zambesi mission in Malawi

30 April - 6 May

zm's Field Director Simon Chikwana (pictured above) has been suffering from a brain tumour and has been receiving medical care in India. His wife Edna is supporting him there.

SUN 30	Please pray for Simon and his wife Edna as they remain in India for his post-operative treatment. Pray for complete healing for Simon.
MON 1	Simon and Edna have been away from their family since February. Ask God to watch over their adult children Sinos, Patience and Hannah.
TUE 2	Give thanks to God for the strength and perseverance He has granted to Rose Chirwa as she acts temporarily in the role of Field Director.
WED 3	Thank God for the assistance of the Malawi Scotland Partnership in providing safeguarding training for our partners.
THU 3	Praise God for protecting **zm's** staff and their families from mudslides close to their homes. Pray that any damage will be mended swiftly.
FRI 5	Pray that the **zm** staff team would be agents of comfort and strength, as they come alongside all who have suffered recently.
SAT 6	Thank God for the gifts that have been received for disaster relief, and pray for wisdom as **zm** prioritises those who are in greatest need.

Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)

7 - 13 May

Many Sunday school teachers do not own a Bible. Thanks to recent gifts, CFCM is able to offer half-price Bibles at their training seminars, such as at Nkhotakota pictured above.

SUN 7	Praise God for the great response to the seminar at Nkhotakota in March. 60 teachers and pastors were trained.
MON 8	Thank God for protecting the CFCM team as they have travelled to local Bible clubs and made longer journeys to more distant training events.
TUE 9	Pray that CFCM's trustees in Malawi will be committed to supporting the staff and will help to establish a local income generating scheme.
WED 10	Thank God that the teachers who were trained at Salima were able to join in and gain experience at the CFCM Easter 5-day club.
THU 11	Pray that children who have come to faith at Bible clubs and the 5-day club will be well taught and will carry on trusting the Lord.
FRI 12	Thank God for Chikondi Mizinga's (Elevate's husband) massive contribution to the ministry through maintaining CFCM's car for free.
SAT 13	Pray for the hundreds of children from CFCM Bible clubs who are currently living in camps after losing their homes in Cyclone Freddy.

Prayer Focus Cyclone Freddy

Record-breaking Cyclone Freddy originated off the Australian coast and travelled across the Indian Ocean to the African continent. Only three cyclones have achieved this feat previously. It has been the longest active cyclone in history and the only one that has recycled itself to hit Africa twice.

On Sunday 12th March the BBC's weather service predicted rainfall of up to 500mm in parts of Malawi and Mozambique, as Cyclone Freddy made landfall in Africa for the second time. In the past such cyclones have petered out before reaching the densely populated city of Blantyre. But not this time. The forecasts proved devastatingly accurate, as the storm brought torrential rain, severe flash flooding and deadly landslides to the city's urban townships. 676 people have lost their lives and over half a million people have been displaced. At least 500 people are still missing.

Please pray for all those who have lost loved ones. Pray too for those whose family members are still missing. Many people are in temporary camps or sheltering in the ruins of their homes – please remember them also in your prayers. Please ask our mighty God to grant our staff strength and resilience in the face of such enormous need. Pray also for God to grant the resources that are required to sustain His people in the coming months, as many crops have been destroyed.

14 - 20 May

Aftermath of Cyclone Freddy

Pastor Aliseni and his wife and daughter stand in ankle deep mud outside their home at Nsanje ZEC. Flooded again, just one year after the same thing happened in 2022.

SUN 14	Thank God for all those, both in Malawi and abroad, who have responded with love and compassion to help families in great need.
MON 15	Pray for clear communication and coordination between governments and relief agencies, so that aid rapidly reaches those who need it most.
TUE 16	Pray for appropriate counselling for the thousands of people who have been traumatised by the cyclone and who are still living in fear.
WED 17	Thank God that central and northern Malawi has been spared from the worst effects of Cyclone Freddy - some will even gather in a harvest.
THU 18	Pray that damaged or destroyed houses and schools will be rebuilt, so that people can be safe at home and that education can resume.
FRI 19	Pray that roads and bridges will be repaired quickly, so that communications are restored and aid can be provided where it is needed.
SAT 20	Pray that the national cholera outbreak will not deteriorate. Malawi had been slowly recovering from the outbreak that started in March 2022.

