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zambesi mission

and His church in Malawi and northern Mozambique

IN**PRAYER**

FEB to APR 2022

zambesi mission in Malawi

30 Jan - 5 Feb

*Getting God's Word into the hands of believers remains one of **zm's** priorities. Our staff make frequent visits to the Bible Society of Malawi to replenish stocks for distribution.*

SUN 30 Give thanks to God for Field Director Simon Chikwana's godly discernment, as he heads up **zm's** work in Malawi.

MON 31 Thank God for Rose Chirwa's work, coordinating the projects that **zm** runs, especially those that support ZEC's Orphan Daycare Centres.

TUE 1 Pray for Mercy Carlos, **zm's** Field Administrator. She is preparing for her final exams in Business Management and Entrepreneurship in June.

WED 2 The rains started late in December. Please pray for consistent steady rainfall during this growing season, so that a good harvest is produced.

THU 3 Thank God that **zm** has been able to keep supplying PPE to health centres and subsidised Bibles to church members.

FRI 4 Pray for **zm** as we work with our partners to raise awareness about good safeguarding practice and improve their working procedures.

SAT 5 Give thanks that **zm** provides bicycles for our partners' church pastors, so that they can visit far flung church members more easily.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Malawi

6 - 12 February

ZEC's Children's Department is aiming to train every Sunday school teacher in Malawi - even those in smaller churches, like this one at Namadzi ZEC near Zomba.

SUN 6	Pray for the work of Regional Superintendents Henry Muhiye, Austin Njobvu, Isaac Mpanga, Laston Musisi and Samuel Chiyambeni.
MON 7	Thank God for their willingness to get alongside pastors in all circumstances, helping to fan into flame the gift of God that is in them (2 Tim. 1: 6).
TUE 8	Pray that they will have the grace to "warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone" (1 Thess. 5: 14).
WED 9	Praise God for Isaac Mpanga's remarkable recovery from a motorbike accident last May, such that he is now able to resume his duties.
THU 10	Praise God for the Children's Department's programme of Sunday school teacher training, led by coordinator Frank Mikondo.
FRI 11	Pray for Frank's plans to travel with Samuel Chiyambeni to churches in the northern region next month to train Sunday school teachers.
SAT 12	The Children's Department is planning to create a handbook to guide Sunday school teachers: please pray for the resources that are needed.

ZEC Health and Rural Development

13 - 19 February

COVID has not prevented ongoing development at ZEC's Muluma Health Centre. Work started there at the end of 2021, moulding concrete blocks for two new staff houses.

SUN 13 Thank God that zm is able to support ZEC as it responds to the considerable physical and health needs of communities all around Malawi.

MON 14 Pray for those who run the facilities at ZEC's five health centres at Ntonda, Matanda, Mitsidi, Nthorowa and Muluma.

TUE 15 Thank God for the Christian staff in these health centres, who offer spiritual life to patients as well as bringing physical healing.

WED 16 Pray for the recruitment of more staff at the clinics; many qualified staff are drawn to urban hospitals with better salaries and facilities.

THU 17 Thank God that work has started on a much-needed second pair of duplex (semi-detached) staff houses at Muluma.

FRI 18 Pray for the resources needed to resolve the solar lighting problem at Muluma Health Centre, so that babies can be safely delivered at night.

SAT 19 Give thanks that Stella, wife of the late Lameck Masoamphambe, is now training as a homecraft worker at St. Luke's Anglican Hospital.

Prayer Focus
ZEC's vital healthcare work

ZEC runs five health centres in Malawi: one is at Mitsidi on the outskirts of Blantyre; Nthorowa is in a remote part of central eastern Malawi near Liwonde. The other three, Ntonda, Muluma and Matanda, are clustered around Ntcheu in central Malawi.

Centres like these have been crucial to Malawi's recent health progress. Between 1990 and 2017 under-five infant mortality declined from 246 to 46 deaths per 1,000 live births. Similarly, during the same period, maternal mortality dropped from 1,100 to 349 deaths per 100,000 live births. 40% of healthcare services in Malawi are provided by churches like ZEC. These services are often provided in remote rural areas. Distance to the nearest health centre is a key factor that needs to be addressed in order to make further reductions in what are still high levels of maternal mortality. ZEC, supported by the Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM) and partners like **zm**, will need to be at the heart of these future improvements.

