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Revealing Jesus Through EDUCATION, HUMANITARIAN SERVICE & CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Beyond Vows: Biblical Teaching for Strong Marriages Your support funds life-changing seminars

Married couples in Zambia face many of the same stresses that Americans do: lack of communication, parenting woes, and finances. Unique cultural tensions add more challenges, and it's no surprise that Zambia has seen a rise in separations and divorces in recent years.

Leaders at Namwianga Mission believe that strong Biblical teaching can make a difference. The Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team has been conducting powerful marriage seminars, offering couples the spiritual guidance they need to build strong marriages and families. Your funding of evangelism and spiritual growth efforts makes this possible.

Couples who attend the marriage seminars have found them to be life-changing.



Wendi Mungaila and his wife Charity are both blind, and that presents unique challenges. The seminar helped them work through some parenting issues: "We have talked together about disciplining our children. We agreed to be together and support each other in our actions."

Alfred Malambo and his wife Lyness have been married for 33 years, but they still learned from the seminar: "The discussions were helpful in that we were reminded to love, respect, and support (each other). By so doing our children will learn to live the same kind of life when they grow up."



Church leaders who hosted a recent seminar agree that strong marriages are important for the church in Zambia. "Churches can become strong if the families in the churches are strong," the leaders said. "We want the Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team to continue educating couples to bring about strength in the church."

Marriage seminars are funded by your support of the Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team. It costs just \$150 to fund one seminar. Find out more or donate online at zambiamission.org/esgteam.

Elizabeth Halale: A Life of Service and Devotion

Nurse, administrator, teacher, liaison, ministry leader, single mother. Elizabeth Halale's long career at Namwianga Mission has seen her serving in all of those roles—and more.



Elizabeth Halale has impacted many lives through her career in health care, her teaching and ministry to women of all ages, and her example as a godly mother.

Elizabeth came to Namwianga Mission 35 years ago to direct a small Mission health clinic that eventually grew to become a Zonal Health Center and is now Namwianga Mission Hospital. In addition to her nursing and administrative duties, she began teaching Bible classes to women and developed an organized women's ministry. Elizabeth also taught Bible studies to high school girls at Namwianga Christian Secondary School.

Elizabeth has never married. In 1989 she was asked to take an infant girl who had been orphaned. Baby Victoria became the first of many children to call Elizabeth "Mom." She adopted her 10th child in 2009.

Elizabeth was part of the very first Zambia Medical Mission team in 1994 and has continued to be a vital part of that effort as the local liaison. She helps select the sites for clinics and makes sure that the necessary government permits and registrations are obtained for American and Zambian personnel.

When Elizabeth retired from nursing in 2011, she began a new challenge as a member of Namwianga's Evangelism and Spiritual Growth (ESG) team. In that role, she has led women's ministry efforts, managed the ESG office, trained Sunday School teachers, and been a speaker on Namwianga Christian radio.

Elizabeth recently retired again from her work at Namwianga Mission, but her ministry continues. She is still involved with Zambia Medical Mission and now works with World Bible School. Elizabeth's service to others and her life of devotion to the Lord make her an inspiration to all.

What We Saw at Namwianga

In January, Drs. Curt and Carole Buchholz spent a week at Namwianga. Curt is a Zambia Mission Fund board member and heads the Namwianga Mission Hospital committee. Carole has sponsored students for many years. They were thrilled to see what is happening at Namwianga Mission.



Drs. Curt and Carole Buchholz enjoyed meeting with former sponsored student Twalumba Munsaka.

Curt: "It was amazing to see all the progress at Namwianga Mission Hospital. The surgery theater and the new maternal/women's ward are saving lives. We were impressed with the nurses. We asked them to tell us the best thing about working at Namwianga. They told us, 'We get to do our jobs at the hospital as servants of the Lord.' What an inspiration!"

Carole: "Meeting with Twalumba, a student I had sponsored, was such a joy! He was the very first in his village to become a college graduate. Now he is teaching in a community and has started a congregation. The community where he works loves him. They have given land for a new church building. It's so exciting to see Zambians doing things on their own with a little help to get started."

What Your Generosity Has Done

Seeing It Through: New X-ray Machine

Thanks to your generous funding of Namwianga Mission Hospital, a new X-ray machine will soon make a difference for patients.

The hospital's old X-ray machine was beyond repair. Patients who needed x-rays had to travel over an hour to the nearest working machine.

But the response to last year's appeal for hospital funds brought in enough to fund the 2024 budget AND purchase a new X-ray machine. **Thank you for helping patients!**



The new X-ray machine will make a huge impact on health care at Namwianga Mission Hospital. Thank you for your generosity.

Help for Boys at Eric's House: An Update



George's message to donors: "Thank you for your support and for making it possible for me to get treated by a new doctor."

Your compassionate support is helping boys at Eric's House with their ongoing medical needs.

George was featured in the last Kalomo Reporter. He is still experiencing serious health problems. Your funds are making it possible for him to see a new specialist and have new evaluations. Also featured in the last Kalomo Reporter were Brian and Luke. Both are continuing to undergo tests and procedures to diagnose and treat their health issues.

Cintia Kumalo, the housemother for all three boys, is thankful for the funding that you provided: "This money is such a blessing. Because of you, we can find the best possible care for the boys. Thank you for your help and dedication to serving the medical needs of our boys at Eric's House."

Shipping Help and Hope to Zambia: Containers on Their Way



Volunteers Kathie Wright and grandson Elijah helped load hundreds of boxes on the shipping containers.

Your funds made it possible to send two 40-foot-long shipping containers to Zambia. The medicine, equipment, and supplies in the containers are urgently needed for The Haven orphanage, Namwianga Mission Hospital, and Zambia Medical Mission.

Thank you for shipping help and hope to Zambia.



This 40-foot-long shipping container is one of two that were shipped to Zambia recently. Thank you for funding the shipping costs!

Thank You for Your Support

Donor Spotlight - The Click Family

Scott and Renae Click from Austin, Texas, have supported Zambia Mission Fund for many years. Their children Brandon and Kate are also donors.



Supporting Zambia Mission Fund is a family affair for the Clicks. From left: Brandon, Renae, Kate, and Scott.

We give to Zambia Mission Fund because we can see that our funds are used to the fullest for the most pressing needs. We also see that there is a minimal amount of administrative costs involved. The needs are always great, but over the years we can see progress.

In the urban Western city where we live, we don't often see people interested in a relationship with God. But in Zambia, people are hungry for God. Our donations are helping to grow the kingdom! What a blessing!

Hungry for the Word

Support Needed for Evangelism and Spiritual Growth Efforts



People in Zambia are hungry for the Word of God.

- Thousands flock to women's seminars, youth conferences, and lectureships.
- Bicycle evangelists are reaching out to communities and starting new congregations.
- Radio listeners call in and request Bible studies.
- College students are training to become self-supporting evangelists and church planters.
- Married couples eagerly take part in seminars to learn what the Bible says about marriage and family (see page 1).

Outreach ministries to share the gospel are organized by Namwianga's Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team. The team is ready to do more to make sure that the message of Jesus and his love is spread far and wide in Zambia.

The Evangelism and Spiritual Growth ministry needs your help to fund outreach ministries for **2024.** Your generous gift will make sure that people who are hungry for the Word of God can hear the gospel message.

Donate using the form provided or online at zambiamission.org/esgteam.

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