

News In Brief...

- ◆ **zm's Administrator** Richard Brassington has decided to leave the mission in June, in order to focus more of his time on his language teaching. Richard has run **zm's** office in York for nearly ten years with a wonderful blend of grace, empathy, efficiency and warm-heartedness. He will be greatly missed by everyone at **zm**. We pray that God would richly bless his future life and work.
- ◆ **Myles and Ruth MacBean** completed their service as **zm's** Church Development Partners at the end of March. Myles MacBean has now joined **zm's** Executive Committee. Ruth MacBean has become a member of staff, taking the role of **zm** Representative and Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM) Specialist. In this role Ruth is available to represent the work of **zm** and CFCM in churches, at conferences and other special events. Her role also includes developing awareness of the work of CFCM and encouraging participation in new ways with Sunday schools and young people more generally. Please contact Ruth using her contact details at the foot of the page if you are interested in her sharing more about CFCM and/or **zm** in your church or other group.



A CFCM Bible Club at Namisu

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As our supporters will probably know already, new data protection legislation comes into force on 25th May. This affects the way that **zm** stores and processes our supporters' personal data. Whilst those who receive our publications in the post do not need to take any action, we need to be able to demonstrate that those who receive publications via email have agreed to this. We will therefore be emailing all these supporters in the next few weeks, asking them to confirm their consent to continue to receive publicity from **zm**. We do not give our sell our supporters' personal data to any other person or organisation.

* N.B. A small proportion of all gifts received is used to help cover essential administrative and ministry costs. We are very grateful for any gift and shall use it as requested. If we receive more than required for any project, or a more pressing need arises, we hope you will understand if we use your gift where most needed.

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“And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus”. *Philippians 4:19*

Our cover photo shows a wooden cross erected on Good Friday in the Shire Highlands in Malawi. Jesus and His death and resurrection are at the heart of zm’s work. Our aim is to share the mission journey of our African partners, as together we seek to lift high the name of Jesus in Malawi, northern Mozambique and also in the UK.

This time last year zm faced a challenging financial period. We wrote to our supporters in March 2017, drawing their attention to the situation. At the time we were encouraged by the words of Philippians 4:19 written above. The response was most uplifting and the mission’s financial stability was restored by the middle of the year. However, after five successive months of low income, zm again faces financial uncertainty. In this instance, we do not feel that it is appropriate to write to share the mission’s circumstances with all our supporters again. Notwithstanding this, we have taken the decision to minimise the mission’s expenditure wherever reasonably possible. Further long-term changes to the structure of the mission, particularly in the UK, may also be necessary. A fuller report is available on our website.

Thank you for your prayers and your ongoing support. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Michael Bueford

Harvest in Malawi and northern Mozambique

The majority of the inhabitants of Malawi and northern Mozambique are subsistence farmers who rely on their crops for survival. There is only one growing season each year, during the rainy period that normally extends from December until April. A combination of the effects of climate change, over-population and reducing soil fertility makes small-scale farming doubly difficult. This year has sadly not been an exception: in January the rainfall in large parts of Malawi and northern Mozambique simply stopped for about four weeks. zm’s Field Director Simon Chikwana wrote, “the problem is worse in the productive districts of the Southern region. This means the South, East and West of Malawi is a complete disaster as far as crop harvest is concerned this year”.

It is too early to say what overall impact this will have on Malawi and neighbouring parts of Mozambique, but it is likely to be significant. Please remember the situation in prayer.



A poor maize harvest is likely from the fields used to support the ODC at Nthorowa ZEC

River of Life Evangelical Church Leaders - Visit to the UK

As part of zm’s ministry to churches, the mission has arranged for Pastors Mvula Mvula, Gift Mtintha and Justice Chipwanya to visit the UK in May/June 2018.

zm aims to foster “partnerships in the gospel” between Christians and churches in the UK and their counterparts in Malawi and northern Mozambique. zm regards our African partners as equally valuable parts of the body of Christ and we recognise that our partnership in the Gospel is not just a one-way relationship. Our inter-dependent relationship means that here in the UK we need the church in Malawi and northern Mozambique, just as much as they need us. The aim of inviting church leaders from Malawi to visit churches in the UK is two-fold: firstly, we want to bring the partnership to life by actually meeting leaders from the church in Malawi; secondly, as part of our inter-dependent relationship, we wish to learn from God through our Malawian brothers in Christ. zm believes that there are many ways in which the church in this wealthy (and often materialistic) country can learn from and receive spiritually from God through the church in Africa.



Leaders of the River of Life Evangelical Church will be visiting Malawi in May/June 2018

Our visitors will be sharing at the following meetings. For more details call our office on 01904 674748 or email at office@zambesimission.org. We are excited to wait and see what the Lord will say and do through His servants.

- Friday 25th May, 8.00pm Canning Town Evangelical Church, E16 4HN
- Sunday 27th May, 10.30am Sholing Baptist Ch., Southampton, SO19 8FS
- Sunday 27th May, 6.30pm Verwood Road Ev. Ch., BH21 6RW
- Tuesday 29th May, 7.30pm Chardsmead Baptist Ch., Bridport, DT6 3AD
- Weds 30th May, 7.30pm West Row Bap. Ch., Bury St Edmunds, IP28 8PA
- Friday 1st June, 7.30pm World Prayer Focus, Motherwell
- Sunday 3rd June, 11.00am Bothwell Evangelical Church, G71 8EX
- Sunday 3rd June, 6.30pm Bothwell Evangelical Church, G71 8EX
- Weds 6th June 7.30pm (TBC) Penrith Methodist Church, CA11 7QY
- Sunday 10th June, 10.30am Matthew Henry Ev. Church, Chester, CH1 5RS
- Sunday 10th June, 6.30pm St Simon and St Jude’s, Southport, PR9 7BQ
- Monday 11th June zm Staff meeting, York
- Tuesday 12th June zm Executive Committee meeting, York
- Weds 14th June, 7.30pm Doncaster Evangelical Church, DN2 4AY