ZEC's healthcare work is also a vital part of its mission outreach. For example, at Nthorowa, the majority of people who live in the surrounding area are Muslims. Will you please pray for ZEC as it seeks to deliver high quality healthcare to their local community. Pray also for ZEC's healthcare staff at each centre. They are God's missionaries in Malawi today.

Data sources: The Lancet and unicef

ZEC Malawi - FoY and Chiyanjano

20 - 26 February

Over 3,000 young people from across Malawi attended the National Youth Conference in Dombole in November 2021. Here one of the Fellowship of Youth choirs leads worship.

SUN 20 Praise God that the National Youth Conference went ahead - and that it was an inspiring time of refreshment, learning, fellowship and worship.

MON 21 Pray that the teaching received will continue to impact the lives of the youth, as they remember and reflect upon it.

TUE 22 Thank God that FoY groups are using sports such as football and netball as a means to reach youth outside the church with the Gospel.

WED 23 Pray that leaders at all levels within the Fellowship of Youth will remain focused and continue to serve the youth diligently.

THU 24 Thank God for pastors who give Biblical teaching to the ladies of the Chiyanjano, to strengthen them spiritually for the challenges that they face.

FRI 25 Pray that all members of the Chiyanjano groups will be devoted to the Lord and to his people and fully committed to their churches.

SAT 26 Pray for Margaret Chodzi and Madalo Khoza, the national leaders of ZEC Chiyanjano, as they encourage women to trust in God's sufficiency.

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

27 Feb - 5 March

God wants the church to care for widows and orphans (James 1: 27). There are over one million orphans in Malawi. These orphans are receiving food at Chifunga ODC.

SUN 27	Thank God that the ODCs provide care five days a week, including food, clothing, healthcare and Bible teaching.
MON 28	Pray that the orphans, who usually live with their extended family, will be treated with love and compassion in their homes.
TUE 1	Pray for a good harvest of soya beans and groundnuts at Ntonda, to provide for the children at the ODC there.
WED 2	Praise God that former children from the ODCs have returned to give thanks for the care they received, bringing gifts for the current orphans.
THU 3	Thank God for Pastor David Nseula at Chifunga, who is capably overseeing the ODC and the income generating scheme that supports it.
FRI 4	Give thanks that the operation of the maize mill at Chifunga should soon make this ODC self-sustaining.
SAT 5	Pray that ESCoM will soon provide power to the rice mill at Nthorowa, so that both maize and rice mills will be generating income to run the ODC.

ZEC Malawi - Mission and Ministry

6 - 12 March

ZEC churches in the cities are reaching out into rural areas to plant new churches. This photo shows Felix and Maggie Mkomwa with their new congregation at Chisombezi ZEC.

SUN 6 Praise God for the evangelistic outreach of Chipata ZEC in Blantyre last year. This led to a new rural church being planted at Chisombezi.

MON 7 Pray for Felix and Maggie Mkomwa who are leading this new work at Chisombezi ZEC, that they will have boldness to be faithful to Jesus.

TUE 8 Thank God for the church planted at Nkando last year by Kabula ZEC in Blantyre. Pray that the Gospel will bear fruit and grow in this rural area.

WED 9 Thank God that Mlambuzi ZEC, planted 11 years ago by Kabwabwa ZEC in Lilongwe, thrives under the ministry of Matthews and Emily Khumaloh.

THU 10 Many of these rural churchplants are in locations where African Traditional Religion wields a strong influence. Pray against Satan's opposition.

FRI 11 Thank God for all His servants who are shining the light of Christ in dark places, trusting in God who is their Shield and Refuge.

SAT 12 Pray that Bible trained pastors will be able to prevent their congregations from reverting to animistic cultural practices during times of crisis.

Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

13 - 19 March

Mozambican student Anabella Vasco receives her Certificate from Bishop Francis Kamoto, the Vice Chair of EBCoM's Council, under the watchful eye of Principal Gift Mphongolo.

SUN 13 Thank God for the hundreds of pastors, church workers and evangelists who have graduated from EBCoM since it was established in 1964.

MON 14 Pray for all the students who graduated in November 2021, as they wait to be assigned to churches.

TUE 15 Pray that all EBCoM's former students will maintain their spiritual stand and work for the glory of God.

WED 16 **zm** is sponsoring a record number of first year students this year. Give thanks for **zm's** supporters whose generosity enables this.

THU 17 Thank God for the Extension Course which allows students in employment to come to the college on two Saturdays each month for training.

FRI 18 Thank God that the new duplex house in the college grounds has started generating rental income to help cover EBCoM's operating costs.

SAT 19 Pray that God will continue to give the Principal and all the staff the strength and grace to be able to teach and guide the students into truth.

Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)

20 - 26 March

Memorising Scripture is an important part of a CFCM Bible club. Here Ruth MacBean, Elevate Mizinga and Joseph Jeke teach children the day's memory verse at Phalombe.

SUN 20 Thank God for the strong Bible clubs that are being run by CFCM volunteers in Phalombe, where hundreds of children are coming to Christ.

MON 21 Thank God for the Chikweu Christmas party for 153 children. It was wonderful that they visited the local hospital as part of their celebrations.

TUE 22 Thank God for the new initiative to run a Pastors' Conference in Phalombe, encouraging them to prioritise children's work in their churches.

WED 23 Pray for wisdom as the team assesses the effectiveness of this initiative and considers whether to hold similar events in future.

THU 24 Pray that many children will come to Christ at the Easter 5-day club in Karonga, and that local Bible clubs will be strengthened as a result.

FRI 25 Thank God that CFCM has been able to help some children from child-headed families to complete their schooling.

SAT 26 Thank God for the good numbers attending CFCM teacher training seminars, where they are equipped in explaining the Gospel to children.

River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

27 March - 2 April

The Sunday congregation at Nsanje RoLEC: it is in the Lower Shire region, where it can be blisteringly hot with little or no rainfall. But its topography also makes it prone to flooding.

SUN 27 Thank God for the RoLEC churches ministering to those in great spiritual and physical need.

MON 28 Thank God for Mvula Mvula's commitment to the pastors he leads. Pray that God will give him strength and joy in his role.

TUE 29 Pray for Joseph Pius as he ministers at Nsanje, that he will not become weary of doing good and that the harvest of souls will be plentiful.

WED 30 Pray for Allan Gomani who leads the churchplant at Chinguwo, that God's compassion for people will grow in his heart.

THU 31 Pray that all the children and young people who attend RoLEC churches will be well taught and set a godly example by their leaders.

FRI 1 Give thanks for the Christian witness at RoLEC's secondary school at Chirimba in Blantyre. Their new classroom block is nearly finished.

SAT 2 Pray that all RoLEC's leadership and discipleship training programmes planned for this year will be timely and fruitful.

Zambezi Evangelical Church - Mozambique

3 - 9 April

The north west Mozambican countryside adjacent to Malawi is beautiful. It is a fertile area that produces maize, potatoes, beans and cabbages, mostly for sale in Malawi's cities.

SUN 3 Pray for a successful harvest in Mozambique, so that church members will not go hungry and will also be able to support their pastors properly.

MON 4 Thank God for the Mozambican students currently studying at EBCoM, preparing to preach and teach God's Word in their home country.

TUE 5 Thank God for Rafael Waissone who is studying for a Diploma in Theology in Maputo. Pray that his studies will benefit the church to God's glory.

WED 6 Give thanks for Joachim Lihama, Superintendent for the east, praying for safety and good health as he travels long distances to visit churches.

THU 7 Pray that the General Secretary and all the Synod leaders will be inspired by God to make wise and appropriate plans for the church.

FRI 8 Pray that the administrative training **zm** provided in 2021 will help ZEC in Mozambique to operate and coordinate their activities more effectively.

