midiasi - West; Ps Joachim Lihama - East.

- 15 **Tu t** despite the current restrictions, ZEC has just planted ten new churches in Mozambique.
- 16 **We t** for the willingness of each churchplanter to travel and live in remote or difficult places.
- 17 **Th p** for God to enable these men to preach the Word in season and out of season.
- 18 **Fr t** despite still not having a building, the church plant at Moatize is thriving.



Moatize ZEC gathers to worship in a temporary shelter

- 19 **Sa p** for Joachim Lihama: he is churchplanting at Molumbo and a Regional Superintendent.

ZEC Mozambique Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship)

Coordinator Ruth Smart and her deputy Odetta Joao.

- 20 **Su p** for Odetta Joao as she continues to learn from Chiyanjano Coordinator Ruth Smart.