

Revealing Jesus through
EDUCATION, HUMANITARIAN SERVICE & CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Evangelism and Spiritual Growth Team Provides Essential Leadership

They're dedicated. They're experienced. They're involved in every aspect of Namwianga Mission. And the six members of the Evangelism and Spiritual Growth (ESG) team know their purpose. As ESG Director Thomas Simubali puts it, "The Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team makes sure that Namwianga Mission's programs not only meet physical and academic needs but also address spiritual needs. We want everyone to know God and have a strong and lasting relationship with Him."

The Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team leads the way in the planning and promotion of Namwianga Mission's outreach, evangelism and discipleship ministries. Team members organize outreaches to communities throughout Zambia, sending out workers to teach, start churches, train leaders and encourage individuals and congregations. The ESG team is in charge of Namwianga's annual lectureship and also coordinates World Bible School efforts in the area.

Women's ministry is part of the ESG work. Women's meetings, Bible studies and service projects are planned and led by Elizabeth Halale, the women's representative on the ESG team.

The ESG influences secondary and college students at Namwianga. Students learn ministry and evangelism by participating in weekly student outreaches to nearby communities. The ESG team plans these outreaches with student input, arranges transportation and sends a team member

along for guidance. ESG team members also speak in chapel and teach campus Bible studies.

The ESG team is involved in all aspects of Namwianga Mission's food relief efforts. Team members go along on food relief delivery trips. They lead worship services with

those who come to receive food, counsel individuals and follow up to strengthen local congregations and start new ones. Two new congregations have been started as a result of food relief and ESG efforts.

When Covid-19 restricted many outreach gatherings, the ESG team members took to the airwaves to spread the gospel message. They broadcast extra sermons, spiritual programs and Bible readings on

the Namwianga Christian Radio station. They followed up by personally contacting listeners who called in with questions or requests. At least 10 baptisms resulted from radio programs in 2020, and the radio ministry continues to grow as an effective outreach.

The Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team wants to expand programs to reach more Zambians in 2021. Plans include conducting marriage and family enrichment events, counseling more individuals and families, developing study materials, conducting youth programs and ministering to prisoners in nearby Kalomo. *You can be part of the ESG team effort with your one-time or monthly financial support. Find out more at zambiamission.org/esg.*



Elizabeth Halale, Wilson Siazilo, Thomas Simubali (Director), Kennedy Mwaanga, Nixon Siamugande, Rodgers Namuswa

Food Delivery Efforts Continue to Provide Relief

Your support feeds the hungry



Abundant rainfall in recent months has eased the severe drought in Zambia and promises to bring plentiful crops in this year's harvest season. But Namwianga's Food Relief Coordinator Wilson Siazilo reports his team is still hard at work providing food to those who do not yet have a harvest and those who do not have crops or money to buy food.

The Food Relief Team recently made a delivery trip to the Gwembe Valley, an area that did not have adequate rains last year and does not yet have crops to harvest in 2021. Siazilo reported that at the six distribution sites, they found many desperately hungry people who were grateful to receive food. "They express gratitude to Namwianga Mission for the continued support in hard times," said Siazilo. "They are so thankful to the Americans who have sacrificed their resources by sharing in Zambia. Lives would have been lost without their intervention."

The team provides food locally to elderly and disabled individuals who have no crops or income. They also serve a needy group right on the Namwianga campus. The Mother's Shelter near Namwianga Mission Hospital houses expectant mothers. Pregnant women travel from areas where there is no medical care available and stay at the shelter until they give birth in the hospital. Each expectant mother brings along a relative to assist her. Because they cannot predict how long they will need to stay, the women often run out of food. They welcome the items provided by the Food Relief Team.

Siazilo has seen evidence that food relief efforts accomplish more than feeding hungry people. "Food relief has not only saved people's lives but has taught them to give," Siazilo said. "Those churches and individuals that benefited from last year's seed distribution are freely giving back sorghum seed from this year's harvest." Individuals and churches have contributed 1,323 pounds of sorghum seed that is being distributed in areas that did not receive good rains in 2020.



Another experience offered a modern-day example of Biblical generosity. "I have read the story of the poor widow from Luke 21," Siazilo said. "Little did I ever think there are people doing that today. One Sunday I visited a church with the idea of assessing the hunger situation. The area was already starving badly. To my astonishment, two old women who are probably widows dropped three cobs of maize each into the contribution basket. That was pulled from the last few cobs they had. An old man who earns his living by selling carvings brought two cooking sticks he had made. I realize that his gift was a great commitment to the Lord."



Your help is needed to continue the ongoing work of feeding the hungry. Find out more at zambiamission.org/hunger.

Rain at Last!

Two-year drought ends

The rains have come in 2021! After a devastating drought in 2018-2019 and spotty rainfall in 2020, southern Zambia is now experiencing a season of plentiful rains. Rivers and streams are flowing; lakes and reservoirs are full.

Maize and sorghum crops are flourishing and promise to provide a bountiful harvest this year. Just as we prayed fervently for the rains to come, we now thank God for his abundant provision.

"... His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." -- Lamentations 3:22b-23



Lake Steve Mann, one of the main water sources for Namwianga Mission, is full.