SAT 9 Please pray for more COVID vaccines to be made available in Mozambique. The proportion who have been vaccinated is very small.

ZEC Mozambique - Mission & Ministry

10 - 16 April

*Some pastors communicate with **zm** using WhatsApp. Pastor Steven Jose regularly sends updates from Moatise ZEC, including this clip from a video of their Sunday worship.*

SUN 10 Give thanks for the devotion of churchplanters and their wives, often living in remote areas with little support or fellowship.

MON 11 Pray for Mario Mphariwa, churchplanter at Chitsulo ZEC in north east Mozambique. He needs God's strength and wisdom.

TUE 12 Give thanks that Chitsulo ZEC have obtained land to build a church. Pray that the members will be encouraged and give God the glory.

WED 13 Pray for Joshua Misomali and Milange ZEC, working hard to construct their church building. Pray for the members' spiritual growth as well.

THU 14 Thank God for the ministry of Stephen Jose at Moatize ZEC in north west Mozambique. He has spiritually strong members in his congregation.

FRI 15 "*Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God*" (1 Pet. 3: 18). On Good Friday let us give thanks together.

SAT 16 Pray for Khoromana ZEC, making every effort to roof their church. Pray that God's work in their hearts will also be brought to completion.

ZEC Mozambique - FoY and Chiyanjano

17 - 23 April

Although it was Monday, the Chiyanjano choir at Mwanjete ZEC praised God with joy and exuberance. The photo sums up the vibrant life you see in most ZEC churches.

SUN 17 "*He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay*" (Matt. 28: 6). Happy Easter!

MON 18 Thank God for the desire of Chiyanjano ladies to praise the Lord, and be a means of blessing and encouragement to church members and visitors.

TUE 19 Pray for Chiyanjano groups who have few members, that they will not lose heart but will strive to love and serve God all the more.

WED 20 Pray for Fellowship of Youth Coordinator Francisco Khumayo as he interacts with and encourages the dispersed FoY leaders.

THU 21 Thank God for the weekly Bible studies, teaching, prayer, worship and witness run by local FoY groups.

FRI 22 Thank God for the enthusiasm of FoY members for evangelism among their peers. Pray that they will be well equipped and empowered for this.

SAT 23 Pray that both the ZEC women and the youth will conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ (Phil. 1: 27).

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

24 - 30 April

It has been a long time since Field Director Simon Chikwana visited the UK. Making room for God to speak to supporters through Malawian Christians is a key part of ***zm's*** *ministry.*

SUN 24 Thank God that most churches are meeting in person again and that **zm** staff can visit and share what God is doing among our partners.

MON 25 Pray that in 2022 travel between UK and Malawi will be easier, with no sudden or unexpected changes in regulations.

TUE 26 Pray for wisdom as **zm** plans for visits from Malawian staff and partners this summer.

WED 27 Give thanks that Ruth MacBean was able to visit Malawi last November, despite unexpectedly having to quarantine in a hotel on her return.

THU 28 Pray for Johana Steel as she settles in to her role as representative in Scotland and builds relationships with churches in her area.

FRI 29 Thank God for **zm's** Trustees and Executive Committee, who give of their time and expertise to help direct the mission.

SAT 30 Please continue to pray for Ruth Folayan as she recovers from her cancer treatment. May God uphold the whole family.

Cover Photo:

Our front cover shows ZEC Regional Superintendent Isaac Mpanga outside **zm's** office in Blantyre. ZEC Malawi has four superintendents besides Isaac. They are: Henry Muhiye, Austin Njobvu, Laston Musisi and Samuel Chiyambeni. Each has a vital role to play in visiting and encouraging the ZEC pastors and churches in their region.

Isaac is a tireless servant. Almost every Sunday he would travel to a different church in the Upper and Lower Shire. But Malawi's roads are very dangerous. Sadly, as Isaac was taking another pastor back home on his motorbike, they were hit by a fast-moving car. Whilst his passenger escaped with minor injuries, Isaac's leg was broken badly. We praise God that, as the photo shows, Isaac has recovered well. Let's give thanks to God for His mercy in preserving Isaac's life and ministry.

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