

# Zambia Newsletter

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Lorie and I have been quite busy traveling throughout the USA visiting some of the churches that are supporting the work in Zambia (e.g., NE Ohio, Dallas, Little Rock, etc.). We will be heading off to visit churches in the Carolinas in early November before heading back to Zambia in December.

We have made a few staff changes in the last few weeks. We have appointed Dennis Sabelo as the new Director for the Bible College and hired/replaced three new teachers in the Primary School. Our Financial Officer has also left to attend full-time to his own growing business. Since our construction work has pretty much been completed, our need for a full-time Financial Officer is no longer needed. Kerin will now take care of the finances and the former Financial Officer will continue to assist us when needed as a consultant.

### Daybreak Bible College: New Director.

Dennis Sabelo has been appointed to serve as the new Director of Daybreak Bible College. Dennis is a graduate of African Bible College in Eswatini (Swaziland) and George Benson Christian College. Dennis has been teaching at Daybreak for the past four years. His primary focus has been on Spiritual Formation which is the primary focus of our Bible College (to train/develop self-supporting, spiritual leaders).



Dennis was born in the Southern Province and is now 34 years old. Dennis is engaged to Netty Kameko (who is 34 years old and comes from the Luapula Province). They are scheduled to be married this coming December. We are quite confident that he will do a great job serving as the new Director.

### Practical Ministry: Evangelism

We believe practical experience is the best way to teach students how to do evangelism. Thus, as part of our training program, students are required to go off campus on the weekends to engage in evangelism. These efforts led to the establishment of a new church in the Shimabala village which is located on the main highway in Zambia (about 5 miles from our campus). See picture of church (right).

One of the men baptized from this village was a man named Portiphar Tembo. He was a very prominent and well-respected man in the village. Unfortunately, he died about few weeks ago. Our students were asked by the village to conduct the entire funeral. One of our teachers (Himakampa) preached and the students sang for the people gathered at the burial. There were close to one thousand people who attended the funeral, including the village headmen.

This was a great honor for our students and the Bible College, and it shows just how much the community has come to appreciate the work that the students and the Shimabala church has done in the area. This has done much to strengthen the relationship between the church, the college, and the local community.



Left: Children's class before worship



Below: Sunday worship in their temporary structure.



## **Kerin's Kids (Orphans and Vulnerable Children).**



Kerin's Kids has added a pair of **twins** (Vanessa & Vena) to the list of babies receiving baby formula and other assistance. They are pictured here with their aunt who attends the church in Serenje.

There are several other babies that Kerin has added in the last 2-3 months, but we do not have enough space in this newsletter to include them. You can read more about some of the other babies on Kerin's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/kerinkids](http://www.facebook.com/kerinkids)).

## **Agricultural Ministry.**

Not only do we train the male students to be self-supporting, but we also train the student wives. This term we are training the wives on how to raise and sell chickens as a business. This work begins by cleaning and disinfecting the chicken house before the chicks arrive (which was the last week of Sept). Below are some pictures of the wives preparing for the arrival of the chicks.



## **Primary School.**

We have hired 3 new teachers to replace teachers that have been given teaching jobs by the government. This happens periodically as the government pays 3-4 times more than we can pay.

We have also now submitted our application to the government to be registered as a Private School. There are 3 options as to how a school can be registered; but in order to maintain control of the school, there is only one option (Private School) that will keep us free from government interference (as we want to provide a Christian education).

**Meal Program.** Earlier this year we added breakfast to our meal program. We did this not only as part of our effort to deal with the malnutrition of our students but for a variety of other reasons. Many of our students come from poor families which are unable to feed the students breakfast every morning. Obviously, it is difficult for kids to focus and do well in school if they are hungry.

A second reason we did this is because many of the students are coming late to school (very late) because their families do not feed them breakfast. Kids in Zambia do not have milk & cereal, nor do they have refrigerators, electric stoves, and microwaves to heat up a meal in just a few minutes. Everything must be cooked from scratch, and this takes a lot of time. Of course, coming late to school also has a negative impact on the students and the whole school.

So, in an effort to improve the learning environment of our school, we decided to start serving breakfast to the students. Students do not come late to school anymore. Breakfast is served between 7:00 and 7:30 each morning. Come late and you don't get breakfast. Not only are students not coming late, but attendance has also improved as well as the health of our students!

