

Zambia Newsletter

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We've reached the end of another school year. In Zambia the school year is different than in the USA. It begins in Jan and ends in Nov (year-round system). We have much to report this month: graduation, student interviews, great progress in adding grades 8 and 9 to the Christian School, and news from Kerin's Kids ministry.

Daybreak Bible College: Graduation

We just celebrated our sixth graduation at Daybreak Bible College (DBC). Although we have had over 800 to graduate from our Bible College at Mapepe and Daybreak, this is the sixth class of students to graduate from our new training program at the new Daybreak campus.

There were 21 students who graduated this year – 14 men and 7 student wives. Below are three pictures of the graduation ceremony that occurred at the end of November.



Student Interviews.

At the end of each school year, Dennis Sabelo (Director of the Bible College) conducts interviews of the students who are graduating so that we might learn from them any insights that might help us improve our training program. Dennis video tapes some of these interviews -- some of which I post on Facebook and/or include in some of our email newsletters.

Note: If you are not getting our email newsletters, then you can sign up by going to our webpage (www.zambiamissions.org). A sign-up page will automatically pop up. You can also follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/zambiamissions).

Obviously, I cannot insert a video into this printed newsletter, but I can share with you some of the comments that one of our recent graduates (Mitch Solomon) made in chapel this past month – a kind of **farewell speech**.



"It has been a long and difficult journey for me - a lot has happened to me that has left me better than I was before coming to DBC. I was a person who never knew how to balance my life, but thanks to DBC that has taught me how I should balance life. Upon coming here, I was almost discouraged by the physical appearance of

the place, but later on I realized that not everything that glitters is really gold. What I have gained from DBC is far beyond than what I anticipated at first. I have come to learn that appearance isn't always what it is. Daybreak Bible College has built me to be strong and courageous in life.

I must confess that there were a lot of things that could have had made me go back home, things like digging raised beds, but by God's strength, I kept on moving forward. Despite the hardships I have faced here at DBC, I have told myself never to give up. DBC is unique and special in its own way - it's a place that has really changed me into the man am now becoming. It is here at DBC where I have learnt how to live well with people who are different from me. I still want to grow and change more into Christ likeness.

To our sponsors: the work you're doing is beyond description. You may not change the whole world, but you've changed my own world, and I want to be a blessing to others when I graduate on the 18th of November 2023. May God continue to bless you for us."

-- Mitch Solomon

Dorm Roof.

A windstorm blew through our campus two weeks ago and blew off the roof of our dormitory. After the last time this happened (Primary School), I had all the roofs on campus reinforced, but

there wasn't much that we could do with the dorm roof. The reason is due to the fact that the dorm was originally built as a chicken house; but after we discovered the market for chickens was too oversupplied to make a profit, I decided to convert the building into a dorm for single students. The roof was a low, flat roof supported by wooden beams which made it vulnerable to wind. I was trying to save money by not redoing the roof; but sometimes trying to save money ends up costing more.

We are trying now to replace the roof before the rains (which are now just beginning) ruin the inside of the building. I am also redoing the roof so the winds won't rip it off again – something I should have done in the first place. We are raising the walls some and putting in a pitched roof with steel beams.

More DBC Graduation pictures:

There are more pictures of the graduation ceremony on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/zambiamissions).



Christian School.

We are making great progress in completing all the construction that is needed for us to add grades 8 and 9 to the Christian School. We have completed the classroom building (picture next column) and are putting the roof on the science lab. We have also put the roof on the four teacher apartments and will soon finish the interior work within the next 2-3 weeks. Once these projects are finished, we will finally be done with all our construction at Daybreak! It has taken 7 long years to accomplish this!

The government has now approved our application to add grades 8 and 9 and has also certified the school as a testing center. This has required that we replace 4 of our teachers which means that all

our teachers now have college degrees. This is one step further in improving our academic standards. We will add grade 8 in January 2024 and grade 9 in Jan 2025.



Kerin's Kids.



Justina is one of the babies that Kerin's Kids has been assisting for quite some time now. Justina's mother died when she was just one month old. The whereabouts of the father is unknown. Her mother's sister is the one who is now taking care of her. They live in Chipapa (a small village about 25 miles from our campus). We have a long relationship with this village as it was in this village

that our students planted our first church in Zambia after Kerin's Kids began helping several babies from this village.

News From Former Students:

I received a message from one of our former students (graduate from 2008). After graduating he went on to get his teaching degree and is now supporting himself as a schoolteacher in Chipili (a district in the far northern part of Zambia). His name is **Mostern Mweembe**, and he wrote the following message (including a picture of the church taken after worship services):

"When I came here, I managed to plant a church here where I am. I am currently congregating with my family. It is called Chipili church of Christ. We are currently building a church building and it is now almost up to the wall plate level."

