

# Zambia Newsletter

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Great things are happening here in Zambia! Lorie and I are seeing much progress being made in every dimension of this ministry right now! We are extremely encouraged! But, such progress has now created a huge problem: we have exceeded the funding that we need. I hope this newsletter will explain the need that now exists and the reasons why.

### Financial Challenges

I rarely say anything about our financial needs as I don't want to cry "Wolf" except when it is really necessary. Although we are not yet in any crisis situation, we may not be far from it in the next few months. The exchange rate has turned against us (resulting in 12% loss in the last 3 months), and we have had to hire some additional staff members for which we do not have the money. Zambia has also passed some new laws that have increased our costs of operation. We hired a very good female teacher for our women's program, and we are now needing to hire another Bible Teacher for next year as we add the third-year to our training program. Thus, our costs have increased substantially so that our monthly expenses are greater than our incoming monthly support.

We also have exhausted our construction and development funds. We urgently need to complete the sixth and last married student apartment building before January when the third year of students arrive. We also have other buildings that we are needing to build (e.g. classroom for third year students, a small office building for our teachers and administrative staff, and another 2-3 houses for our new Bible teachers).

Once we get these essential facilities completed, we want to start developing our farming operations on campus (e.g. chickens and various cash crops). Our hope (goal) is to build 6-10 chicken houses that will enable us to grow 30,000 to 50,000 chickens every six weeks. Three months ago we hired a Mission Superintendent who is an experienced farmer and she has already negotiated a contract for our chicken business. We and the students are now together growing 5,000 chickens every six weeks, but our plan is to greatly expand this operation. This is of critical importance so that we can develop a means to provide long-term funding for this ministry. My goal is to achieve 75% self-support by 2025 which will begin to reduce our dependency on American support.

However, achieving this goal will require some initial investment to get things set up and operational. And, we have

to deal with the monthly financial shortfall that we currently experiencing. Thus, I am making an

appeal for two things: (a) Monthly support to cover current expenses until our farm begins to produce support for the ministry and (b) one-time contributions for the initial investment that will enable us to achieve our long-term goal of becoming 75% self-supported. If you or your church would like to contribute toward one or both of these two needs, then you can send your contribution to the above address in the USA.

### Report: Bible College.

Things have never gone as well as they are going right now in our Bible College. We are seeing some **tremendous spiritual growth** among our students and their wives. In fact, a recent visiting teacher (missionary in Africa) said that he has not seen a more spiritual-minded group of students in a long time! The new female teacher that we hired in June (**Violet**) has been doing an incredible job with the student wives. In addition, Christine (our Mission Superintendent who is an experienced farmer) has made phenomenal progress with the student **gardens and chickens** (agricultural training). In fact, the students are now growing chickens under contract and have just completed their first delivery of chickens!

We have just started construction on the chicken house for the third-year students which will allow them to increase their production to **200 chickens per student** every six weeks. Since we now have a contract for chickens, these students will begin to earn a significant income. However, whatever income they earn over the minimum wage in Zambia, we will put in the bank so that each student will build up some capital for developing their village farms once they have graduated. After graduation, each student will present a business plan that must be approved by the faculty. This might include purchasing land, building some chicken houses, buying drip-irrigation equipment, or drilling a well for water. Our staff will then work with the students upon their return to the village to make these capital investments so that our students will be able to put into practice all that we have taught them during their three-years of training at Daybreak.

We have had several visiting teachers over the past three months: Fielden & Janet Allison (from Tanzania) taught a class on "Marriage & Family." Truman Whitaker (Georgia) taught a class on "Spiritual Warfare." Willie Holcomb (Memphis) taught a class

on "Conflict Resolution." Greg Clodfelter (Kenya) taught a class on "Biblical Sexuality," and Manuel Oliveira (Swaziland) taught the "Gospel of John."

### **Agricultural Ministry.**

As mentioned earlier, we have now secured a contract for growing chickens. Together with our students we are now growing about 5000 chickens every six weeks. As we get funding in the future, we will build additional chicken houses so that we can increase our production to between 30,000 and 50,000 chickens.

