#### **KALOMO REPORTER NEWSLETTER**

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# Revealing Jesus through EDUCATION, HUMANITARIAN SERVICE & CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

## Incredible Impact: Spiritual Growth in Zambia Your support fuels efforts to spread the gospel



Marriage seminars help couples like Mr. and Mrs. Salumanu. "We learned communication skills. The seminar helped us become closer to each other."



Ten new congregations started in 2023 as a result of bicycle evangelists, college graduates who are trained in evangelism, or other churches reaching out to neighboring villages.



The numbers are impressive—even amazing. Since January, there have been 402 baptisms and 417 requests for prayers or restoration. There have been 6 weekend camp meetings and 21 seminars or leadership training events.

Thousands were inspired and encouraged at the National Women's Meeting, the National Lectureship, and the National Youth Conference. Ten congregations have started, and 2300 Tonga Bibles have been distributed.

But the numbers tell only a part of the story. The REAL story is found in changed lives: new Christians, new congregations, stronger marriages, dedicated youths, trained leaders, and comforted hearts.

Namwianga's Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team has been the organizing force behind this explosive growth of outreach efforts. Thank you for your prayers and generous gifts that support this ministry.



The Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team's goal: "We are motivated by the words of Mark 16:15 to 'go into all the world and preach the good news.' We want to extend our work to every area of Zambia and beyond into neighboring countries." Pictured from left: Rodgers Namuswa, Kennedy Mwaanga, Wilson Siazilo, Elizabeth Halale, Director Thomas Simubali, and Nixon Siamugande.



Seminars, lectureships, outreaches, radio programs, and other evangelistic efforts resulted in 402 baptisms during the first half of 2023.



Cleophas Musonda is a recent graduate who was trained in evangelism at George Benson Christian College. He and another graduate have now started a new congregation in the community where he teaches.



### Painting a Bright Future at Eric's House

Your kind gifts fund the orphan care ministry at Namwianga. The Haven serves as a home for infants and young children, while Eric's House is a group home for boys. Here's the story of one young man whose life has been changed through this ministry.

**Everybody loves George.** Just ask anyone at Eric's House where George has lived since he was a toddler.\* They will tell you that his smile has always been able to melt hearts. They will also tell you that he is sweet and kind and good.

Cintia and Jason Kumalo have been George's house parents for the past 10 years. "He was just a wee little eight-year-old when we arrived, and now he has grown into a gentle, caring, thoughtful and artistic young man," Cintia said.

"George loves to spend hours painting. He explores various art mediums and likes to play around with water colors, charcoal, pastels, sketch drawing and acrylic paints.



George is a talented artist with a bright future. Your support helps George and all the other children and young adults who thrive in Namwianga's orphan care ministry.

"Over the years George has shown great leadership and responsibility at home and at school, and he's an active participant in ministry. Watching him grow in his faith and seeing his humble attitude toward serving is such a blessing. Jason and I are honored for George to call us mom and dad."

\*George came to the Haven as an infant and moved to Eric's House when he was two years old.

## **Donor Spotlight – Jill Beck**

Jill Beck and her late husband Dave became Zambia Mission Fund donors in 2020. Jill lives in St. Louis, Missouri.

I first learned about Namwianga Mission when our daughter spent a semester there as part of a study abroad program with Harding University. Her stories highlighted the incredible love and joy of the Zambian people as they faced difficult challenges.

My husband and I became regular donors. I read the Kalomo Reporter newsletters, always searching for glimpses of happiness and joy amid the challenges.

In 2022 I had the opportunity to spend an incredible 10 days at Namwianga. The Zambian workers at the Mission displayed unwavering dedication to helping others. The villagers welcomed us with open hearts and gracious hospitality. The students were full of joy and laughter and yet so mature about taking advantage of their opportunities to study and learn.

Namwianga has given me so much more than any check I ever wrote and will remain written in my heart (and in my checkbook) for the rest of my life.

## **What Your Generosity Has Done**

#### **New Vehicle: Safe and reliable Transportation**

Thanks to your incredible generosity, a new Toyota Land Cruiser is going to provide safe and reliable transportation for students and staff at Namwianga Mission. The new vehicle will replace the old, worn-out pickup that had stranded its passengers in inconvenient—even dangerous—situations.

College administrator Kadonsi Kaziya is grateful: "Because of your support, we will no longer have to worry about getting stuck in the sand or stranded by the roadside. This new vehicle will also allow us to reach out with the gospel in more places. May the good Lord bless you!"



The new Toyota Land Cruiser will transport students and staff safely to their destinations. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Zambia Medical Mission: Healing and Hope**



Kayla Swalm and Malinda Kaumbwa assist an elderly patient during the 2023 Zambia Medical Mission.

**Your generous gifts supported the 2023 Zambia Medical Mission.** In July, a team of 55 American medical personnel and support staff joined 170 Zambians to conduct six days of clinics in rural villages. The team provided essential medical and dental care, optometry, physical therapy, and lab services to a total of 7,615 patients.

Spiritual counseling and Bible studies were offered to all who came, and 84 precious souls were baptized during the mission. Thank you to all who donated and served to help the medical mission meet the spiritual and physical needs of Zambians.

#### Namwianga Radio: Messages to Teach and Strengthen

Your generous support for Namwianga Christian Radio is inspiring listeners in the community. The station airs sermons, Bible readings, gospel music, and other inspirational and educational programs.

Collins Sikaangila is a barber in nearby Kalomo town. He plays Namwianga Christian Radio all day in his shop as he cuts his customers' hair and shaves their beards.

"I always enjoy the Christian radio programs they play," said Collins. "They deeply help me and my customers. The radio messages can teach and strengthen those who listen."



Patrons in Collins Sikaangila's barber shop benefit from Namwianga Christian Radio programming. Thank you for supporting this important outreach.

## **Thank You for Your Support**

## Tonga Bibles: Spiritual Impact for Individuals, Churches

Donors made it possible to distribute 2300 Tonga language Bibles in the first half of 2023. The native language Bibles were given to individuals and congregations.

Distributing Tonga language Bibles has a tremendous impact on churches and individuals. Multiple copies are given to congregations. In the past, churches might have had only one or two Bibles—or none at all. Members can now hear the scriptures read in their native language—what a blessing! Multiple copies of God's word also serve as resources for teachers and preachers.



Individuals who receive Bibles share them with their families. Everyone benefits from learning the word of God.

#### Medical Needs for Boys at Eric's House

The mission of Eric's House is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for orphaned or abandoned boys, giving them the love and care they need to thrive. Right now there is an urgent need for funds to pay for the medical needs of boys at Eric's House.



**George** (see related story on page 2) struggles with a chronic health condition that requires \$150 per month for medication. Your support can help George receive the treatment he depends on to lead an active life.

George

**Luke** is 18 years old and recovering from a severe infection. He is undergoing a six-week course of strong (and expensive) antibiotics. Luke also needs new eyeglasses.

Luke

**Brian**, age 17, needs an evaluation to find the cause of his seizures. He will soon be seeing a neurologist and having an MRI and EEG. The evaluation process will involve lodging, food, and travel expenses in addition to medication for treatment.

Your donation will help meet the medical needs of these individual boys and others in the orphan care program. You will be providing medicine and treatment for ongoing and one-time needs so that they receive the best possible medical care.

Donate using the form provided or online at zambiamission.org/orphanhelp (choose Eric's House Medical Needs from the dropdown menu).

Here's my gift to fund medicine and medical treatment for boys at Eric's House.

\$25	□ \$50
\$100	□ \$200
\$500	□ \$1000
\$	to do the most good



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