

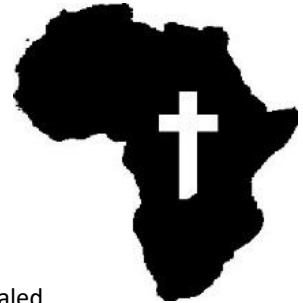
Zambia Newsletter

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Things continue to go well for the work in Zambia. The second semester began in May. Our students have all established their gardens and are now self-supporting. All the student wives have now arrived on campus. And, the best news of all: Kerin successfully delivered a healthy baby girl!

Report: Bible College.

We started our second semester in May. The students have also had several short courses over the past two months. I taught a class on Genesis in April (meeting 3 hours every day for a month). Geoffrey Kirima (from Kenya) taught a one-week class on Servanthood. And, in late May, Fielden and Janet Allison taught two classes on Conflict Resolution and Marriage & the Family. Still to come is Paul Chimhungwe (teacher from African Christian College in Swaziland) who will teach a class on Spiritual Formation at the end of June.

The first-year, student wives have now arrived on campus, bringing the total number of student wives to about 25 (see group picture below). Jean Muleya (head of our women's program) is doing a wonderful job training these women.



Our students have now increased their evangelistic efforts in the surrounding villages around our campus and we have had several baptisms within the last two months. In addition, attendance on Sunday mornings has increased as more people from the surrounding area have begun to attend our campus church on Sunday mornings.

We did suffer a setback this past month. Mustapha Sandi (Director of the Bible College) had to return to Sierra Leone. Zambia (following the lead of many other countries who are cracking down on immigration) has sharply reduced the number of work permits that they are issuing. Our request to

renew Sandi's work permit was refused in December. We appealed the decision three times, but Immigration would only give him a four-month extension. In addition, Sandi has been experiencing some health problems over the past few months. Thus, we finally decided last month that it would be best to give up the fight to keep Sandi in Zambia and allow him to return to his family and home country.

As a result, I have appointed Bright Himakampa (one of our teachers) to serve as interim Director. I have also found three potential teachers from Zimbabwe that I will interview for two teacher positions in the next few weeks. Because Zambia and Zimbabwe are neighboring countries in good relationship, citizens of Zimbabwe are not required to have a work permit to work or live in Zambia.

Agricultural Ministry.



Now that the rains have finished, our students have all installed their drip-equipment and are growing enough vegetables to support themselves (see pictures left and below). Our students have also begun to raise chickens (below)

and have just finished selling their second batch of chickens.





Kerin's Kids (Orphans).

It is with great joy that we announce the birth of Nalukena Lorie Mashekwa. She was born on the same day as Lorie (April 11), weighing 6.3 lbs. and 19.6 inches.

As many of you may remember from our last Newsletter, Kerin had a difficult pregnancy and was told to stay off her feet as much as possible. We would, therefore, like to thank all of you who kept Kerin in your prayers over the past few months. We give thanks to God for this wonderful blessing we have now received.



Despite Kerin's personal difficulties, she was able to continue her assistance to all of the babies and mothers for whom she has been providing baby formula and food assistance. She did have to reduce the number of children being housed on campus (Baby House), but this was only temporary as she will soon be able to start taking in kids with urgent needs into the Baby House.

Construction.

We finally completed the sixth block of married student apartments (cf. below). This now gives us enough housing for 30 married students plus 12 single students in the dorm.



We also finished the chicken house for the third-year students. This is a large building with a capacity for 2,500 chickens. This will allow our third-year students to grow as many as 200 chickens each. The first-year students start off with about 40-50. The second-year students are able to grow about 100 each.

We now need to build an Office Building with a third classroom. Currently, we have no offices for our administration and teachers. The financial office is using one of the staff houses for an office.

And, of course, now that we have three classes of students plus the student wives, we need two more classrooms. The only problem, we don't yet have sufficient funds to complete this building. So, we will now wait upon the Lord to provide.

Meet Our Students: Chipepo Joseph.



My name is **Chipepo Joseph**. I am 27 years old having been born in 1991 in Monze (southern part of Zambia). I am a first-year student at Daybreak Bible College.

My father died when I was still young doing my grade one in school and later my mother died six years after my dad when I was doing my grade seven. In our family we are four and I am the last born. My parents were Seventh Day Adventists.

I went through some difficulties before coming to Daybreak (DBC). Becoming an orphan at such a tender age made me face lots of life challenges and it is just by the grace of God that I have reached this far. I am not yet married. I became a baptized Christian in 2013 immediately upon hearing the message that was preached about Christ being our Lord and the father of orphans and unprivileged ones like me.

I have indeed seen my life changing the moment I committed my life to Christ. I decided to come to DBC after going through the prospectus and discovered that the college is not only concerned in training spiritual leaders, but also training students with the agriculture skills that will enable them to serve God and support themselves at the same time. With this knowledge and training, I will be equipped with the skills (after I graduate) to serve God and provide for my family

I already see my life changing with just a few weeks at DBC, both spiritually and physically, and I am looking forward to learning more within my three years of study at DBC. Yes! I can recommend others to come and have this good experience I am having of learning how to become a good spiritual leader at the same time doing gardening that will help me survive without depending on church offerings or donors.

My future plans basically are to make disciples in the community and develop them to help others come to Christ. The other thing is to start up sometime like agriculture business using the skills I am learning at DBC. Though my primary focus may be preaching and teaching the word of God, my plans is to even open an orphanage to help others who are in need both spiritually and physically.