

Namwianga Hospital Now a Center for Lifesaving C-Sections

Your Support Made It Possible

Namwianga Hospital (formerly Namwianga Zonal Health Center) achieved a major milestone June 28 when the first C-section was performed in the hospital's new surgery theater. The ability to perform C-sections at Namwianga means that mothers with childbirth complications no longer have to be transferred long distances to Choma (45 miles) or Livingstone (80 miles) for emergency C-sections.

The new surgery theater and the addition of Dr. Stephen Chanda to the hospital staff made this level of care possible. Wisdom Chelu, a Zambian Ministry of Health official who assisted with the birth of the nine-pound baby girl, said that the mother probably would have died if she had been transported to Choma or Livingstone.



Dr Chanda and team (left) perform the first C-section at Namwianga, delivering a healthy baby girl (right).

"Thank you" to the many donors who have given generously to make the surgery theater and Namwianga Hospital a reality. Your support is saving lives.



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Hunger Has a Face, a Name, a Story



Vivian Siabwacha is a 47-year-old Zambian widow with three children. She sometimes goes two days without food. "The maize withered. There is nothing. We don't know how we will get through."

The fields in April, harvest month, were dusty, dry and barren. They still are. Grain bins that usually overflow with maize from the harvest sit empty. Worried parents wonder how they will feed their families. Children spend all day at school with nothing to eat.

The next harvest is months away, if the rains come and there IS a harvest. While hunger can seem far away and unreal to most of us, the reality is that hunger in Zambia is real. Very real. Hunger has a face, a name and a story. Many stories.



Silas Nyambe doesn't know either. He's 72 years old and has a wife and 10 children. "I have failed to think how I'm going to manage, because there is completely nothing."



Catherine Mwamvwa is 36. Her husband died last year. She is raising her two children alone. "Takwe," she said, moving her open, palm-up hand from side to side to punctuate the Chitonga word for "nothing." "I have nothing. I have no animals. I have no vegetables. You can't grow vegetables without water."

Southern Zambia is in its worst drought in memory. The rainy season — from November to April — did not happen.

Please Help

You can be an essential part of this story by donating.

Food relief efforts are in progress (see related story inside), but the hunger will persist for months. Your dollars will buy maize and mealie meal (ground maize), the food staple in the Zambian diet, and ensure that desperately needed food will continue to be delivered to the hungry in Southern Province in the name of Jesus.

Your generosity also will fund water wells to provide clean water for drinking and gardens and will pay for training and supplies for communities to learn and adopt water-conserving drip irrigation gardening.

Please give generously today by using the enclosed envelope or by visiting www.zambiamission.org/hunger. You can also text GIVE to 325-313-3160 and select HUNGER. Help end the story of hunger in Zambia.

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The Story of Food Relief

How Your Funds Feed the Hungry



1. Church leaders from drought-stricken communities bring requests for food relief to Namwianga Mission's officials.

2. Namwianga leaders use donated funds to purchase maize.



3. The maize is loaded onto a flatbed truck. Evangelism and Spiritual Growth (ESG) team members take it to the distribution site.

4. The ESG team leads a worship service for the gathered community, emphasizing that the food is given in the name of Jesus.



5. Families receive food according to their needs, regardless of church affiliation. Those who are given food leave with gratitude and thanksgiving to God.

This story will be repeated over and over until the drought ends. Thank you for donating to feed the hungry.

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Merritt Simgabe is a subsistence farmer responsible for his 10 family members living in his small compound. So far they have survived by asking others for food and eating wild fruits. He said that normally this time of year he would be shelling his maize crop and putting it into bags. "In a good year we would have 100 bags of shelled maize. We would keep 20 bags and sell 80 bags. This year we only had two bags, and we sold none."

Monde Chilambe is too young to understand drought and withered maize, but she is no stranger to trouble, sorrow and uncertainty. The second grader is an orphan. She lives with her aunt who has seven children of her own. For now, the aunt said, they are selling goats to get food. "We have just a few goats. It's not enough to make it through this dry season."



Melinda Siasimbaye is 14 and in the fifth grade. Her school day is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many days she doesn't eat breakfast before school, and she never eats during the school day. Her one daily meal is dinner, and *meal* is a stretch. "It is very hard to do schoolwork when I am hungry," she said.

Yes, hunger has a face, a name and a story. Actually, thousands of faces, names and stories. All of them real. You can be a part of the story by giving generously to fund Namwianga's food relief efforts.

Lectureships Reflect Church Growth in Zambia

GBCC Grads Lead National Gatherings



Baptisms at the Sikongo lectureship in Western Province. The four lectureships held in July had a total of 65 baptisms.

"The church is growing in Zambia."

That was the conclusion Edgar Syanjalele, Namwianga Mission's Chief Financial Officer, offered as he reflected on four lectureships held in Zambia in early July.

Namwianga began hosting an annual lectureship in the early 1980s, and the event was called the National Lectureship. But as graduates of Namwianga's George Benson Christian College (GBCC) fanned out all over the country planting churches, and as other evangelistic efforts produced growth, lectureships began in other parts of the nation.

The original Namwianga lectureship still has the highest attendance — this year there were more than 2,000 on the campus — but other locations are drawing impressive numbers, too. Syanjalele, who also is a frequent speaker at church gatherings, traveled 500 miles from Namwianga to speak at this year's lectureship in Chishi in Zambia's Central

Province. GBCC graduate Phil Sibajene planned that lectureship and reported an attendance of 758 with 22 baptisms. Lenon Kaliyangile, a GBCC graduate, led the lectureship in Isoka in Muchinga Province in northern Zambia and reported 163 in attendance and three baptisms. GBCC graduate Fanwell Sianzele organized the lectureship in Sikongo in Zambia's Western Province and reported 120 in attendance with 11 baptisms. The Namwianga lectureship had 29 baptisms for a total of 65 baptisms nationwide.

Generous donor support, especially in sponsoring GBCC students who later become self-supporting evangelists, has enabled Namwianga Mission to send workers into all corners of Zambia.

As Syanjalele said, "The church is growing in Zambia."

You can be part of church growth in Zambia by supporting the student sponsorship program. Find out more and donate online at www.zambiamission.org/sponsorstudent.



High School Achieves Top Ranking

Namwianga Christian Secondary School (NCSS) faculty members were recognized by Namwianga Mission leaders for their role in making NCSS the top-scoring high school in Kalomo District. The 98% pass rate (compiled by averaging the percentage of students passing in each subject area) places NCSS in the top 10 for the entire Southern Province.