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Bike and Tell: The Gospel on Two Wheels

Your support sends cyclists to spread the good news

They come from towns and villages throughout southern Zambia. They have the gospel message. They have the desire to share it. And they have bicycles. That's all it takes for the Bicycle Evangelists to spread the Word of God in rural Zambia.

These dedicated volunteers travel to remote villages on bicycles to share the gospel message.



Donors like you provided Ward Siabunyangwa with a bicycle that he rides to villages 20 miles from his home to teach and preach: "With my friends we have planted seven churches in the last three years."

They usually work in pairs. They find a village that needs a church. They meet the community members, lead Bible studies and gather the villagers for worship on Sundays. The evangelists continue cycling to revisit the village until a congregation is started and ready to be on its own. Then they find another village.

The bicycle program is led by Namwianga's Evangelism and Spiritual Growth (ESG) ministry.

The ESG team gathers the evangelists every three months for training and reporting. At these meetings the evangelists plan ways to encourage new congregations, and they identify new villages for their future efforts.

These meetings are exciting—even amazing—as the workers describe the work they are doing. **The bicycle evangelists have started 65 new congregations in the past eight years, and 21 of those were in the last 12 months.**

Bicycles can go where larger vehicles cannot, notes ESG Director Thomas Simubali: "During the rainy season, bush roads become impassable to some vehicles. But bicycles still manage to travel, and the teaching of the Word is not hindered. **Without the bicycles, it would be very hard to reach communities where people need the gospel.**"

There are 135 men who serve as Bicycle Evangelists. Fifteen women also travel by bike to teach ladies' Bible studies, visit hospitals or clinics and speak at women's seminars.

The Bicycle Evangelists sacrifice time away from their jobs, farms, homes and families to serve. They support the work with their own funds with some financial help from two Kalomo congregations. The only support the Bicycle Evangelists receive from America is funding for bicycles. A sturdy bike suitable for rough bush roads costs \$250.

Thank you for supporting the ESG team, the bicycle ministry and all of Namwianga's efforts to share God's word in Zambia.

Find out more at zambiamission.org/bicycle.



Thanks to your generosity, Viness Moonga has a bike for her women's ministry. She cycles to speak at ladies' seminars and to teach women's Bible classes. "The bicycle has made it easy for me to go to even distant villages to share the word of God with other women," Moonga said.

Zambia Medical Mission Returns, Serves Thousands

Thank you for providing medicine, supplies, travel expenses

“Welcome back!” That was the message the 2022 Zambia Medical Mission (ZMM) team heard over and over in July. The annual medical missions were canceled in 2020 and 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year the Zambian government gave the go-ahead, and the Zambia Medical Mission was back in action.



Chief Nyawa greets ZMM Co-Director Ray Ferguson at the Chaloka clinic. The Chief welcomed the team and thanked ZMM for helping his people.

The 2022 ZMM team had 32 Americans and Canadians and 170 Zambians. They set up a clinic site in Chaloka, a village 60 miles from Namwianga Mission.

For four days the team offered medical, dental and optical care plus special services: lab testing, screening for HIV and cervical cancer, and physical therapy. A well-stocked pharmacy provided medicines and supplies to meet patient needs.

“The Zambian health officials asked us to keep the crowds smaller this year to lessen the chance of spreading COVID,” explained co-director Ellie Hamby.

Villages in the area were assigned to come on specified days so that there would not be too many patients at any one time.



Sandra Lindsay from Enid, Oklahoma, does a temperature check at a ZMM triage station.

The strategy worked well. **“We were able to see 4,167 patients during our four days of clinics,” Hamby reported.**

The ZMM spiritual team conducted Bible studies and counseling sessions with patients. The team appreciated

the smaller numbers, Hamby said. “They had more time to spend with each person and felt that the overall result was better.” **There were 37 people baptized during the medical mission.**

Namwianga’s Evangelism and Spiritual Growth (ESG) team will follow up with the new Christians in the coming months. **Since ZMM began in 1994, there have been more than 300 churches planted because of the medical mission’s spiritual outreach.**



Thanks to your generosity, the dental clinic had all the supplies and equipment needed to treat hundreds of toothaches.



