

# Zambia Newsletter

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On Nov 16 we celebrated the **graduation** of our third-year students at Daybreak Bible College (cf. below). We are also very thankful for the beginning of the **rainy season**, which we hope will be sufficient to end the drought and fill Lake Kariba so that the country can begin generating adequate amounts of electricity for the country. For the past few months, we have been getting power for only about 2 hours a day.

We are also nearing completion of our **construction** projects at the Christian School (cf. below). Also, we have finally started construction on the piggery for the Bible College. More on all of this below. All **classes** at the Bible College and Christian School will finish by the end of November (by the time you get this newsletter), and we will be actively preparing for the beginning of the new school year in January.

### **Daybreak Bible College.**

Graduation Day! We celebrated the graduation of our third-year students on Nov 16. This is our seventh group to graduate from our new training program at Daybreak (eight previous classes of students to graduate from Mapepe in 2005-2014). This 2024 class of students was a little smaller than previous years due to the fact that they were recruited during the COVID pandemic. Nevertheless, they were a great group of students, but it is always a bit sad to see them leave (although we are excited to see what great things they will do in the kingdom of God in the years to come).



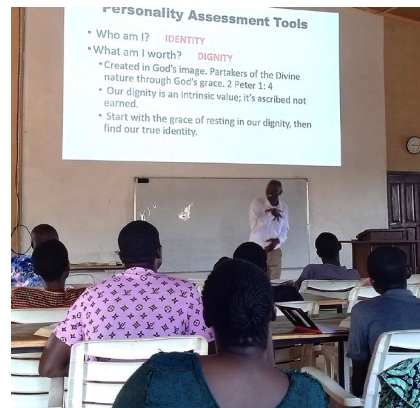
### **Piggery**

We have finally started construction on the piggery (which is what they call it in Zambia). We are building this for two main reasons: (a) This will better equip them to be self-supporting

and will enable them to generate enough income to fund their ministry efforts in the future once they graduate. (b) This piggery is also needed to help support our students while they are attending Daybreak. Due to increased competition in our area, it has become more difficult for our students to earn enough money from the sale of their vegetables to support themselves while attending Daybreak.

### **Visiting Teacher: Ananias Moses.**

Ananias is from Botswana (country on Zambia's southern border) and has a master's degree from Harding University. He has come to teach at Daybreak 3-4 times over the last few years and does



an excellent job. His class on African Traditional Religion (ATR) is especially helpful in preparing our students to deal with witchcraft and traditional practices (which are still quite prevalent throughout Africa).

Ananias taught a class on ATR the first week of November. He brought his new wife with him on this trip, and we have now made plans for them both to teach classes once or twice a year whenever they are able to come in the future.

### **Christian School.**

We have been making great progress this year in the development of the Christian School. We have finished construction on the **Early Childhood Center** (cf. picture below). One of the reasons for adding the Early Children Center is so that we can generate some income for the school. Most of the children coming to our school come from some very poor families who cannot afford to pay full scholarship. This makes it necessary that we recruit children whose parents can pay full tuition. Because there are families moving out of Lusaka to escape the city, there is a great need for childcare in our area. And because these families have good paying jobs in the city, they are able to pay full tuition for childcare.



We will **add Grade 9** in January (which is the beginning of the new school year) and we will add Grade 10 in January of 2026. This effort to add Grades 7-10 (an effort we began two years ago) is being done for two reasons: (a) To provide further education for the children in our area whose education (for most of them) will likely end when they finish at our school. Most of the children attending our school will not be able to pay what it costs to attend Grades 7-10.

(b) To generate additional income for the school. As mentioned above, many of the families moving into our area from Lusaka have good paying jobs in the city and can pay full tuition to send their children to our school. This income will help us cover the cost of those children who cannot afford to pay full tuition.

We hope to complete the **Vocational Training Center** (cf. below) within the next few weeks which will allow us to provide skills training for those children who are not academically capable of attending Grades 7-10. In Zambia, children must pass competency tests at the end of certain years in order to continue further in their education. Since most of the jobs in Zambia are still manual jobs that require vocational skills, we believe this training will be VERY helpful to those students who are not able to continue their education past sixth or seventh grade. This will equip our students with some of the skills they need in order to find good jobs and better support their families in the future.



The Christian School is part of our **philosophy of missions**. We do not believe in giving handouts or doing things that only foster dependency on us or foreign money. Our philosophy is about equipping people so that they can become independent and contribute to the kingdom of God and to the development of their local communities. Our Bible College is dedicated to this principle and so also is our Christian School.

### **Kerin's Kids (Children's Ministry).**

Kerin has added another pair of twins to her list of children. The twins (pictured below) do not yet have names. They are from the Mpande area (about 50 miles Southeast of our campus). Their



mother (below) is only 14 years old. She is not able to supply them with enough milk, so Kerin is providing the mother with baby formula.



Kerin's Kids is now providing baby formula for **31 babies**. She could and would help more babies, if she had more funds to do so; but here is a list of the babies she is currently assisting with baby formula:

#### **Sets of Twins**

1. Golden and Gloria Silbalwa (now 4 months old)
2. Rachel and Memory Ngalauka (now 3 months old)
3. Peace/Queen Lungu twins (less than a month old)
4. Blessing and Pauline Maposa (now 7 months old)
5. Given and Gift Lisuku (now 10 months old)
6. Christine and Esnart Chelo (now 1 year and 4 months old)

#### **Babies Under 6 months**

1. Ethan Tembo (4 months old)
2. Raymond Malambo (4 months old)
3. Joel Daka (5 months old)
4. Beauty (not sure of exact age)

#### **Babies over 6 months but less than 1 year**

1. Grace Mumba (7 months old)
2. Karen Shalunyona (9 months old)
3. Goodson Tembo (7 months old)
4. Cynthia Kapalangwe (9 months old)
5. Choolwe Manchila (Do not have date of birth)

#### **Babies 1 year and older**

1. Blessing Chishimba (1 year and 9 months)
2. Matilda Moonga (1 year and 2 months)
3. Kerin Nakaonga (1 year and 1 month)
4. Diana Mwgwede (1 year 2 months)
5. Tricia Chirwa (1 year and 1 month)
6. Gift Mainza (1 year and 3 months)
7. Viness Mafuta (1 year and 5 months)
8. Cornelias Phiri (1 year and 10 months)
9. Gabriel Malambo (1 year and 10 months)
10. Justina Phiri (1 year and 1 month)