



zambesi mission
and His church in Malawi and northern Mozambique

In Prayer

August - October 2021

“May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say “The Lord be exalted”” (Psalm 40: 16)

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

zambesi mission (zm) in Malawi

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

August

- 1 Su t** that the first of **zm's** two summer bookset conferences was held last month in Mzuzu.
- 2 Mo t** for the team delivering the teaching at the bookset conferences: Simon Chikwana, Luckwell Mtima, Connex Ijalasi and Gift Mphongolo.
- 3 Tu p** for final preparations for the Nkhotakota conference planned between 9th and 13th August.
- 4 We t** for enthusiasm for next month's 'refresher' conference at Zalewa (6th to 10th September).
- 5 Th p** lack of Bibles in churches has a severe impact on teaching, particularly in rural areas.
- 6 Fr t** that **zm** has been able to resume its distribution of subsidised Bibles.



zm's Field Director Simon Chikwana with Pastor Jafelo Balalika, distributing Bibles at Limbuli ZEC

- 7 Sa p** for protection from the ongoing threat of COVID in Malawi, where few have been vaccinated.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Malawi

Chairman, Ps Chimwemwe Kanjirawaya; General Secretary, Ps James Baisson Phiri

- 8 Su p** for vision and unity at the Synod meetings planned between 19th and 21st August at Mitsidi.
- 9 Mo p** that pastors will find great refreshment and encouragement from their fellowship together.
- 10 Tu t** that Willard Muwalo continues to make progress at home, recovering from a stroke.

- 11 We p** that retired pastors, wives and widows will be supported by the church.
 - 12 Th t** that Stella Masoamphambe (Lameck's widow) has moved to Sigerege to be closer to family.
 - 13 Fr t** that Stella is now training to be a 'Homecraft Worker' (Health Visitor) with support from **zm**.
 - 14 Sa p** that Regional Superintendent Isaac Mpanga makes a full recovery after being involved in a serious motorbike accident in May.
- ### ZEC Malawi - Mission and Ministry
- 15 Su t** that Djenga ZEC has grown to 30 members under Pastor Harold Dangaya's ministry.



Harold and Ellen Dangaya, former EBCoM students

- 16 Mo p** that the members at Chitipa ZEC will support Pastor Leonard Kingwell Banda's financial needs.
- 17 Tu t** that the church at Chitipa now has 23 members and their own church building.
- 18 We t** that, under Matthews Ndau's ministry, the ZEC church at Nyungwe is vibrant and purposeful. They have also constructed a new church building.
- 19 Th t** that Roderick Chiwaya is building up Karonga ZEC. Its members are committed to building a house for him and his family.
- 20 Fr p** for endurance and perseverance for Pastor Masida Kapira at Chintheche ZEC. This is a small church of only nine members and it is proving difficult to grow the church.
- 21 Sa t** for churchplanter Andrew Kamwamba at the newly planted Nkhata Bay ZEC. Its 15 members are meeting in a disused hospital building.
- 22 Su t** for Lifred Madeya's churchplanting ministry at Lemani ZEC in Phalombe District.
- 23 Mo p** for Lifred Madeya's health, as he works patiently and tirelessly to disciple others.

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda

- 24 Tu t** for a good harvest of maize, rice and groundnuts to supply the ODC at Nthorowa.
- 25 We p** that the rice mill self-sufficiency project at Nthorowa would shortly be up and running.
- 26 Th p** that Chifunga's maize mill will soon have a power supply, to support the children's care.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY)

Pastor Jimmy Chaona, FoY Coordinator

- 27 **Fr t** for the rescheduled National FoY Conference taking place this weekend at Ntcheu.
- 28 **Sa p** that everyone attending the conference will be strengthened by the teaching and empowered to be good witnesses among their peers.
- 29 **Su p** for safety as all the young people return home at the end of the conference today.
- 30 **Mo t** for the good fellowship that is enjoyed among so many FoY groups across the country.
- 31 **Tu p** that the young people remain focussed on outreach, discipleship and Bible teaching.

September

- 1 **We t** that the health of Malawi's young people has been largely unaffected by coronavirus.

ZEC Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

Margaret Chodzi - Coordinator; Madalo Khoza - Chair

- 2 **Th p** for unity of purpose among Chiyanjano leaders, from the members of the National Committee down to the leaders at church level.
- 3 **Fr t** that the National Committee plan to deliver training to all Chiyanjano leaders.
- 4 **Sa p** for guidance concerning a visit to support ZEC churches in Zimbabwe this year.
- 5 **Su p** for the Chiyanjano Conference in October.
- 6 **Mo p** that funding for new 'chitenje' cloth will be raised in time for the conference.
- 7 **Tu t** for the strong Chiyanjano group at Nkhotakota ZEC, with 40 members.

ZEC Health & Rural Development

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

- 8 **We p** for wisdom regarding a possible new ZEC health centre at Dzinthenge in the Lower Shire.
- 9 **Th p** for continued protection of clinical staff from the current third wave of COVID-19.
- 10 **Fr t** that **zm** has been able to deliver ongoing supplies of PPE for ZEC's healthcare workers.

Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

Principal, Gift Mphongolo; Council Chairman, Pastor Willard Muwalo

- 11 **Sa t** that the wives' course, currently being run between semesters at EBCoM, is providing good teaching for all wives of final year students.



