

In Prayer

February – April 2018

“Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.” James 5:13.

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

February
Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)
Principal, Pastor Robert Masikamu; Council Chairman, Pastor Paul Muotcha.

- 1 Th p** for all students settling back in to study after the Christmas break.
- 2 Fr t** for those ‘from all nations’, including Malawi, who serve God as lecturers at EBCoM.



EBCoM students take part in open air evangelism

- 3 Sa p** for good health for all staff and students; and their families.
- 4 Su p** Robert Yanduya, former Academic Dean, is studying for a Master’s degree in Evangelical Theology in Amsterdam. **p** for him as he continues to adjust to a very different culture.
- 5 Mo p** for successful implementation and management of EBCoM’s five year strategic plan.

- April**
- 18 We p** for the CFCM team as they look for ways to support and encourage the new Bible club leaders in many different locations.
 - 19 Th p** praise God that there are now ten Bible clubs established around Phalombe (SE Malawi).
 - 20 Fr p** for spiritual guidance as the team try to find an effective income generating scheme.
- zambesi mission (zm) in Malawi**
Simon Chikwana (Field Director), Rose Chirwa (Projects Officer), Mercy Carlos (Field Administrator)
- 21 Sa p** for God’s guidance and direction in the work of Simon, Rose and Mercy.
 - 22 Su t** the rains so far this year have been good. **p** for consistent rainfall and good harvests.
 - 23 Mo t** for the guards who keep the mission’s premises safe.
 - 24 Tu t** for the appointment of new guard Edwin Malola, after Owen Yolamu’s move to become a **zm** driver and take on a daytime maintenance role.
 - 25 We t** for the role that the **zm** office in Malawi plays with our partnering organisations.
 - 26 Th p** for God’s richest blessings on the team and those they encounter.
 - 27 Fr t** for the enthusiasm exhibited by Simon, Rose and Mercy.
 - 28 Sa p** for wisdom for Rose as she manages a variety of **zm** projects.
 - 29 Su p** for Mercy who has begun an accountancy course alongside her job.
 - 30 Mo p** for Simon as he prioritises where we can provide support in Malawi.

- April**
- 8 Su p** some churches planted in town centres have struggled to survive. Yet we can give thanks that many isolated rural churches are vibrant.
 - 9 Mo p** for the church in Mozambique to thrive.
Chiyanjano (Women’s Fellowship) in Mozambique
Odetta Hamilton - Co-ordinator.
 - 10 Tu p** for Odetta Hamilton as she oversees Chiyanjano groups in the Mozambican churches.
 - 11 We t** for the teaching and encouragement that these groups provide to women in Mozambique.
- Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique**
Isaac Fainote and Ps Evereson - Co-ordinators.
- 12 Th t** for the young people in Mozambique who dedicate themselves to making the Lord known.
 - 13 Fr p** that more young people would come to know Jesus through the work of FoY.
- Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)**
Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Lackson Makawa.
- 14 Sa p** for greater commitment from within Malawi to support children’s ministry and children’s workers.
 - 15 Su t** for the commitment of Elevate Mizinga, Joseph Jeke and Lackson Makawa in their desire to see children won for Christ.
 - 16 Mo p** the team are often away from home running seminars across the country. **p** for their safety and for their families.
 - 17 Tu t** for the concerted effort in Muona (south Malawi) last year, resulting in many Sunday school teachers being thoroughly equipped and several new Bible clubs established.



CFCM Bible club at Namisu

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- 28 We t** for Ps Joseph Pius, newly appointed Sunday School Superintendent. **p** as he visits churches and trains Sunday school teachers.
- 29 Th p** we are hoping that three RoLEC leaders will be able to visit the UK later this year, subject to them receiving entry visas.
- 30 Fr Good Friday**
 “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.” (1 Peter 3: 18).
- 31 Sa p** River of Life Evangelical Church are planning a church plant in Machinga (south east Malawi), an Muslim majority area.

April
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 Easter Sunday**
 “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!” (Luke 24: 5-6).
- 2 Mo p** for the family of Ps Peter Daelo (Chitsulo ZEC in East Mozambique) who died in October 2017. **p** for better access to healthcare in countries like Mozambique and Malawi, where it is not as straightforward as it is in the UK.
- 3 Tu t** a successful ZEC Mozambique Synod meeting was held in Vila Ulongwe in November.
- 4 We t** for Chairman Dinos Lokati, for his determination and his willingness to serve.
- 5 Th t** for the congregations that attend ZEC churches. **p** for their spiritual growth.
EBCoM Council meets today

ZEC Mozambique Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

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

- 6 Fr p** Milange ZEC (Ps Joshua Misomali) are still looking for a piece of land to build a new church.
- 7 Sa p** former General Secretary Ps Chaleca Dimba, now leading the church planted in the city of Tete in north western Mozambique.

February

- 6 Tu p** for completion of the necessary improvements needed for EBCoM to satisfy the Malawi government's criteria for registration.
- 7 We p** for ongoing renovation work: an office block extension has commenced and additional toilets have been constructed.
- 8 Th t** for the generous financial support that EBCoM has received so far for these improvements.
- 9 Fr t** for the wives' course run by Mercy Mkwezalamba. Every year a transformation occurs, as the women learn about Jesus and ministry.
- 10 Sa p** for former Principal Michael J. Phiri and lecturer White Zibophe who are studying abroad.
- 11 Su p** for Dalitso Numeri, serving as Academic Dean, and other recently appointed Malawian staff.
- 12 Mo p** that when trained, students will be equipped to preach the word; in season and out of season.
- 13 Tu p** for students to grow in their knowledge of the Lord, as well as in their practical ministry skills.