21 - 27 May

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Malawi

Pastor Gideon Buleya addresses the congregation at Malosa ZEC. Like others who are in pastoral ministry in ZEC churches, he faces many physical and spiritual challenges.

SUN 21	Praise God for the many ZEC pastors who are passionate about ministry, despite receiving minimal support.
MON 22	Give thanks for safe travelling, as ZEC General Secretary James Baisson Phiri celebrated Easter at ZEC churches in South Africa and Zimbabwe.
TUE 23	Despite the devastating loss of life when Cyclone Freddy hit Blantyre and the Lower Shire, give thanks for all those whose lives were saved.
WED 24	Pray that God would provide the resources needed so that **zm** and ZEC would be able to help those in greatest need after the cyclone.
THU 25	Pray that God would guide ZEC's synod leaders as they prepare for August's conference at Mitsidi in which new leaders will be elected.
FRI 26	Pray that God's will would be done in the election and that Christlike leaders will be appointed. The new leaders will serve for the next five years.
SAT 27	Thank God that building work on the boys' dormitory at Mitsidi Mission Secondary School has resumed after their cash flow improved.

28 May - 3 June

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

The maize mill at Chifunga will remain idle until ESCOM (Malawi's electricity provider) provides a new transformer to replace the one that was destroyed by fire last September.

SUN 28	Pray that Chifunga will be prioritised as soon as a replacement transformer comes available. The cyclone has caused ESCoM many problems.
MON 29	In February, ZEC decided to close Nthorowa ODC due to the number of cholera cases in the area. Praise God that it has now reopened.
TUE 30	Give thanks that Nthorowa's rice and maize mills are giving a good income. Pray for Administrator Fashion Faiti as he stewards these funds.
WED 31	Pray that the children at the ODCs will come to faith in Christ, as they receive daily teaching from God's Word.
THU 1	Praise God for protecting the children at Ntonda ODC from Cyclone Freddy and from the cholera outbreak.
FRI 2	Pray for wisdom as Ntonda's Administrator Pastor Kaligo develops an income generating activity to help the ODC become self-sustaining.
SAT 3	Pray for Ruth Nyalapa, the volunteer cook at Chifunga ODC. Her baby sadly died in infancy. She is now back preparing food for the children.

4 - 10 June

ZEC Malawi - Mission and Ministry

Pastor Leonard Kingwell Banda is a churchplanter at Chitipa ZEC in the far north of Malawi. Pang'ono, pang'ono (slowly, slowly) the church is growing - both physically and spiritually.

SUN 4	Pray for the support and perseverance of ZEC pastors in northern Malawi and for those ministering among unreached people groups.
MON 5	Thank God that two prayer houses in central Malawi have recently become stand alone churches and have called their own pastors.
TUE 6	Pray for former Regional Superintendent Henry Muhiye. He recently became the pastor of Limbe ZEC in Blantyre, replacing Pastor Willard Muwalo.
WED 7	Many sermons are preached by elders who have had no formal Bible training. Pray that they can access contextually appropriate local training.
THU 8	Praise God that the Word of God went forth from ZEC churches across Malawi during this year's Easter outreach events.
FRI 9	Pray that members of Malomo ZEC in central Malawi will be able to raise the funds needed to buy an available plot of land for their new church.
SAT 10	Praise God for the construction of a new ZEC church at Matanda, praying that it will be a strong witness for Christ in the area.

11 - 17 June

ZEC Malawi - FoY and Chiyanjano

Zambezi Evangelical Church's Fellowship of Youth (FoY) marks its 40th anniversary this year. The photo above shows an early FoY group at Chirimba ZEC in Blantyre.

