

KALOMO REPORTER NEWSLETTER

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Revealing Jesus through EDUCATION, HUMANITARIAN SERVICE & CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Worth Every Step

Your support prepares leaders, changes lives

Otis walked 30 miles to accept a sponsorship at Namwianga Christian Secondary School (NCSS). For him, it was worth every step.



Your support prepared Otis Chikkati for service and leadership in the Lord's kingdom.

Otis Chikkati grew up in a remote rural village in Zambia. His elderly grandmother adopted Otis and his siblings when their parents died. She struggled just to eke out a living as a subsistence farmer.

The village school stopped at grade 9, so Otis had began a search for funds to attend a boarding school. He had

almost given up hope when he was notified that he had earned a sponsorship at Namwianga.

Otis had no money to pay for transportation to the school. He had no school supplies, no bedding, no extra clothes. Undaunted and desperate, he set off on foot.

Thanks to generous donors like you, when Otis arrived at NCSS he received the supplies and support he needed to become a successful student. He studied hard and took advantage of every opportunity to learn and to grow spiritually.

Otis graduated from NCSS. He went on to complete the Christian Leadership Development program and graduate from George Benson Christian College where he was an active leader in ministry and outreach activities.

Now Otis is ready for the next step. He's starting his new career as a secondary math teacher in a mission area of Zambia. He will be doing more than teaching—he'll be sharing the gospel and working with a new congregation.



Otis (right) and other Namwianga graduates started a new congregation in January. He is confident that the church will grow: "Next week we expect more members to be added. Trust me, God is going to work through us, His servants."

Your generosity in supporting the work of Zambia Mission Fund helped to change Otis' life. He and other graduates of Namwianga Mission's secondary school and college are now leaders in schools, churches and communities throughout Zambia.

Evangelism and Spiritual Growth BY THE NUMBERS

God richly blessed the efforts of the Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team in 2022. Thank you for funding this work that has changed lives and made an eternal difference.

277
Baptisms

18

New congregations planted

362

Church leaders trained in 7 seminars

8,768

People in attendance at 9 camp meetings

2,020

Native language Bibles distributed

168

Women attended 4 women's seminars

145

Bicycle evangelists trained

158

People attended marriage and family seminars

14 metric tons
Food and seeds distributed

721
Christians requested prayers

You Gave Mobility and Dignity A wheelchair changed Felonto's life

You generously supported Namwianga Mission's wheelchair ministry in 2022. Thank you for your compassion and kindness!

Felonto was born with a congenital condition that left him unable to walk. He also has difficulty communicating. The 17 year old has to rely on family members to carry him everywhere. As he grew, carrying him became more and more difficult. "We were in a terrible situation," his father said.

Recently Felonto received a new wheelchair from Namwianga Mission's physical therapy clinic. He was thrilled, and so was his family. "Now we are able to easily move him from place to place," his father said. "We can go to church together, and he may be able to go to school now."

Felonto's father spoke on behalf of Felonto and the family: "We thank the donors for this great job they have done for us."



Donors like you provided a wheelchair that changed Felonto's life AND helped his family. Thank you!

From Chairman of the Board Klay Bartee Thank You for Signature Campaign Gifts



I offer my sincere thanks for your response to the annual Signature Campaign. We finance the basic expenses for Namwianga Mission through this end-of-year appeal, and once again you gave generously.

Your gifts are funding the ministries that provide help and hope to Zambians in the name of Jesus. I thank God for your compassion and your support.

We are still short of the amount needed to meet all of Namwianga's ministry needs for the year. Your continued help in 2023 will be greatly appreciated.

What Your Generosity Has Done

Water Wells Change Lives

Your generosity funded water wells in 25 communities in 2022. The people who live in these villages had been using polluted ponds and streams for their water sources. Women and children spent hours each day collecting water, and water-borne diseases caused frequent sicknesses.

Having a well to supply clean water has now changed everything! Families are healthier, women have more time back in their days, and kids are able to go to school. **Thank you for providing clean water.**



Seed Distribution Gives Hope for the Next Harvest



Your support of food relief efforts supplied seed to farmers who had poor crop yields last year. These subsistence farmers had nothing to plant when the growing season began in November.

Namwianga's food relief team distributed seeds for sorghum, sunflowers and cowpeas. The crops that grow from these seeds are drought-resistant and fast-growing which makes them ideal for planting in areas where rainfall is uncertain. **Thank you for helping farmers feed their families.**

Your Gift Catalog Purchases Make a Difference

Zambia Mission Fund offered a holiday gift catalog in 2022 for the first time. Catalog donations honored friends and loved ones with a gift or gifts that blessed someone in Zambia.

Your overwhelming generosity funded 97 goats, 207 newborn baby care kits, 150 Tonga Bibles, 23 wheelchairs, 4 bicycles, food relief for 89 Zambians, and support for other urgent needs. **Each gift made a life-changing difference for a Zambian.**



Legacy Gifts Ensure Namwianga's Future



James Strother is a charter member of the Zambia Mission Fund Legacy Society.

Members of the Zambia Mission Fund Legacy Society are generous donors who include Zambia Mission Fund (ZMF) in their wills or estate plans. James Strother from Russellville, Arkansas, is a charter member of the ZMF Legacy Society.

"I believe that I have been blessed so that I can be a blessing," Strother said. "A legacy gift enables my giving to do something that survives myself."

For more information about making a legacy gift, visit zambiamission.org/legacy, call 1-800-993-3461, or email info@zambiamission.org.

You Can Help a Baby Survive and Thrive Funding needed for the Milk Program

The death of a mother in childbirth is heartbreaking. Even as families deal with their sorrow and grief, they must decide how to provide care for the surviving infant.

Usually, an aunt or sister or grandmother is willing to take on the responsibility—but how will the baby be fed? In remote rural areas, infant formula is almost impossible to find and too expensive for most families to afford.

The Haven orphanage at Namwianga offers the **Milk Program** to provide formula for these motherless infants. Currently 65 babies are enrolled in the program.

Once a month, a caregiver brings the infant to the Haven to pick up a month's supply of formula. Staff members check the baby to see if any medical or nutritional interventions are needed. Monthly visits continue until the baby is ready for solid food and no longer needs formula.

The infants in the Milk Program depend on donors like you to provide funds for the formula. It costs an average of just \$15 for a month's supply to feed one baby.





Please donate today to make sure that every baby in the Milk Program has just what they need to survive and thrive.

Yes! I'll help a baby in Zambia survive and thrive.

☐ Here's my gift of \$_____ to provide infant formula for the Milk Program.

Or donate online at zambiamission.org/milk.



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