

## In Prayer

May - July 2020

“I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”  
Psalm 91: 2.

**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).

- 1 Fr p** the first cases of COVID-19 in Malawi were confirmed in Lilongwe in March.
- 2 Sa p** for God's protection over the people of Malawi. Its healthcare services are rudimentary and its people are very vulnerable.



Antenatal clinic at ZEC's Matanda Health Centre

- 3 Su p** the Government of Malawi has introduced measures to restrict the spread of coronavirus. Please pray that these would be effective.
- 4 Mo t** that the maize crop harvested last month was a good one in most parts of Malawi.
- 5 Tu t** **zm's** team in Malawi has (so far) been able to operate without any significant disruption.
- 6 We p** for the health and safety of all the **zm** team in Malawi - and their families.

### July ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda.

- 24 Fr p** with all schools currently closed the number of children coming to the ODC will change. For many, the ODC provides their only daily meal.
- 25 Sa p** for ZEC to have wisdom and discernment about the how best to run the ODCs during the coronavirus pandemic.
- 26 Su t** the maize mill project at Nthorowa is now up and running and generating income.
- 27 Mo p** vital parts from South Africa are awaited for the power supply for Chifunga's maize mill.
- 28 Tu p** for the ODC children whose school studies are being disrupted by coronavirus.
- 29 We t** for the good harvest that will ensure sufficient rice and maize for the children.
- 30 Th p** at Nthorowa many of the ODC children are Muslims. **p** for them to come to faith in Christ.
- 31 Fr p** that personal faith in Jesus would help every child to make godly and wise choices in life.



Some of the older children at the ODC at Chifunga ZEC

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### July ZEC Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Malawi

Jimmy Chaona, FoY Coordinator.

- 8 We t** for the appointment of Pastor Jimmy Chaona as FoY Coordinator.
  - 9 Th p** for ZEC's synod leaders as they work with the FoY national leadership to clearly discern God's plan for the church's FoY groups.
  - 10 Fr t** over half of Malawi's population is aged 18 or less. ZEC churches are full of young people.
  - 11 Sa p** that these young people would dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to God.
- ### ZEC Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi
- Margaret Chodzi - Coordinator; Millie Jumbe - Chair.
- 12 Su t** the Chiyanjano leaders, who are dedicated to the discipleship of ladies in the churches.
  - 13 Mo p** for wisdom with regards to the process of electing new national leaders at the current time.
  - 14 Tu t** for the vital role that the Chiyanjano groups have in caring for the sick and needy.
  - 15 We t** for the Chiyanjano groups' shared passion for the Bible and their desire to stand firm on it in their everyday lives.
  - 16 Th p** for Christ-like wisdom, grace and love to be shown in the lives of all the Chiyanjano ladies.

### ZEC Health & Rural Development

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

- 17 Fr t** for every member of staff at ZEC's health centres. They are all ambassadors for Christ.
- 18 Sa p** for ZEC's health centres' preparedness for possible future cases of COVID-19.
- 19 Su p** for availability of suitable protective equipment (PPE) in Malawi. **zm** is helping ZEC by purchasing PPE for each health centre.
- 20 Mo p** for ongoing essential services at each health centre, particularly maternity care.
- 21 Tu t** for the positive impact on mothers' and babies' lives through ZEC's health centres.
- 22 We t** for the recently completed maternity facility at Nthorowa, funded by the BEIT Trust.
- 23 Th t** ZEC's recently qualified nurses Catherine Muyande, Madalo Malinda and Khumbo Kaliya.

- 21 Su p** for spiritual discernment for ZEC's synod leaders, facing many competing challenges.
- 22 Mo p** for safety and protection for believers, both in their churches and their homes.
- 23 Tu t** each ZEC pastor received funds for a 50kg bag of maize from **zm** during the hunger season.
- 24 We t** the recent rainy season has produced a good harvest in most parts of Malawi.
- 25 Th t** Christians in Malawi give thanks to God by bringing the first fruits of the harvest into church.
- 26 Fr p** for the staff and pupils of ZEC's mission secondary schools at Mitsidi and Mphepo Zinai. Both were forced to close in March.
- 27 Sa t** for **zm's** tree seedling growing project. Saplings are now being planted at ZEC churches.
- 28 Su p** for tree seedling projects to be adopted more widely in Malawi to combat deforestation.

### 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.

- 29 Mo p** for each superintendent as they balance the needs of the churches that they pastor with their wider responsibilities across their regions.
- 30 Tu p** for their safety as they travel long distances on journeys that are often hazardous.

### July

- 1 We p** for the superintendents as they visit and encourage ZEC pastors and congregations.
- 2 Th t** for the life of Anthony Moloseni, former ZEC regional superintendent, who went to be with the Lord in March. **p** for his wider family.
- 3 Fr t** for the churchplanting ministry of Pastor Jonathan Sankhulani at Thambani ZEC.
- 4 Sa t** for itinerant evangelist Lifred Madeya, who is supported by **zm**. He is pastor of Lemani ZEC.
- 5 Su t** for the hope that these churchplanters bring as they share the good news about Jesus.
- 6 Mo t** for the nine men who have volunteered to plant churches in hard-to-reach parts of Malawi.
- 7 Tu p** for their perseverance. Coronavirus caused their training at Mitsidi to be postponed.

May

7 **Th p** for the **zm** team in Malawi to know God's presence and wisdom as they continue to work in rapidly changing circumstances in Malawi.

### Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

Principal, Pastor Robert Masikamu; Council Chairman, Pastor Willard Muwalo.

8 **Fr p** for the EBCoM students who were sent home in March. **p** for their safety as they study at home.



The **zm**-supported students at EBCoM, who are now working from home.

9 **Sa p** for the college lecturers as they try to support their students' spiritual learning from afar.

10 **Su p** EBCoM's governing council, as they make decisions about the college's long-term financial sustainability. EBCoM is facing a significant cash shortfall in the current academic year.

11 **Mo t** for all those trained in ministry at EBCoM over the years, now serving Christ faithfully in churches.

12 **Tu t** for the teaching staff - for their enduring commitment to serve the Lord at EBCoM.

13 **We p** for part-time Malawian lecturers who can not teach at present. They will lose precious income.

14 **Th p** EBCoM hopes to build houses to gain rental income. A donor has offered half of the project cost.

15 **Fr p** for support to be found for the balance (\$37,500) to allow construction to commence.

16 **Sa t** two of the married couples' houses had been damaged by subsidence. Reconstruction of these houses is now complete. It was funded by **zm**.

17 **Su t** the borehole (installed using a loan from **zm**) has dramatically reduced EBCoM's water bills.

May

### Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) in Mozambique

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

18 **Mo p** for ZEC's leaders in Mozambique. Most of them have not held leadership positions before.

19 **Tu p** for peace and stability in Mozambique. There have been violent attacks by Islamist militants in NE Mozambique in recent months.

20 **We p** for **zm**'s plans to distribute 1,000 Chichewa Bibles in Mozambique this year.

21 **Th t** for the eagerness that can be seen to hear God's word and put it into practice.

### Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique

Francisco Fanuel Khumayo - Coordinator.

22 **Fr p** for Francisco Fanuel Khumayo as he oversees and coordinates the various FoY groups.

23 **Sa t** for the vibrancy and enthusiasm of the young people in ZEC churches in Mozambique.

### ZEC Mozambique Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

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

24 **Su p** for God to guide the two superintendents as they visit the churches they are responsible for.

25 **Mo t** regional superintendents Joachim Lihama and Jamieson Midiasi are former EBCoM students.

26 **Tu p** Joachim Lihama as he plants a ZEC church at Molumbo in north east Mozambique. It is an important but remote and inaccessible town.

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

Ruth Smart - Coordinator; Odetta Joao - Deputy Coordinator.

27 **We p** ZEC have reinstated Ruth Smart as Chiyanjano Coordinator in place of Odetta Joao.

28 **Th p** Odetta Joao will act as deputy coordinator, learning from the more experienced Ruth Smart.

### Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)

Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Lackson Makawa.

29 **Fr p** the impact of COVID-19 on the Bible clubs that CFCM supports. Almost all are connected to schools which were closed down in March.

30 **Sa p** for wisdom for the CFCM team amidst all the uncertainty caused by coronavirus.

31 **Su t** in March CFCM worked with their volunteer trainers to run Sunday school training seminars in towns that were 250 miles apart!

June

1 **Mo t** for the increasing role that the volunteer trainers are taking in running training seminars.



Maneno Mfungwe, one of CFCM's volunteer trainers

2 **Tu t** for the positive feedback received after CFCM introduced safeguarding training into its Sunday school teacher training seminars.

3 **We p** for greater awareness of child abuse in Malawi and for the church to increasingly take preventative action.

4 **Th t** for all the children who come to faith in Christ through CFCM's Bible clubs.

5 **Fr t** CFCM have developed a project to open a nursery school in Blantyre to support their ministry.

6 **Sa p** for CFCM as they approach grant-making bodies for funds to implement their project.

### zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

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

7 **Su t** for the many individuals and churches that faithfully support **zm**'s work.

8 **Mo t** **zm**'s staff have been able to work from home without facing major challenges.

9 **Tu p** for spiritual wisdom and discernment as **zm**'s Trustees and Executive Committee meet 'virtually' today using online technology.

June

10 **We t** for the technology that will allow all **zm**'s UK staff to hold a 'virtual' meeting today - despite living so far apart.

11 **Th p** for God to raise up new representatives - they are badly needed in several parts of the UK.

12 **Fr p** the summer conferences **zm** normally attends have been disrupted by coronavirus.

13 **Sa p** that **zm**'s representatives would be able to encourage and minister to churches in the UK even though we are currently unable to meet.

### River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

Leader Ps Mvula Mvula.

14 **Su t** for Pastor Mvula Mvula's godly leadership and his passion for gospel ministry.

15 **Mo p** for effective shared ministry within RoLEC's wider leadership team.

16 **Tu t** for the six RoLEC churchplanters that **zm** is currently supporting: at Lilongwe, Salima, Karonga, Mbululu, Chinguwo and Nsanje.

17 **We p** for each one as they "endure hardship and do the work of an evangelist" (2 Tim. 4:5).

18 **Th t** for February's leadership training in Kasinje attended by 38 church leaders.

19 **Fr t** the training focused on sin, redemption, personal holiness and church administration.



RoLEC leadership training at Kasinje in February

### Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) in Malawi

Chairman, Ps Chimwemwe Kanjirawayo and his deputy, Ps Joe Tsokalida; General Secretary, Ps James Baisson Phiri and his deputy, Ps Willard Muwalo.

20 **Sa p** for ZEC's leaders to walk closely with God.