

Zambia Newsletter

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Graduation Day is always a day of celebration and anticipation as our students leave us to go out into the world to serve God and advance the kingdom of God. It is with our prayers that we launched our latest group of students on Nov 29. There is also great progress being made with our Primary School, and Kerin's Kids continues to increase the number of babies who are receiving life-saving assistance.

Daybreak Bible College.

We celebrated our fifth graduation at the new Daybreak campus. I have posted several graduation pictures below.



Although we have been in Zambia 18 years, this is the fifth group of students to graduate from our new 3-year program at Daybreak. When we moved from Mapepe to the new campus, we totally overhauled our training program. Not only did we go from a 2-year to a 3-year program, but we also totally changed our curriculum, goals, and recruiting efforts.



We built married student apartments (instead of dorms) so that we could recruit older, more mature, married students and add the women's program for the wives. We changed our focus from academics to spiritual formation as we

realized that developing the spiritual life of the student was far more important than how much knowledge they had.

The results have been most encouraging. The students that are now graduating from Daybreak (DBC) are far better prepared for ministry and are much improved spiritually as our goal is to train/develop spiritual leaders from Africa. See below a report on one of our recent graduates, Emmanuel Hakonze. I am going to include one such report in each of our future newsletters.



We are now preparing for the beginning of the new school year that will begin on Jan 9. We are expecting 23 new students to arrive the first week of January. In preparation for their arrival, we are finally plastering the insides of the married student houses.

Because our Hydraform blocks (made out of dirt) are not perfect and uniformed, there are small cracks and holes in the walls which have been allowing scorpions and other unwanted critters to get into the houses (plus dust from the wind). This is something we have been needing to do for 4 years, but we had other priorities and not enough money. Now that our construction is nearing an end, we are finally getting this work done during this school break when we have fewer students on campus.

We also are rebuilding the walls in the single students' dorm. Because of a lack of money, we built the interior walls of the dorm using cheap particle boards. We did not, however, anticipate the damage that termites can do in such a short time. Termites are a serious problem in Zambia, and we have several termite mounds on or near our campus. It was amazing how much damage they did in such a short time. So now we are having to replace the interior walls with 4-inch concrete blocks.



Kerin's Kids (Orphans).

Kerin continues adding and replacing the number of infants receiving baby formula and other necessities. Kerin's Kids has saved several hundred children over the past 14 years, but occasionally some of these children are born in difficult circumstances and die despite Kerin's best efforts. Unfortunately, one of the infants (Albert) Kerin's has been helping died about a week ago.



Kerin wrote, "He was 6 months but weighed only as much as a 3-month. Yet, he was making good progress and gaining weight in just 4 weeks. He got sick on Thursday night with diarrhea. We were not told of his sickness and his family didn't take him to the doctor. He passes away on Saturday morning. It was a huge shock to us as we were very happy with his progress, and he seemed to be getting better."

Kerin instructs all the families that she is helping that, if a child gets sick, they are to take the child to the doctor and let her know if they are unable to pay for the doctor's visit. Unfortunately, the family did not take the baby to the doctor.

It is very rare that any of the babies that Kerin helps ever die, so it is always a painful shock to Kerin when it does happen. She always takes it very hard.

Primary School.

There has been some tremendous progress in the development of our primary school. Lorie has been working hard with the Asst-Director (Jacob Likando) to increase the academic and spiritual dimensions of the school. Enrollment is increasing as well as the testing scores of our students.

Lorie and Likando have been working for the past year on getting our school properly registered with the government. Thus far we have been operating unofficially as a "Community School," but this was only a temporary measure while we worked to establish the school. We are now nearing the end of this process and will soon be properly registered as "Aurora Christian Academy" (ACA).

Our school is blessing the lives of a lot of poor students in our community. Most of the children coming to our school are coming from VERY poor families who cannot afford to send their kids to school. Although education is supposed to be free in Zambia, there are still many supplemental fees and expenses that poor families cannot afford. Furthermore, the only government school in our area is about 7-10 miles from where most of our children live. There are no buses (children must walk) and this one school has already far exceeded its capacity and has no room for any additional students. In other words, most of the children coming to our school would not be able to go to school if it were not for our school.

Our school will be registered as a Private School which give us total freedom to run the school as a Christian ministry. We do charge tuition, but we offer scholarships to the children who cannot afford to pay. These scholarships are awarded in different amounts depending on the economic ability of the family to pay.

If you would like to fund a scholarship so that a child can attend our school, the cost is **\$15 per month** per student. You can mail a check to the address at the top of this Newsletter or donate online (www.zambiamissions.org). This not only pays for their tuition but also pays for their participation in our meal program. Most of the students who cannot pay for tuition are also seriously malnourished. Our meal program provides these children with a nutritious breakfast and lunch. Because of this program, the children in our school are healthier (missing fewer days of school due to being sick) and less likely to die before adulthood.

Meet Our Graduates: Emmanuel Hakonze



Here is a report from one of our 2021 graduates.

"Greetings fellow saints of the Lord Jesus. May peace from God abound to you forever amen. It's been a year since I graduated from DBC. And as it was my ambition to help my village not only spiritually but also, physically as there is still a great need of growth especially spiritually.

I decided to settle in a small village. I've managed to organize a soccer team of under 13yrs. We hope to open a netball club to help our young girls who are waiting for nothing but to be married as soon as they reach 14-15yrs. I am also serving as a chaplain at a local Basic school whilst helping other local churches in spiritual growth. All this put together, I am running a program called YOUTH OF POWER AND OF CHANGE with 1 Tim 4:12 as our pillar. I write this letter with faith as i hope in my lord to redeem my village."