

# Zambia Newsletter

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I try hard not to make an appeal for financial help except when it is truly needed. We are currently trying to build two more classrooms and a science lab for our Christian School so that we can add grades 8 and 9. In addition, we are having to build 3-4 teacher's apartment houses (which will save a great deal of money in the long-term). Read below as to why we believe this construction/development is important.

**Financial Help.** We need your financial help in order to complete this construction by the end of October (since it is in November when the government will need to inspect our facilities and certify the school for the next year). This is the last construction project we have left to do at Daybreak.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, you can do so by mailing a check to Zambia Missions, 1910 Sycamore View Rd, Bartlett, TN 38134, or by going online to our webpage ([www.zambiamissions.org](http://www.zambiamissions.org)) and clicking on the Yellow "Donate" button.

## **Christian School.**

We are currently in the process of getting our school registered and certified with the Zambian government as a private Christian school. It is to be registered as Aurora Christian Academy (ACA). This is a complicated and slow process. Lorie and Likando (Director of the Christian School) have been working hard on this for over a year.

As mentioned above, we are working to build two new classrooms and a science lab so that we can add grades 8 and 9. We have to complete these buildings by the end of October in order to complete our registration with the Zambian government (which has to be done in November). We also need to build 3-4 teacher apartments (one building with four houses) as this will save a great deal of money in the long-term (since the Zambian gov't requires employers to pay rent for employee's housing). Housing in our area is either unavailable or is extremely expensive (since we live in a rural area with limited housing that meets gov't requirements).

**The reason for this further development.** Most of the children coming to our school are from families who live and work on some commercial farms in our area. These families are among the poorest people of Zambia as they are landless people working/living on someone else's property (like

sharecroppers in the U.S. 100 years ago).

These families cannot afford to send their children to school. The only education their children will ever get is what they get at our school. Our school is an excellent school academically and it provides these children with a Christian education. While the Bible College remains our primary ministry, we feel that our school is one of the best ways to help the next generation by empowering and equipping them with a good education. It fits with our philosophy of "teaching a man to fish" (rather than giving him a fish).

Once we finish building the two classrooms, the science lab, and the additional housing for the teachers, we will be finished with all our construction at Daybreak. We do not believe we will need to do any future construction on our campus once these last buildings are completed.



**Pictures.** Our school recently held its annual Science Day. This is something that is done in all the schools throughout Zambia). We assembled all the students in the auditorium (below) and the teachers conducted several science experiments for the students.





**Daybreak Bible College.**

Things are progressing very well in our Bible College. We have a good group of students, and they seem to be developing quite well in their studies. Last month I taught a 3-week class on “Spiritual Transformation” which is probably one of the best and most important classes I have ever taught.

**Youth Conference.**

July 1-4 is a four-day holiday period in Zambia every year (Unity Day and Heroes Day). It is a time when churches from all across Zambia conduct church meetings, workshops and seminars. One of these is the Youth Conference for the Churches of Christ [BTW, youth in Zambia is defined as unmarried single adults, most of whom are in the 20's]. We here at Daybreak Bible College (DBC) agreed to host this event this year. See pictures below.



It appears to have been a great success. The theme this year was on Unity, and I was invited to speak on "Unity and the Mission of God" (which I did on Saturday night). I'm not sure anyone counted how many attended the conference, but the number totally filled our auditorium and forced us at one point to put speakers outside for those unable to find a seat inside. I estimate there were about 500-600. The leaders of the Youth Conference seem to have been well-pleased as they asked if they could return in future years.



**Special Visitors.**

My brother (John) and his wife (Kerrie) came to visit us in Zambia. It is the first time they have visited our new campus at Daybreak as it has been 10 years since their last visit. The picture below was taken after a staff meeting that we had with the Bible teachers (our two women teachers were not present at this meeting). John is pictured on the back-right. [John is also an elder at our sponsoring congregation]. Kerrie, on the other hand, taught a few classes for the student wives and worked with Lorie in the Christian School.



**Kerin's Kids (Childrens Ministry).**

**Faith & Hope** are twins that Kerin has been helping for a little over a year (see picture below). Their mother died and they are now staying with their aunt. They live about 8 hours away from our campus, so Kerin has to send their baby formula by bus (as this is the best way to get the formula to the twins).

Kerin doesn't usually provide assistance to children who live this far away, but she heard about their need for assistance from one of our former staff members. The twins are now 16 months old and are in good health. Kerin gets pictures and an update every month (the picture below was a recent picture sent with the latest update from their aunt).



**Other news:** Besides working on getting the Christian School certified with the government, **Lorie** conducted a workshop with the schoolteachers. This is part of Lorie's ongoing effort to improve the academic excellence of our school. I am also happy to announce that **Likando** (the Director of our school) completed his “Bachelor of Technical Education, Vocational & Entrepreneurship Training Program.” He now plans to start work on his master's degree in education.