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.

- 14 We p** Lilongwe was badly affected by flash flooding in December with a number of lives being lost: please pray that this would be an isolated incident.
- 15 Th p** for those bereaved by this tragic event.
- 16 Fr p** last year a significant number of ZEC pastors died. **p** for their widows, who not only suffer grief but can sometimes also become homeless and face extreme poverty.
- 17 Sa t** for pastors who are prepared to go to remote and challenging areas.
- 18 Su p** ZEC as they run four 'Preach the Word' courses in Malawi between February and April.
- 19 Mo t** training is underway to bring together pastors and elders from Muslim majority areas, to reach out and share the truth of Christ.
- 20 Tu p** for the completion of the new pigsty at Chikwawa ZEC, so that they can start pig farming.
- 21 We t** for ZEC's discipleship training programme. **p** for the six seminars taking place across Malawi in the next three months.

- 22 Th t** 'chitenje' cloth production projects have generated some income for ZEC. This cloth is very versatile, including serving as a wraparound skirt. **zm** provided a loan to help ZEC to buy the cloth.

ZEC Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

Ps Duncan Ng'oma - North (Mzuzu); Ps Henry Muhiye - Central (Ntcheu); Ps Isaac Mpanga - South (Blantyre).

- 23 Fr t** Enock Mang'anya's wife Esther's health is much better now. She is back in Chitipa (north Malawi) with Enock.
- 24 Sa p** churchplanting in Chitipa remains demanding work. ZEC leaders are considering sending another pastor to support Enock.
- 25 Su p** pray for Ledson Banda, whose allowance from **zm** as a churchplanter in Bolero ZEC, northern Malawi, has now come to an end.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY), Malawi

Gift Mphongolo, FoY Co-ordinator.

- 26 Mo p** for Gift Mphongolo as he seeks ways to encourage growth amongst the youth in Malawi.
- 27 Tu t** for the young people who attend and engage and contribute to the life of FoY.
- 28 We p** that through the godly discipleship of young believers, God's kingdom will grow and be glorified.



A Fellowship of Youth meeting at Mitsidi ZEC

March

Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

Millie Jumbe, Chairlady; Temwani Fatchi, Secretary.

- 1 Th t** in December the Chairlady and others visited northern Malawi to train Chiyanjano leaders in the scattered ZEC churches there.

March

- 2 Fr t** the leadership team ran out of time but, to avoid disappointment, returned in January to complete more training at Nkhotakhota.
- 3 Sa t** training covered leadership skills, integrity and women's responsibilities within the church.
- 4 Su t** for the Chiyanjano women who joyfully and faithfully serve Jesus, despite their hardships.
- 5 Mo t** the ministry of the Chiyanjano groups, who visit the sick and care for the most vulnerable.



Chiyanjano women praising God.

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda.

- 6 Tu t** for those who care for the children.
- 7 We p** the growing maize at Nthorowa has been affected by fall armyworms. **p** for the harvest.
- 8 Th p** the ODCs are planning to become self-sustaining. Please pray for this to be successful.
- 9 Fr p** for the physical and spiritual health of the children who attend the ODCs. Please pray for them to grow in love and knowledge of the Lord.
- 10 Sa t** the ODCs are able to provide the children with basic needs, thanks to the generosity of **zm's** supporters.

ZEC Health & Rural Development

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

- 11 Su t** construction has commenced on the staff houses at Muluma, after agreeing the demarcation of land with the local chiefs.

March

- 12 Mo p** for those who are treated at the health centres and at the rural hospital at Ntonda.
- 13 Tu t** the electrification project at Nthorowa is due to finish soon. **zm** has supported the cost of electrical wiring in the health centre. **zm Executive Committee meets today in York**
- 14 We t** for clinical officers, dentists, nurses and support staff who work at ZEC's facilities. **zm UK staff meet today in York**

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

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

- 15 Th t** for **zm's** faithful supporters.
- 16 Fr t** for Stephen Williams who stepped down as Honorary Representative last November, to focus more fully on his work in education overseas.
- 17 Sa t** for the volunteers who give up their time to support the mission.
- 18 Su p** for **zm's** Honorary Representatives Mike Berry, Carol Fernandez and Ralph Gunn. May they help to inspire 'partnerships in the gospel'.
- 19 Mo t** now back from Malawi, Ruth MacBean will become a **zm** Honorary Representative and CFCM specialist, with effect from 1st April.
- 20 Tu t** Dave Brown, UK Development Manager, for his role in supporting churches in East Anglia and overseeing representation in the UK.
- 21 We t** former BMS missionary Fiona Welsh has recently joined **zm's** Executive Committee.
- 22 Th p** for good health for the **zm** team and their families.
- 23 Fr t** for the generosity of York Baptist Church, who provide **zm** with office space.
- River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)**
Leader Ps Mvula Mvula - 40 churches; with 16 pastors
- 24 Sa p** for those attending Bible study leadership training in the Southern and Central regions.
- 25 Su t** an exciting new men's ministry has begun. **p** for Pastor Kendrix Maluwa as he leads this.
- 26 Mo p** for those, mainly in the Lower Shire area, still affected by hunger and in need of food relief.
- 27 Tu p** for Ps Mvula Mvula and Simon Chikwana as they run church leadership seminars.