SUN 11	Give thanks to God for the work of ZEC's Fellowship of Youth over the last 40 years and for all those who have led it so faithfully.
MON 12	Pray that there will be great enthusiasm and support for the 40th anniversary celebrations to be held in August.
TUE 13	Pray that FoY Coordinator Jimmy Chaona would have the funds to maintain his car, so that he can visit and encourage remote rural FoY groups.
WED 14	Praise God that the new FoY handbook is nearing completion. Pray that ZEC would have the resources needed to print and supply the books.
THU 15	Thank God for the Biblical training and work of the Chiyanjano among the women in ZEC churches throughout Malawi.
FRI 16	Praise God for protecting members of the Chiyanjano National Executive on their trip to Zimbabwe to encourage their fellow women.
SAT 17	Pray that the women who attended last year's conferences will continue to rejoice in the Lord and spread the Gospel in their communities.

18 - 24 June

ZEC Health and Rural Development

ZEC health centres provide a vital service, but their facilities are often quite basic. The need for regular maintenance and upgrading is a constant challenge.

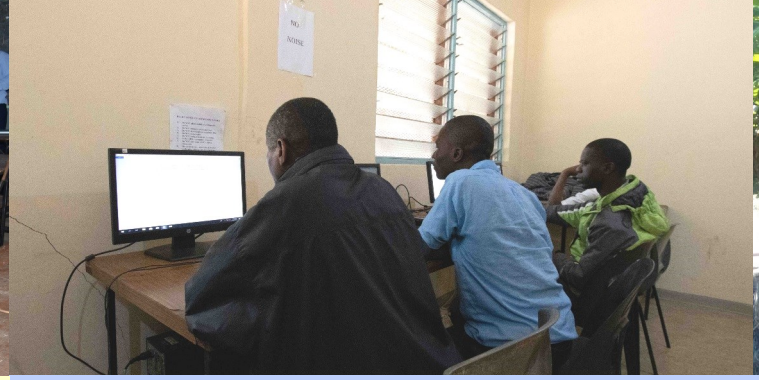
SUN 18	Give thanks for the maintenance and roof repair carried out to the staff houses at Ntonda Rural Hospital.
MON 19	Pray for the resources to be able to renovate the the male and female wards at Ntonda Rural Hospital. Time and termites have taken their toll.
TUE 20	Thank God that Matanda Health Centre is reaching out to its surrounding communities, despite the absence of an Administrator.
WED 21	Praise God for the opportunities Christian staff at ZEC's health centres get to witness to lost souls. They are ambassadors for Christ.
THU 22	Pray that ZEC's healthcare staff working tirelessly to address community health challenges would know God's strength and guidance.
FRI 23	Praise God that all ZEC's health centres have seen reducing numbers of cholera cases; and that none of their staff have caught the illness.
SAT 24	Pray for the wife and children of the late Mr Msulira, the accountant at Nthorowa, that God would comfort, care and strengthen them.

River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

25 June - 1 July

zm has been partnering with J-Life Malawi to deliver regional leadership training to pastors and elders in RoLEC churches. This photo shows the training conducted at Kasinje in 2020.

SUN 25	Thank God for the leadership and discipleship training that has been delivered to RoLEC leaders in Malawi and northern Mozambique.
MON 26	Pray for Gift Mthintha as he takes over the leadership of RoLEC. Give thanks for his integrity and uprightness (Psalm 25: 21).
TUE 27	Pray that RoLEC church members will continue to be of one mind and live in peace under their new leadership (2 Corinthians 13: 11).
WED 28	**zm's** support for six RoLEC churchplanters came to an end in March. Pray that each of these churches would be able to support their pastor.
THU 29	Praise God for the open air outreach services organised by RoLEC churches, such as the monthly service at Chirimba.
FRI 30	Thank God for RoLEC churches across the border in Mozambique, praying that the influence of the gospel will be apparent in those areas.
SAT 1	Pray for strength for the many RoLEC churches in the Lower Shire who have been badly affected two years in a row by cyclones.



Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

2 - 8 July

Upgraded computer facilities are helping EBCoM along its journey towards accreditation by Malawi's National Council for Higher Education, but there is much work still to be done.

