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

Pastor Jimmy Chaona, FoY Coordinator

30 We p that the FoY National Conference planned between 8th and 11th July in Ntcheu would be a wonderful opportunity for thousands of young people from ZEC to gather and hear God's Word.

July

1 Th p that many would be saved at this event.

2 Fr t for Pastor Chaona's untiring dedication to FoY. This will be his first National Conference as Coordinator.

3 Sa p for availability of funds to meet the estimated budget.

4 Su p for safety on the roads, as young people will be travelling from all corners of Malawi.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Mozambique

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

5 Mo p that the government will soon permit churches to reopen in Mozambique - they have already allowed markets and bars to open.

6 Tu p for Christian leaders as they lobby their government about continued church closures.

7 We t although churches have been closed, Bible studies have continued in small groups.

8 Th p for **zm** and ZEC as we jointly plan a training programme to develop Christlike leaders.

9 Fr p for protection for God's people as Islamic militancy in north eastern Mozambique spreads southwards and becomes increasingly violent.

July

10 Sa t there are now nine students from ZEC in Mozambique undergoing training at EBCoM.

The full-time **zm** supported students at EBCoM

11 Su p for ZEC's leaders to sustain a bond of mutual fellowship between the parts of east and west Mozambique that are separated by Malawi.

ZEC Mozambique Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

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

12 Mo t for the willingness of superintendents Jamieson Midiasi and Joachim Lihama to endure hardship like soldiers for Christ (2 Tim. 2: 4).

13 Tu p former superintendent Raphael Waissone as he continues his theology studies in Maputo.

14 We p for Stephen Jose's ministry at Moatize ZEC. It is next to a vast open cast coal mine.

15 Th t that ZEC has now secured land at Moatize. p that they would be able to build a church.

16 Fr p for Mario Mphaliwa, churchplanter at Chitsulo ZEC, doing door to door evangelism.

17 Sa t for Joshua Misomali's tireless work over the last five years to plant a church at Milange.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique

Francisco Fanuel Khumayo - Coordinator.

18 Su p that restrictions will be lifted, so that the mass evangelism event planned for November together with Malawian FoY groups can go ahead.

19 Mo t for the FoY leadership team, connecting with and encouraging local FoY group leaders.

July

Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Mozambique

Coordinator Ruth Smart and her deputy Odetta Joao.

20 Tu p that the word of Christ would dwell richly among the Chiyanjano leaders as they teach and admonish one another (Col. 3: 16).

21 We t the compassionate role that Chiyanjano women have, caring for the sick and bereaved.

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

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

22 Th p that **zm's** representatives will be able to resume visiting churches this summer.

23 Fr t **zm's** faithful supporters, whose gifts and prayers have sustained **zm** during the pandemic.

24 Sa p that international travel restrictions would be lifted to allow visits to Malawi to start again.

25 Su t that Office Manager Clare O'Connell has settled in well to her new role.

26 Mo t for the unexpected blessing of having our Malawian team joining our meetings on Zoom.

27 Tu p for guidance about when to resume face to face staff, trustees and Exec. meetings.

28 We p for wisdom as we decide whether to redesign *In Prayer* after interviewing supporters last year.

29 Th p that God will comfort former Director Colin Cresswell, after his wife Chris died in March.

30 Fr t that our God, Jehovah Jireh, the Lord will provide, has provided for all the mission's needs during the past very challenging 12 months.

31 Sa p that **zm** would be able to attend any summer conferences that are running this year.

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"The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry."

Psalm 34: 15

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

Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

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

1 Sa t that students are back at the college, eager to learn and prepared to work for the Lord.

2 Su t for new Principal Gift Mphongolo, who longs to see the students spiritually transformed.

EBCoM Principal Gift Mphongolo

3 Mo t for the experience that Chimwemwe Harawa brings to her role as Academic Dean.

4 Tu p that all newly appointed staff would settle into their roles quickly and soon feel fully integrated within the staff team at EBCoM.

5 We t **zm** is sponsoring 70 students this year.

6 Th p for 2nd year student Elliot Kasiya, whose eldest son was murdered in Zimbabwe in April.

7 Fr p for 1st year student Felix Ntuta: his home was struck by lightning and all he owned was destroyed by fire. Thankfully his family escaped.

May

8 Sa p for wise decision making by EBCoM's governing Council, as they seek to establish the college on a more financially sustainable footing.

Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)

Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Lackson Makawa

9 Su t for this year's Easter 5-day Holiday Club which took place in Bolero and was very successful.

10 Mo p that the 5-day club will give a boost to Bible clubs being run by local CFCM volunteers.

Joseph Jeke teaches at CFCM's Ntenjera Bible club

11 Tu t that schools have reopened in Malawi and, as a result, CFCM Bible clubs have resumed.

12 We p for child-headed families connected to CFCM Bible clubs, who struggle to support themselves.

13 Th t that CFCM is planning to visit and update all their volunteer trainers during the year.

14 Fr p for patience, as CFCM waits on God for funding for the Little Lambs nursery school project.

River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)

Leader Ps Mvula Mvula

15 Sa t for the sound leadership and integrity of Pastor Mvula Mvula as he heads up RoLEC.

16 Su t for RoLEC's vision of using education as a catalyst for outreach and transformation.

17 Mo p for plans to increase the number of classrooms at RoLEC's mission secondary school.

18 Tu t that currently **zm** is supporting six RoLEC churchplanters.

19 We p for churchplanters facing opposition from Muslims or followers of African Traditional Religion.

20 Th p for plans to restart Learn2Serve training for RoLEC leaders, in partnership with J-Life Malawi.

zambesi mission (zm) in Malawi

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

21 Fr t for a good harvest this year in Malawi: most areas had above average yields of maize.

22 Sa t that all **zm's** staff and their families have been protected from COVID-19.

23 Su p Simon, Rose and Mercy all have school-aged children whose education has been disrupted by school closures during the past year.

24 Mo p that the children will be able to make up for what they have missed and pass their exams.

25 Tu p for Simon as he plans **zm's** summer book-set conferences in Mzuzu, Nkhotakota and Salima.

26 We p that restrictions on the size of gatherings will be lifted by July so that these can proceed.

27 Th t for the organisations who provide free books in English and Chichewa for the conferences.

28 Fr t new guard Chimwemwe Sande has settled in well as part of our team at the office in Blantyre.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Malawi

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

29 Sa t for deputy General Secretary Willard Muwalo's gradual recovery from a stroke he suffered in January. His presence and influence has been greatly missed within ZEC and at EBCoM.

30 Su p **zm** was forced to suspend its subsidised Bible distribution scheme during the pandemic. p for plans to restart the programme imminently.

31 Mo t ZEC's Children's department is on track to meet their target of carrying out 20 Sunday school teacher training sessions across Malawi in 2021.

June

1 Tu p that teachers and children will be protected and strengthened as Sunday schools start again.

2 We t for the lives and faithful ministry of ZEC's retired pastors and their wives.

3 Th p that ZEC will be able to devise a plan to support retired pastors and their wives and widows.

June

4 Fr t during the 'hunger months' **zm** was able to help retired pastors, wives and widows with food.

Pastor and Mrs Daniel Chimwaza in retirement

ZEC Health & Rural Development

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

5 Sa t that, although devastating, January's second wave of COVID-19 cases was short-lived.

6 Su t that Malawi's vaccination programme has started. 360,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine are available for frontline workers.

7 Mo t that ZEC health workers have continued to be protected from the virus.

8 Tu p for **zm's** continued ability to provide PPE for ZEC's staff at their five health centres.

9 We p for Pastor Mikondo from Muluma ZEC. He suffered severe complications after contracting COVID and has been in hospital since February.

10 Th t for the life and witness of the staff at ZEC's health centres during these fearful times.

11 Fr p solar panels, water pumps and medical hardware all need to be looked after. p that ZEC would have the funds they need for maintenance.

ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda

12 Sa t for new accountant, Ruth Galeta at Ntonda. She is temporarily acting as Administrator. Her role involves overseeing the operation of the hospital as well as the ODC.

13 Su p for a permanent Administrator to be found to replace Lameck Masoamphambe at Ntonda.

June

14 Mo t that the long awaited transformer for the maize mill at Chifunga has now been delivered.

15 Tu p that power will be connected soon so that the maize mill can start generating income.

16 We t that success in breeding goats at both Chifunga and Nthorowa ODCs means that they will soon be self-reliant in meat supply.

17 Th t the promising rice and groundnut crops at Nthorowa will provide good nutrition for children.

18 Fr p for Fashion Faiti, who manages Nthorowa with determination, grace and ingenuity.

ZEC Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

Margaret Chodzi - Coordinator; Madalo Khoza - Chair

19 Sa t that the Chiyanjano see their ministry as serving the whole church, not just each other.

20 Su t for their frequent home and hospital visits.

21 Mo p for spiritual wisdom for the new leaders: Chiyanjano groups perform a crucial ministry.

22 Tu p for their efforts to establish a successful income generating scheme to support their work.

23 We t for those who teach at each ZEC church's weekly meetings and inspire the women in their walk with God and their lives of service.

24 Th p for wisdom and guidance for Chiyanjano leaders, trying to plan events amidst uncertainty.

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.

25 Fr t for each superintendent: their work involves pastoring the pastors in their areas.

26 Sa p for relationships of trust and support between pastors and their superintendents.

27 Su p for God's protection as superintendents travel long distances to visit churches.

28 Mo t that the churchplanting programme has placed an evangelical witness in many rural areas where people had never heard the Gospel.

29 Tu p churchplanters can often feel isolated and alone. p that they will receive a strong sense of assurance and know the comforting presence of Jesus walking alongside them in ministry.