

# Zambia Newsletter

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I trust all is well with you and your families as we draw near to the end of another year. I am sure many of you are busy getting ready for Christmas and preparing for the start of a new year. Lorie and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of this ministry as we labor together to make a difference in the lives of people who are far less blessed than we are in the USA. May the Lord continue to bless you all and give you a wonderful New Year!

### **Report: Bible College.**

We had a most successful year this year as we transitioned to our new three-year, leadership training program. This new program requires our students to be married and to come with their wives (as we also have developed a training programs for them as well). We were most happy to celebrate the **first graduation** of our first-year students on Dec 3 (picture below).



Although our program is a three-year training program, our first-year students get a "Certificate of Completion" after the first year. The students must then re-apply to be enrolled in the next phase of the program (two years) as we only accept the 12 best students into this program. This gives us a natural break and a convenient way to send home those students who are not truly worthy of moving forward in the program. In other words, we start with 17 students and narrow those down to the top 12. However, as you can see from the

above pictures, only 12 made it to the end of the first-year (as five had already fallen out of the program before this first graduation). The 12 students who graduated will all continue on into the second and third years of the program. We have also just completed selecting the next group of 17 new students who will arrive in January.

We were also blessed this past month with a visit from **Ken Hargesheimer** (Lubbock, TX) who conducted a week-long agriculture workshop with our students and faculty. This was very helpful to our students. Ken was also able to look over all our farming operations and give us some helpful recommendations.

### **Windstorm (Tornado).**

We did suffer a major setback this past month as a wind storm ripped through our area and inflicted considerable damage on our campus. We don't know if it was a tornado but it certainly made a mess of our campus. It tore up electrical poles all across the surrounding community (and on our campus), and it tore the roofs off of several of our buildings – mainly the student housing.



More specifically, the storm totally ripped off the roofs of the Dorm, Duplex, Student Apartment Block D, and both Student Chicken Houses. It partially ripped off the roofs of the other three apartment buildings (cf. picture above),

uprooted several trees, and killed more than half of the student chickens. It will cost us about \$20,000 to repair this damage (as there is no insurance in Zambia for things such as this). Since the new students will be coming without their wives (for the first three months), we think we can repair the damage on the current students' houses and the Dorm so that the new students can still come in January and we can begin the new year as scheduled. [Additional pictures of the damage have been posted on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/zambiamissions](http://www.facebook.com/zambiamissions)].

This is also a **major financial setback** for us; so, **if you would like to help** us with this emergency, we would be most thankful (mail checks to the above address in Bartlett, TN). We have some construction funds that we can use to make repairs, but this will take away the funds we need to complete the housing we must build by next year when the third and final class of students are expected to arrive. So, your contributions would be MOST appreciated!

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

Just within the last week, Kerin has taken in another baby. His name is Emanuel. His mother is 17 years old and has been hospitalized in serious condition with T.B. (which means she probably has AIDS). She is not expected to live. As you would expect, Emanuel is very anemic. He was born premature (weighing just 4 pounds). Kerin is working to improve the health of the baby and is visiting the hospital regularly in an effort to make sure the hospital takes proper care of the mother (even though the outcome is not very promising). [FYI, hospitals don't take good care of patients especially when they are without money].



### **Financial Appeal – Monthly Support.**

**We have a need to increase the level of monthly support for the work in Zambia.** There are a couple of churches (who have been giving a substantial amount in monthly support) whose memberships have declined in the last couple of years and they have had to reduce the amount that they are able to contribute each month. This has hurt

us quite a bit financially -- especially since inflation in Zambia is running about 20% per year! We have reduced expenses and have eliminated some support staff, but there is not much more that we can cut in expenses. Lorie and I have increased our efforts to raise additional support, but we have not made much progress thus far.

Although I have made requests for special projects (mostly for the construction of the new campus), I have only once in the last ten years asked for additional monthly support. So, as we enter this new year, I am asking you (our supporters) if you might **consider adjusting for inflation** the amount of monthly support that you contribute to this work. I do hate to ask, but we really do need to increase our monthly support as we move forward into this next year (and add Year Two and Year Three students over the next two years).

### **Meet Our Students: Aaron Sichimba.**

Aaron is 28 years old from Central Province. He and his wife (Priscovia) have one son (Promise) who is 18 months old. He states that he came to Daybreak Bible College (DBC) so that he could grow spiritually and learn how he can make a difference for good in his village. He also writes that since coming to DBC he has experienced tremendous spiritual growth and has learned how to be a profitable farmer growing chickens and vegetables (through drip-irrigation).

He states that it is his desire (upon graduating from DBC) to return to his village where he would like to make disciples, teach others how to provide for their families (through agriculture) and help improve education in his village by starting a community school. Last of all, he writes, "I ask God to continue blessing the American donors and ask them to continue with the same spirit of helping others who come after me."