SUN 2	Pray that as a result of continuing improvements, EBCoM will receive NCHE accreditation. This is an important step for the college.
MON 3	Praise God for his protection over EBCoM throughout the many challenges Malawi has faced: COVID-19, Cyclone Freddy and cholera.
TUE 4	Although no one was hurt during Cyclone Freddy, it destroyed boundary walls and internal ceilings. Please pray for the resources needed for repairs.
WED 5	Pray for the preparation of the college's strategic plan for 2023 - 2028, for God's direction and spiritual wisdom and discernment.
THU 6	Thank God that the college was able to resolve the water supply problems that it faced last year.
FRI 7	Thank God that recent graduates Yolamu Masanga and Collins Chatonda have been called as pastors to Dedza ZEC and Kambironjo ZEC.
SAT 8	Pray that God will comfort all at EBCoM following the death of 2nd year Anglican student Stankyo Kamangira after a brief illness.

Zambezi Evangelical Church - Mozambique

9 - 15 July

Pastor John Faustino ministering at Mecanhelas ZEC is one of a number of ZEC pastors in Mozambique who have lost their homes as a result of Cyclone Freddy.

SUN 9	Praise God that, even though Cyclone Freddy destroyed many homes, there was no loss of life within ZEC in Mozambique.
MON 10	Pray for the many pastors and church members whose homes were destroyed; and for all who lost their church buildings in the cyclone.
TUE 11	Pray that all ZEC's pastors in Mozambique will bring hope and encouragement, as they proclaim God's Word to a people who are suffering.
WED 12	Thank God that **zm** has supplied many subsidised Bibles to Mozambican church members. Pray they will be valued and read.
THU 13	Pray that these Scriptures will make the readers "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (Titus 3: 15).
FRI 14	Pastor Innocent Moffat's wife sadly died from cholera. Pray that God would comfort him and his children as they grieve.
SAT 15	**zm** is supporting a Chiyanjano cloth production project to help ZEC with their finances. Pray that it would sell well and generate a healthy income.

ZEC Mozambique - Mission & Ministry

16 - 22 July

Most Zambezi Evangelical Churches in Mozambique like Mwanjete ZEC (shown above) are in sparsely populated rural areas. The old wheel acts as a bell to call people to worship.

SUN 16	Praise God for the vibrant and faithful Christian witness of ZEC congregations in very remote parts of Mozambique.
MON 17	Thank God for the strength He gives to pastors in all circumstances, enabling them to carry out His work (Philippians 4:13).
TUE 18	Pray that pastors will live lives of integrity that align with ZEC's recently agreed code of conduct and, more importantly, with the will of God.
WED 19	Thank God that the work of FoY and Chiyanjano continues in almost all ZEC churches, building up young people and women in the faith.
THU 20	Pray for the Regional Superintendents responsible for remote churches. Pray for the gift of encouragement and safety when travelling.
FRI 21	Give thanks for the long term impact of the gospel-preaching, disciple-making training that many ZEC pastors have received at EBCoM.
SAT 22	Please pray for pastors' wives, especially those who have attended EBCoM, who support and encourage their husbands in ministry.

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

23 - 29 July

***zm** thinks that reintroducing overseas lecturers at EBCoM would greatly benefit the college. We are keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in serving God in this way.*

SUN 23	Pray that God would inspire men and women with appropriate qualifications and a sense of calling to be mission lecturers at EBCoM.
MON 24	Thank God that, once again, **zm** will have the opportunity to make new contacts at summer conferences such as Keswick.
TUE 25	Pray that God would raise up new Honorary Representatives, so that every part of the UK is covered.
WED 26	Thank God for all those who supported **zm's** Gift Scheme last year, contributing so generously to the mission's ongoing work.
THU 27	Please pray for our current and past staff members. A number are struggling with ill health or family concerns.
FRI 28	Pray for wisdom as we seek to collaborate with other organisations in the UK and Malawi, to help our partners towards increased sustainability.
SAT 29	Thank God for the staff and volunteers who carry out many different tasks at **zm's** office at York Baptist Church.

Cover Photo:

'Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"' (Matthew 19:14). Our cover photo shows a boy praying to receive Jesus as his Lord and Saviour at one of Children for Christ Ministry's Bible Clubs at Chitakale Primary School.

CFCM estimate that over 7,000 children hear the gospel every week through Bible clubs that they either run, oversee or that they helped to start. It is a delight to see Joseph Jeke and Elevate Mizinga's patient ministry to the children alongside their 26 volunteer trainers. We give thanks to God for every child who hears and responds to the gospel as a result of CFCM's labours.

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