

## In Prayer

February - April 2021

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

1 Corinthians 12: 27

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

### Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)

Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Lackson Makawa

- 1 Mo t** despite the challenges of 2020, CFCM trained just under 500 Sunday school teachers.
- 2 Tu p** CFCM are seeking financial support for their Little Lambs nursery school project from trust fund holders and grant-awarding bodies.



The CFCM team has been working hard throughout 2020 to promote the safety of children.

- 3 We p** for wisdom and guidance for CFCM as they seek to extend their safeguarding training to include church leaders.
- 4 Th t** that in their training CFCM have encouraged honest and open discussions about the church's responsibility to safeguard children.
- 5 Fr t** CFCM staff have been protected from coronavirus.

### April

**19 Mo p** for Rose Chirwa as she works with **zm's** partners to develop new income-generating projects.

**20 Tu t** for Simon Chikwana, constantly nurturing our relationships with **zm's** partner organisations.

#### **zambesi mission (zm) in the UK**

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

**21 We t** despite all the challenges of 2020, God has enabled **zm** to continue walking alongside and supporting our African partners.

**22 Th p** for the Executive Committee as they help our staff team to finalise **zm's** new strategic plan.

**23 Fr t** for the wisdom that new Exec members Amos Oumounabidji and José Laussu bring.

**24 Sa t** for Charlotte Dunning's service as **zm's** Office Manager. She left at the end of January to start a full-time job with a local accountancy firm.

**25 Su p** that new Office Manager Clare O'Connell would settle in well and quickly feel at home.

**26 Mo t** for **zm's** office staff, who have shown such flexibility as office working rules have changed.

**27 Tu t** our Honorary Representatives have been keeping in touch with churches, and spoken in services via Zoom or in person when invited.

**28 We p** that God would raise up new Honorary Representatives for the mission in Scotland, Wales and northern England.

**29 Th p** the summer conferences that **zm** usually attends would not be disrupted again this year.

**30 Fr p** for plans to start visiting Malawi again: Mike Beresford is hoping to go this month.

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### April

#### **ZEC Mozambique Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting**

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

**10 Sa t** **zm** helped Moatize ZEC to buy some land where they can construct a new church building.

**11 Su p** churchplanter Joshua Misomali at Milange ZEC; his four years of support from **zm** has ended.

**12 Mo p** EBCoM graduate Mario Mphaliwa who is churchplanting pastor at Chitsulo ZEC in the east.



Mario and Esnart Mphaliwa churchplanting at Chitsulo

#### **Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Mozambique**

Coordinator Ruth Smart and her deputy Odetta Joao.

**13 Tu t** for the ladies that seek to glorify God through fellowship with each other.

**14 We p** there is still a high level of gender inequality in Mozambique, which the Chiyanjano women face on a daily basis.

#### **zambesi mission (zm) in Malawi**

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

**15 Th t** for the hard work and dedication of our field team in Malawi.

**16 Fr p** that Malawi and Mozambique would soon have access to COVID-19 vaccines and be able to start immunisation programmes.

**17 Sa t** for prayer and fellowship that **zm's** Malawi team have shared with the UK team using Zoom.

**18 Su t** **zm's** supporters who donated so generously using the Gift Scheme, allowing many to benefit in Malawi and northern Mozambique.

**28 Su p** for preparations for the 2021 national youth conference, due to take place in July.

**29 Mo t** for Jimmy Chaona's heart for ministry.

**30 Tu p** for wisdom as leaders plan a three day evangelistic trip to Mozambique in November.

#### **Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Mozambique**

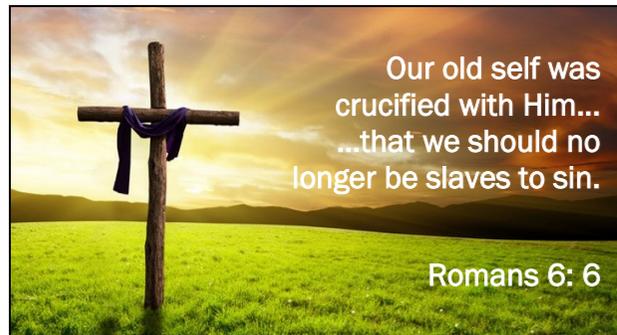
Chairman Joao Thupilifa and his deputy Benjamin Savanhenga; General Secretary Zakariya Bulawayo and his deputy David Waite; Treasurer Ernest Sakwiya.

**31 We t** that cases of COVID-19 in northern Mozambique have so far been extremely low.

### April

**1 Th p** 400,000 people have been displaced by ongoing Islamic insurgency in Cabo Delgado Province in north east Mozambique.

**2nd to 4th April - Good Friday to Easter Day**



**5 Mo p** for God to soften hard hearts and open blind eyes, as ZEC members reach out with the good news in northern Mozambique.

**6 Tu p** government imposed COVID-related restrictions are very stringent in Mozambique, meaning that many churches have not reopened.

#### **Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique**

Francisco Fanuel Khumayo - Coordinator.

**7 We p** that the young people in FoY would follow God's word and not be tempted by the world.

**8 Th p** FoY are hoping to host their Malawian counterparts in November 2021 for a combined large scale evangelistic outreach.

**9 Fr t** for the young people who exhibit godly behaviour, witnessing to those who do not know Jesus.

## February

6 **Sa p** for the five day Easter club planned for Bolero in the remote north of Malawi.