Aid Organizations Assist in Food Relief



Cooking Manna packs at Namwianga Mother's Shelter

Zambia Mission Fund gratefully acknowledges three humanitarian organizations that generously provided food relief products for those who suffered from hunger during the devastating drought in Zambia. The donated products were distributed through Namwianga Mission's Food Relief Program.

Healing Hands International, based in Nashville, Tenn., supplied a shipping container of MANNA Packs, as did Abilene, Texas-based **Global Samaritan**. These fortified rice and soy protein meal packages fed thousands who were suffering from hunger. **MANA Nutrition**, headquartered in Matthews, N.C., sent 900 cases of its Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food packets. The packets are specially formulated to help the malnourished.

The outpouring of generosity from these organizations and from individuals and churches has been deeply appreciated by the Zambian people.

Namwianga Food Relief Coordinator Wilson Siazilo witnessed their responses firsthand. "Food relief has helped people see the hand of God at work," he said. "Time and again people are praising God for coming to their rescue in hard times. People have made pronouncements that they see the love of God in the program. New churches have been planted in areas the food program reached."

Thank you, Healing Hands, Global Samaritan, MANA Nutrition and all of our generous food relief donors.

Graduate Excels as Engineer, College Lecturer

Namwianga friendships remain source of strength

Flora Chitalu was the only female in her undergraduate mechanical engineering program at the University of Zambia (UNZA). She graduated in 2013, and is now the youngest—and only female—lecturer in UNZA's Department of Mechanical Engineering. She teaches thermodynamics, materials science and environmental engineering.

And she is a proud graduate of Namwianga Christian Secondary School (NCSS), Class of 2006. Chitalu credits chapel at NCSS with helping her spiritually. "Daily chapel exposed us to a calm and peaceful way of worship," she remembered. "I was a member of a girls choir called The Amazing Sisters, and singing in chapel was one of my most memorable experiences at NCSS."

Biology teacher Kadonsi Kaziya had a positive impact on Chitalu. "His joyful and energetic approach to teaching definitely had all of us looking forward to biology class," she said. *(Editor's note: Kaziya is now a college lecturer and administrator. He continues to inspire students with his skillful teaching.)*

Friendships formed at NCSS continue to be important to Chitalu. "My current inner circle of friends is composed solely of former Namwianga girls, including my twin sister Daisy. Our shared experiences at Namwianga have formed an unbreakable bond. Namwianga brought us together, and this successful circle of women in its entirety has survived the test of time and helps to keep us grounded."

Successful Namwianga graduates like Flora Chitalu are serving in leadership positions throughout the country of Zambia. Their influence affects government, business, education and the spiritual life of the nation. Find out more about Namwianga's schools at zambiamission.org/schools.



COVID-19 Update

Thankfully, COVID-19 has not devastated Zambia or Namwianga Mission like it has many other parts of the world. There have been some cases of the disease at Namwianga, but most have been mild. All those who became ill have recovered.

At the start of the school year in February, all Namwianga college and high school students were tested for the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. Those who tested positive were moved into isolation facilities for the recommended time period. None of the students developed symptoms. The only Namwianga-related COVID-19 death was a patient from outside the Namwianga community

who came to the hospital in a late stage of the disease. Zambia Ministry of Health protocol required that the patient be transported to an advanced treatment center, and the patient died during that process.



Your donations paid for many of Namwianga's COVID-19 preventive measures and protective equipment that helped keep the Namwianga campus safe. Hand-washing stations were set up outside classrooms, dorms and other campus buildings. Extra cleaning protocols were put in place. Mask-wearing and social distancing practices were implemented, and some activities were temporarily suspended. All preventive measures remain in place. **Thank you for your prayers and support.**

Influence Beyond Your Lifetime Legacy Society addresses future needs



The newly established Zambia Mission Legacy Society was formed to ensure that the great work of revealing Jesus in Zambia will be continued for generations to come. Anyone can become a member by including Zambia Mission Fund in a will or trust or by naming Zambia Mission Fund as the beneficiary of a new or existing IRA, life insurance policy, savings account or checking account.

Allen and Benita Thomas are Charter Members of the Legacy Society. "We have seen firsthand the great work that Zambia Mission Fund does. Our

legacy gift is one way that we can help the work in the future."

We are pleased to recognize two new Charter Members of Zambia Mission Legacy Society: James Strother and Margaret Rose.

The deadline for becoming a Charter Member has been extended to May 31. If you would like more information, please call 1-800-993-3461, email info@zambiamission.org or visit zambiamission.org/legacy.

A Message from ZMF Board Chairman Klay Bartee

Dear Friends of Namwianga Mission,

Amazing. That's the word I have used again and again to describe your generous response to our appeals for funding in 2020.

Our end-of-year Signature Campaign challenge to fund basic expenses was met with a tremendous outpouring of support. The mid-year request for funds for Namwianga Mission Hospital resulted in a huge response. We also asked your help to fund a post-operative ward at the hospital, and construction is now

underway. Many of you sponsored students and orphans. You paid for water wells, food relief, bicycles and Bibles. You funded medicine and Clean Delivery Kits and more. Thank you!

Truly God has done "more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20) in providing for our needs through kindhearted supporters like you. **Thank you again for your amazing generosity.**



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