I also had a conversation with the buyer of our chickens and discovered that they also are looking for people willing to raise pigs. Thus, at some point, we would like to build 2-3 buildings for **raising pigs** which will increase our income and provide some diversity (in case of disease or changing markets). In addition, we have now identified some **cash crops** for which there is a market in Zambia, and we will now begin to secure contracts for these crops for both Daybreak and our students. And, we are looking to introduce **aquaponics** within the next few months (as there is a British NGO that is helping farmers to set up these projects).

Thus, we are not only trying to training our students how to be self-supporting as farmers, but we are also trying to develop our own Daybreak Farm so that this ministry can eventually become **75% self-supporting** (which is my ten-year goal for this ministry). We have made great progress in this effort and I am now more optimistic that we will achieve this goal by 2025 (assuming we are able to raise the initial capital that is necessary to build the facilities for the chickens and pigs).

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

One of the children (**Carol**) that Kerin has been working with had to be hospitalized a week ago. Carol is a ten-year-old who has cerebral palsy. Kerin has been giving her protein-enriched food and physical therapy. Kerin has also been teaching her mother about nutrition (so she can properly feed Carol) and how to continue the physical therapy.

About ten days ago, Carol became sick and stopped eating. After three days, her mother took her to the local hospital. They did an X-Ray, and the X-Ray technician told her that there was nothing in her heart cavity! (i.e., Carol has no heart)! The mother (obviously smarter than the technician) called Kerin to help get Carol to a proper hospital where they put Carol on an I.V. and gave her antibiotics. Carol has improved and is expected to be released from the hospital in a day or two. This is just another example of the inadequate healthcare available to people in this country, which is one reason so many people die young.

### **Education Ministry.**

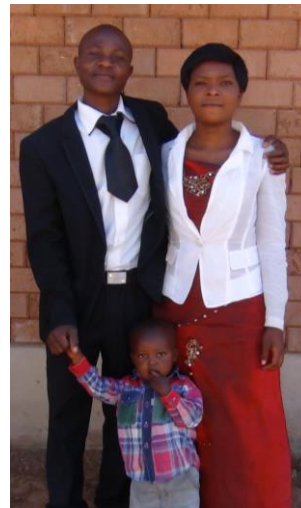
We have completed the **three new classrooms** and will begin using them when the new third term begins the first week of Sept. We also need to hire a new teacher, but we are struggling as to how to pay this cost. We now have more than 120 students, and we will likely increase to over 200 when the new school year begins in Jan. Lorie has continued training the teachers over the past few weeks (during the Aug break) as our school has now become one of the best Primary Schools in the entire area. We now have a waiting list

of parents wanting to get their kids into our school. Also, the lunch program continues to provide a protein-enriched meal (lunch) that is being funded by extra donations from several of you to this effort. It costs us just \$6.00 per day to feed over 100 children.

### **Construction.**

Three classrooms to the Primary School: completed. Married Student Apartments (Block E): only the roof and plumbing remains. Chicken House for third-year students: digging the foundation. The following projects are urgently needed, but yet to be funded: Married Student Apartments (Block F) and two houses for Bible teachers, Daybreak Chicken Houses.

### **Meet Our Students: Bwalya Chewe.**



I am happily married to Memory and have been blessed with a son (Titus). I come from the northern part of Zambia (Bemba tribe). I was brought up in the United Church of Zambia but became a Christian in 2005. I came to Daybreak Bible College to be equipped in the word of God and to learn more about agriculture farming using drip irrigation systems in particular and layering of chickens. This will enable me with effective skills in empowering my

community to be self-sufficient in food production as I share the gospel with my community (walking the talk).

I have seen a lot of change in my life during my stay at Daybreak; I have learnt a great deal on how to take care of my family and an able to understand the word of God which I only read but never understood and based on this am beginning to see myself growing spiritually as well as physically. I am now able to freely tell others about Jesus and wonderful things he is doing in my life and my family.

I am very grateful to the college for having taken me in to study and honestly I have learnt on how to make raised beds and make use of drip irrigation which I never did my whole life before coming to Daybreak Bible College, and am happy am doing it together with my family.

I would encourage my fellow students to continue loving one another as we come from different places with a common goal to be trained as Spiritual Leaders so as to go back home and train others.

I really appreciate the effort donors are putting into this ministry, so as to help the college to equip us with skills, and would earnestly urge them to continue supporting the college as it continues to grow by equipping more Spiritual Leaders who later go back to their place of origin and help in developing families, churches, communities and nations.