Your generous funding purchased the medicines and supplies to fill the “Pills on Wheels” pharmacy bus. The pharmacy team (above) used the bus as a dispensary during the medical mission.

Hamby expressed gratitude for ZMM’s financial supporters: **“The medical mission is possible because of generous donors who pay for medicine and supplies and fund travel expenses for team members. On behalf of the team and the patients, we say, ‘Thank You!’”**

Plans are already under way for the 2023 medical mission. Volunteer medical, dental and eye care professionals and support staff are needed.

Contact Ellie Hamby (ellie@zambiamission.org) for information and applications.

What Your Generosity Has Done

Spiritual Growth Leads to Baptisms

Spiritual growth on the high school and college campuses at Namwianga Mission has brought 88 students to commit their lives to the Lord. Since the school year began in January, 75 secondary school students and 13 students at Namwianga Mission College of Nursing have put on Christ in baptism. Administrators say that strong Bible teaching and daily chapel services encourage the spiritual growth of students. **THANK YOU for sponsoring students and supporting spiritual and educational opportunities at Namwianga.**



New Nursing College Honors Students

The new Namwianga Mission College of Nursing held its very first capping ceremony in June. The 68 members of the College of Nursing's inaugural class were rewarded with their nurse's caps for completing the first half of the academic year. Kalomo District health officers attended the ceremony celebrating the students' accomplishments. **THANK YOU for supporting the new nursing program and its students.**

Missionary Recovering from Auto Accident



Thank you for finding Cintia Kumalo's medical expenses after she was injured in a car accident.

Jason and Cintia Kumalo are grateful for the prayers and financial support they have received after a vehicle accident resulted in serious injuries to Cintia. The Kumalos are missionaries and house parents at Eric's House, a home for boys on the Namwianga campus.

In July Cintia, her sister Paula Swalm and niece Kayla Swalm were injured in a vehicle accident in a remote part of Zambia. They were evacuated by helicopter out of the bush to a hospital in Lusaka.

Cintia suffered fractured vertebrae and broken ribs. Paula and Kayla had less serious injuries and were able to return to their home in Canada after treatment. Cintia spent eight days in the hospital and two weeks in Lusaka before finally returning to Namwianga. She is slowly recovering and hopes to be back to her normal activities soon.

Jason expressed the family's appreciation for the generous response to Facebook and email requests for help with their medical expenses: "How grateful we are to all of you. With humbled hearts and an overflowing well of appreciation, **THANK YOU.**"

Thank You for Your Support

Food Relief Report from Coordinator Wilson Siazilo



Thank you for your generous response to the need for food relief in Zambia. I wish you could be there with me when we deliver food to communities in the name of Jesus. It is truly heartwarming to see the gratitude of the people who receive food.

There is still a great deal of hunger. Many villages are without food. Some people have nothing but wild fruits to eat. The next harvest will be in April—if good rains come and there IS a harvest. For now, many Zambians are struggling to survive.

Your support makes a difference for hungry people. Thanks for giving generously.

You Can Give Mobility and Dignity Funding needed for wheelchairs

For a Zambian who cannot walk, life is a constant struggle. A struggle to meet basic physical needs. A struggle to go to church. A struggle to find a job. A struggle to maintain dignity.

Elisa knows all about struggling. A fall in her kitchen left her unable to walk. “The only thing I do is sit and sleep,” Elisa said. “I have to be lifted to go to the bathroom or get off my bed.”

Elisa is one of many who come to Namwianga Mission Hospital for help. Some need physical therapy. Others need a cane or crutches. And some like Elisa need a wheelchair.

Will you help ease the struggle for a Zambian who needs mobility and dignity? Your gift can provide a sturdy wheelchair made at Namwianga Mission. The cost to make one wheelchair is \$200. Partial gifts are welcome.

Please donate today to make sure that a wheelchair is available for anyone who needs mobility and dignity. Find out more and donate at zambiamission.org/wheelchair.



A wheelchair can change a life, giving someone like Elisa a way to move around, take care of physical needs and be active outside her home.

Yes! I'll give someone in Zambia mobility and dignity. Here's my gift to provide a wheelchair.

- \$200 for one wheelchair
- \$ _____ to do the most good

Or donate online at zambiamission.org/wheelchair.



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