Wives and their children at EBCoM

- 12 **Su p** for the ongoing recruitment of full-time staff, to reduce the need for part-time tutors.
- 13 **Mo p** that the duplex house project will soon be completed and start generating rental income.
- 14 **Tu t** for Principal Mphongolo's efforts to ensure that EBCoM maintains the right balance between spiritual formation and academic achievement.
- 15 **We p** that the college will be able to remain financially sustainable.
- 16 **Th t** for the 30 churches and individuals who are supporting 69 students at EBCoM this year through **zm's** sponsorship scheme.
- 17 **Fr p** that the staff interviewing next year's students will be able to discern the men and women with true calling and potential.
- 18 **Sa p** for the successful completion of this academic year in October.

Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)

Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Lackson Makawa

- 19 **Su t** for the encouragement of the Nkhata Bay refresher course for volunteer trainers.



CFCM staff and trainers relax at Nkhata Bay

- 20 **Mo t** for the work of volunteer trainer Blessings Kachale. He is wholeheartedly establishing Bible clubs and training teachers in Ruhono.
- 21 **Tu t** for the growth of Bible clubs at Ruhono following the CFCM Easter 5-day club.
- 22 **We t** that the teachers at Ruhono have all received Tumbuka Bibles.
- 23 **Th p** that those who came to faith at Ruhono (both children and teachers) will grow in their knowledge of the Lord and His Word.
- 24 **Fr p** for Elevate, Joseph and Lackson as they encourage Sunday school teachers who are struggling and despondent.
- 25 **Sa p** for ongoing attempts to raise awareness of CFCM in the UK, to widen its support network.

River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

Leader Ps Mvula Mvula

- 26 **Su t** for the RoLEC churches located across the south west Malawian border in Mozambique.
- 27 **Mo t** for the recent Sunday school teacher training programme, delivered to all pastors and teachers in RoLEC churches in Mozambique.
- 28 **Tu p** that this training will bear fruit and that children will be won for Christ.

- 29 **We t** for the women in RoLEC churches, who form the majority of the membership.
- 30 **Th t** for the Women's Conference in August entitled "Knowing the Times and Seasons".
p that the teaching will have an enduring impact on those who attended and their churches.

October

- 1 **Fr p** for the RoLEC outreach programme to the northern region, where they currently have only one church.
- 2 **Sa t** for the teaching on doctrinal issues that Mvula Mvula delivered to leaders at Mbululu in July. **p** that the Lord will open the hearts of the leaders to more deeply understand the Bible.
- 3 **Su p** for safety as Mvula Mvula travels, and for good interactions with other church leaders.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Mozambique

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

- 4 **Mo t** for God's timely provision of **zm's** leadership training.
- 5 **Tu t** for the 57 leaders who attended the training in Ntcheu and Phalombe in May.
- 6 **We p** that this training will have revived the leaders' spiritual lives and their sense of calling.
- 7 **Th t** that attendees found the course relevant, applicable and provided them with much-needed management skills.
- 8 **Fr p** that Christlike leadership will result, as these pastors and other church leaders watch their own lives and doctrine closely (1 Tim 4: 16).
- 9 **Sa p** for spiritual wisdom for ZEC's leaders as they discern God's plans for their churches.
- 10 **Su t** for **zm's** partnership with J-Life Ministries. Its leader Connex Ijalasi helped with the training.



Pastor Connex Ijalasi training Mozambican leaders

- 11 **Mo t** that there is enthusiasm and a desire for further training.
- 12 **Tu t** that God spared the life of Regional Superintendent Joachim Lihama, who was recently involved in a motorbike accident. Thankfully he sustained only minor injuries.

ZEC Mozambique - Mission and Ministry

- 13 **We t** for the sustained and faithful ministry of Joshua Misomali at Milange ZEC.
- 14 **Th p** for God's protection on Mario and Esnart Mphaliwa in the early stages of churchplanting at Chitsulo.

- 15 **Fr t** for the committed and sacrificial lives of pastors ministering in very difficult circumstances.
- 16 **Sa p** that pastors will dedicate themselves wholly to their work.
- 17 **Su p** that they will not turn back, having put their hand to the plough (Luke 9: 62).
- 18 **Mo t** for the 11 new churches ZEC has planted in Mozambique in the past two years.
- 19 **Tu p** that churches will build pastors' houses close by, so that pastors can minister more effectively and frequently.

Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Mozambique

Coordinator Ruth Smart and her deputy Odetta Joao

- 20 **We p** that leaders Ruth Smart and Odetta Joao will know God's guiding hand.
- 21 **Th t** for the comfort that the women's visitation ministry brings.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique

Coordinator Francisco Fanuel Khumayo

- 22 **Fr p** that FoY leaders would continue to model Christlike behaviour amongst the young people.
- 23 **Sa t** that FoY groups are at the forefront of evangelistic work in ZEC churches in Mozambique.

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

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

- 24 **Su t** for **zm's** strategic priorities: gospel-preaching, disciple-making, Christlike leadership, sustainability and inter-dependent partnerships.
- 25 **Mo p** for new Honorary Representatives to be found in Wales, northern England and Scotland.
- 26 **Tu p** that Honorary Representative Carol Fernandez would know God's peace and comfort, following the death of her mother in May.
- 27 **We p** that the easing of government restrictions in the UK would permit **zm** to attend more church meetings and services in the latter part of 2021.
- 28 **Th t** for the spiritual bond between **zm's** partners in Malawi and our supporters in the UK.
- 29 **Fr p** for wisdom as we help our partners to become more self-sustaining and less dependent.
- 30 **Sa p** that planned modifications to *In Prayer* will make it more informative and useful to our wonderful prayer supporters.
- 31 **Su t** for the opportunity to share about the work of **zm** at summer conferences in Keswick and Llandrindod Wells and for new contacts made.

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