

# Zambia Newsletter

## Zambia Missions

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There is so MUCH to report in this newsletter that I don't have nearly enough space to write. I have lots of pictures I'd love to include but can't (for lack of space). Thus, if you have internet capabilities, I'd love for you to download a 9-page document (mostly colored pictures) from our web page: [www.zambiamissions.org](http://www.zambiamissions.org) (cf. "Progress Report," top-left column under Newsletters) or visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/zambiamissions](http://www.facebook.com/zambiamissions) (where there are lots of pictures and short summary statements).

I am making an appeal for several financial needs in this month's Newsletter: (a) Monthly support for Kerin's Kids, (b) Funding to build two additional classrooms for the Primary School (which will be needed for the students' children on Sept 1), and (c) Funding for two teacher houses (as I have 2 Bible Teachers for whom I don't have houses). I explain why these are important needs below.

### **Daybreak Bible College (DBC).**

We were most happy to welcome Mustapha Sandi (59 years old) to Zambia on Jan 8. He comes from Sierra Leone where he has served as the head of a Christian College for many years. I have invited Sandi to head up our Bible College for the next 3-4 years in order to help us in the start of our newly redesigned training program at Daybreak (and to develop our teaching staff).

We also have just hired a 4th teacher (McDonald Changa) for the Bible College. He (like Daniel) is a graduate of African Christian College; both are 31 years old. This gives us two older teachers and two younger teachers (who will be ready when the time comes for them to take the lead).



Bible Teachers (except for McDonald)

For the past few weeks I have been meeting every day with the teaching staff (orientation) as we prepare to fully

implement our new 3-year training program. Students arrive on April 1. We are also using this time (Dec - Mar) to travel the country to recruit new students. Because we have shifted to a new campus and are now recruiting only married students (with higher standards), it is necessary that we properly advertise our program and alert church leaders to the kind of student we are looking for.

### **Primary School.**

We will start our new Primary School on Feb 8. There are, at least, three reasons for having a Primary School. (a) For our Staff and Students' children. The only school in our area is six miles away (long way for children to walk), is over-crowded (operating two half-day school sessions to accommodate all the children), and it provides a poor level of education. This school will not accept student children moving in after Jan 1 (which means our student children would have no school to attend). (b) Student Training. One of the ministry skills we train our students and their wives to do is to start a Community School and to be a School Teacher. Our Primary School provides the practical training for our students and their wives. (c) Great Need. As stated above there is a great need for schools in our area and this is a ministry to the community. It will be a fee-based school so that it can be a self-supporting school.

Once we build the school facilities, the school itself will not require any American funding. However, we do need to raise money to build the school (initial investment). In fact, we need to build two additional classrooms before Sept 1 (when all our students are scheduled to bring their children to campus). Presently, we have two classrooms that we have divided into four (temporary partitions) for grades K-6 and have hired five teachers, but we will need to build two more classrooms to accommodate all our students' children.

We are, therefore, making an appeal for financial support to build these two classrooms (\$12,000 each). Please write, "Primary School" on the memo line of your check. This is part of the expense of shifting to a three-year program for married students and their wives. If there was a cheaper option, we would certainly do otherwise.

The Primary School will also be used on Saturday-Sundays for a Youth and Children's Ministry (and for training our students and their wives in youth and children's ministry). One-half of the population is under 18, and very few churches are doing anything to raise these children in the Christian faith.

### **Kerin's Kids (Orphans).**

We had to delay completion of the Baby House in order to build the necessary housing (15 apartments) for our incoming students on April 1. Once we complete these houses, we plan to finish construction on the Baby House by the end of April or May. Immediately thereafter Kerin will hire 2-3 women and begin operations (taking in orphans). There will be enough room for 30-40 orphan babies and vulnerable children.

