

Zambia E-Bulletin (04-18-08)

Last week we started we started our Seminar in April. This is a one-month seminar that we conduct each spring for christian Secondary School Teachers (graduates from Namwianga who have located in areas of Zambia where there are few or no churches). Our purpose in conducting this seminar is to both encourage them and to deepen their Biblical knowledge and ministry skills. Why April? Because it is during this month that all schools in Zambia are closed for the month (school vacation). Pictured here is Tom Torpy (preacher from Mocksville, NC who is here this month) teaching these school teachers the General Epistles.



Two weeks ago we started construction on a new Chicken Run (below) in which we can raise both broilers (200 at a time) and egg-laying hens. In order to save money, we are dismantling and re-using the bricks from one of the old dormitories, built 40 years ago when Mapepe was first started (see below). When these old buildings were built, they didn't use any cement – just homemade bricks and mud (and yet these buildings have lasted 40 years although now they are just beginning to fall down). The bricks, however, are still in good condition and we can clean them and re-use them to build new buildings, starting first with this Chicken Run. This time we will use cement. After this we plan to dismantle all the other old buildings on campus and re-use the bricks to build new staff houses. Although we truly hate to dismantle these old buildings (with their history), it is of comfort to now that the old will continue with us into the future!



I don't think I have shown any of you the new Women's Dorm that was just finished in January. We have about 12 female students this semester (plus three teachers who are here for the Seminar in April program). This new dormitory allowed us to increase our female enrollment from 5 last year up to 12 this year.



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