### River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

Leader Ps Mvula Mvula

7 **Su p** RoLEC's focus in 2021 is on 'strengthening the cords of their tent' (Isa. 54: 2).

8 **Mop** church leader Pastor Mvula Mvula says, "we want to preserve the fruit God has given us".

9 **Tu t** for January's Youth Week - from preaching to cleaning, young people took over RoLEC churches.

10 **We p** for continued protection from the threat of COVID-19, as news comes in of a second wave.

11 **Th p** Mvula Mvula's personal burden of ministry. He told us that "there are pits that we need to go down in 2021" and asked us to act as rope-holders.

### Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

Principal, Gift Mphongolo; Council Chairman, Pastor Willard Muwalo.

12 **Fr t** for the appointment of new Principal Gift Mphongolo. Gift was formerly ZEC's Fellowship of Youth Coordinator and has a passion for mission.

13 **Sa t** for Demester Molten Kalima, who acted as Principal until a permanent appointment could be made. He has now become EBCoM's Registrar.

14 **Su p** for EBCoM's new leadership team, including Academic Dean Mrs Chimwemwe Katumbi Harawa.

15 **Mo t zm** is funding the completion of a duplex house that will generate rental income for EBCoM.



The partly constructed duplex house at EBCoM

16 **Tu t** ZEC's tomato growing project raised funds as their contribution towards the operation of EBCoM.

17 **We p** that the 23 new zm-supported students would be guided by God as they start learning.

18 **Th t** that the Lord has sustained EBCoM, despite the many challenges it faced in 2020.

19 **Fr p** EBCoM's long-term financial viability.

20 **Sa p** that all staff and students at the college would grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord.

### Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Malawi

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

21 **Su t** ZEC dedicated themselves to the Lord at the start of 2021 with a day of fasting and prayer.

22 **Mo p** the Synod meeting planned for December 2020 had to be postponed until August 2021.

23 **Tu p** for God to anoint ZEC's synod leaders, as they follow the example of the Good Shepherd.

24 **We p** for the sustainability of ZEC and the well-being of its leaders, who facing many challenges.

25 **Th t** ZEC has hundreds of gospel-preaching disciple-making churches spread across Malawi.

26 **Fr t** for the way that ZEC adapted during the pandemic and continued to share the gospel.

27 **Sa p** for steady rainfall and a good harvest this year. Many in ZEC's congregations are farmers.

28 **Su p** January to April are typically known as the 'hunger months': last year's harvest (below) may have gone and many don't have enough food.



### ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda

#### March

1 **Mo p** we remember Stella Masoamphambe in her grief, after her husband Lameck died last October. Lameck had been the Administrator at Ntonda.

#### March

2 **Tu p** for the process of appointing a new Administrator at Ntonda after Lameck's death.

3 **We p** provision of power for Chifunga's income-generating maize mill. They are still waiting.

4 **Th t** construction of the rice mill building at Nthorowa is progressing well.

5 **Fr p** for the education of the children at the ODCs - they need to do extremely well in their exams to get a place at secondary school.

6 **Sa t** for zm's support, which enables meals to be provided to the children throughout the year.

7 **Su t** for the volunteers who help with gathering firewood and cooking the children's food.

8 **Mo p** for child-headed households, that God would provide the support that they need in life.

### ZEC Health & Rural Development

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

9 **Tu t zm** have been able to provide sufficient PPE for ZEC's staff at their health centres.

10 **We p** for protection for ZEC's staff and local people from a second wave of infections caused by a virulent new variant from South Africa.

11 **Th p** for successful large-scale vaccination programmes in countries like Malawi.

12 **Fr t** for sufficient supplies of good quality medicines at the health centres.

13 **Sa t** that ZEC's staff regularly go above and beyond the call of duty to care for others.

14 **Su p** for the patients at the health centres.

15 **Mo t** that the maternity units at each health centre make such a positive impact in reducing maternal and infant mortality rates.

### ZEC Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

Margaret Chodzi - Coordinator; Madalo Khoza - Chair

16 **Tu t** for the election of new Chiyanjano leaders in October, including a new Chair Madalo Khoza.

17 **We t** that Chiyanjano groups were able to meet together during most of 2020.

18 **Th t** Chiyanjano produce a discipleship guide called *Mlozo*, which they were able to sell in 2020 to generate funds to support their ministry.

#### March

19 **Fr p** the leaders want to order a new design of ZEC *chitenje* cloth as an income-generating project, but it needs a lot of cash in advance.



A Chiyanjano choir at Manjawira ZEC in central Malawi, wearing a current design of ZEC *chitenje* cloth.

20 **Sa t** for the grace, joy and fellowship that are clearly visible within the Chiyanjano groups.

21 **Su p** for God's provision for much needed equipment for the Chiyanjano leaders' office.

### 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.

22 **Mo p** for Regional Superintendents Isaac, Henry, Austin, Laston and Samuel as they minister to the churches in their areas.

23 **Tu p** churchplanters in rural areas can feel extremely isolated.

24 **We p** Hastings Mackford is now churchplanting pastor at Namwera ZEC in eastern Malawi, where many people are Muslims.

25 **Th p** Leonard Kingwell Banda, churchplanter at Chitipa ZEC in the remote northern tip of Malawi.

26 **Fr p zm**-supported evangelist Lifred Madeya, carefully discipling the church at Lemani ZEC.

### Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC), Malawi Fellowship of Youth (FoY)

Pastor Jimmy Chaona, FOY Coordinator

27 **Sa t** for recent initiatives, such as November's successful relationships and marriage seminar.