However, this is going to require additional funding. Please take note: Funding for the orphan program is not funded from General Funding for Zambia Missions – **Kerin's Kids is supported only by those churches and individuals who specifically send in support for this ministry**. Thus, as Kerin expands this ministry with the Baby House, we are going to be seeking this year to raise support that is specifically for this orphan-care ministry. If you or your church would like to support this ministry, then just write "Kerin's Kids" on the memo line of your check (address on top of front page).

### **Daybreak Farm.**

We just finished planting our first soybean crop (20 acres) this past week. In addition, we just finished the first Chicken House today! This building (below) will house 10,000 chickens. This week we are going to buy our first batch of 500 chickens as we begin building this. **This is the first step in our 2025 Plan (to become 85% self-supporting by 2025).**



As soon as possible we also want to buy a Hammer Mill and Dehuller so that we can begin grinding corn (mixing with staple) to produce our own animal feed. This will accomplish two purposes: (a) It will greatly enhance our profit (cf. below), and (b) It will meet a great need in our community. Nshima is the primary food of Zambia (85% of diet), which is corn that is ground into mille-meal. The nearest hammer mill in our area is 6 miles away (requiring people to walk 5-10 miles), is over-used (hours waiting in line), and is broken down half of the time.

This means that there is a great need in our area for a hammer mill and a great business opportunity for us (maximize our profits in chickens). People bring their corn to us. In exchange for grinding their corn, we get to keep what is leftover (30%) which they cannot use, plus 10% of the mille-meal (which our students can eat). We then can mix this leftover brand with the staple into animal feed which will greatly reduce our costs. It is a win-win for everyone involved.

### **Bible College: Agriculture Training.**

We are also building a chicken house for the students (which should be ready for the beginning of school). Upon their arrival, students will begin immediately to be trained in two areas: (a) Vegetables (drip-irrigation), and (b) Chickens. Students will be divided into three Ministry Teams (six students each). Each

team will be assigned a Teacher who will work with them as a Mentor for spiritual development, ministry training (evangelism), and agriculture training. Each team will be assigned one of three rooms in the Chicken House (large enough to grow 120 chickens). They will start with just 30 chicks and be taught the business of growing chickens (learning how to manage capital to buy the next batch of chicks, feed, medicine, etc).

I have just hired an Agriculture Teacher (who will also work with our Daybreak Farm) to train the students in basic farming (using drip-irrigation) and chicken production. The students will be given a stipend (food) for 3-4 months, after which they will be expected to be self-supporting through farming. Furthermore, students will not be allowed to bring their families to campus until they have proven that they can adequately feed them. This should happen by Sept 1 of this year (May 1 in future years). Students who do not succeed in becoming self-supporting within 5 months will be dismissed from Daybreak.

### **Construction.**

We have just started construction on our new church building (College Auditorium) which will be large enough for 300-400 people. We desperately need this building as soon as possible since our classroom building is large enough only for our staff and students. We do not have enough from for the student's families nor for anyone else from the community. This means that we cannot engage in student evangelism until this building is done (hopefully in June). Once this building is completed, we will then be actively sending our students out for evangelistic training (resulting in membership increases to our church).

This auditorium will also serve another purpose. I am building a kitchen off the side of the building so that I can use the building for a Restaurant in the evenings – a place for our students, staff, and community to socialize in the evenings. Not many Zambians have TV's and, thus, socializing in the evenings is the primary form of relaxation and entertainment. Unfortunately, in Zambia, there is no public places for people to gather in the evenings except the bars where drunkenness and sexual immorality is prolific. I want to create an alternative to public bars – a place where people in our area can gather without alcohol being center stage. This may even provide Daybreak with some additional revenue to help support the school long-term. Since we have this building (not being used in the evenings), why not turn it into something that has a meaningful daily purpose?

**Student Housing (Apartments).** We are making great progress in the construction of 15 student apartments (three blocks of five apartments). Block one (below) is finished, block two be finished within six weeks, and block three should be done in time for students' arrival (April 1).

