

Graduates Make a Difference in Mission Areas



GBCCC graduates and visitors worked together in June. From left: Mike Nampute, Noah Davis, Cletus Njomvu, Bryson Davis, Derick Mudenda

They're making a difference—in schools, communities and churches—wherever they go. Sponsored graduates of George Benson Christian College (GBCCC) do more than just teach academic classes. They get involved with their communities. They start new congregations and provide leadership for existing ones. And they spread the gospel of Jesus in areas where it has not been taught.

It happens because generous donors and sponsors invest in preparing Zambian young people. Sponsors provide school fees for students at Namwianga Christian Secondary School and GBCCC. College graduates agree to serve where needed after they complete their studies. Often they are sent to areas of Zambia where the church is weak or nonexistent.

Brian Davis, President-Elect of World Bible School, recently witnessed the good work of GBCCC graduates firsthand. Davis and his two sons came to Zambia in June. The three men preached a series of eight gospel meetings in Northwestern Province—a two-day journey from Namwianga Mission. “It was very encouraging to see the number of GBCCC graduates that have been deployed within areas of Zambia where the church is just getting started,” Davis said. “As public schoolteachers, they immediately have a place of respect in the community. I found them serving the needs of the community and the church.”



Davis was impressed that the graduates were looking for new ways to introduce New Testament Christianity. One graduate had encouraged his students to enroll in World Bible School courses. Davis was heartened to see the enthusiastic response of the students: **“May God continue to bless these young evangelists as we work together to share the Good News of Jesus with our world!”**

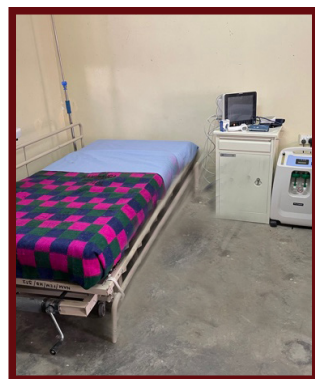
Namwianga Mission's Sponsorship Program provides young leaders with the training they need for a teaching career and for ministry. This support changes lives and prepares leaders for Zambia's communities and the Lord's kingdom. Learn more at zambiamission.org/sponsorship.

An Update on COVID-19

COVID-19 hit Namwianga in May. Many faculty, staff and community members became ill. Sadly, a Namwianga Christian Secondary teacher, Michael Moono, passed away from COVID on June 13.

COVID cases flooded Namwianga Mission Hospital (NMH). The hospital began to run out of beds, oxygen concentrators, medicines and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Hospital Chief of Staff Dr. Stephen Chanda reached out to Zambia Mission Fund supporters for help. Your generous response was amazing. Your donations supplied a new oxygen concentrator, other medical equipment, and plenty of medicines and cleaning supplies.



New COVID ward at NMH

You helped equip a COVID isolation ward at the hospital and establish a COVID clinic on the campus of the secondary school and college.

As COVID-19 swept the country, the government of Zambia shut down all schools (preschool – grade 12) on June 17th and directed all colleges to offer their classes online. Schools and colleges reopened in late August. Namwianga Christian Secondary School and George Benson Christian College are now back in session. Students and teachers alike are concentrating on making up for the lost weeks of school.

Thank you for your generous support of the COVID-19 relief efforts.

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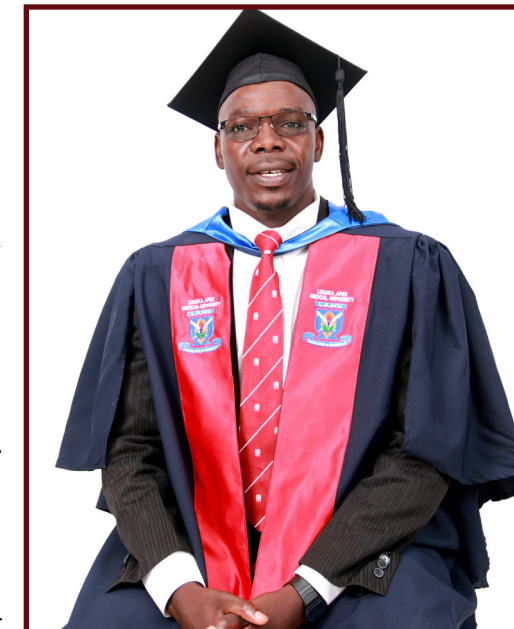
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Long Journey Leads School Dropout to Namwianga Mission Hospital

Sponsors make dream come true

Webster Munsanje is living his dream. The 39-year-old is the newest physiotherapist at Namwianga Mission Hospital. He spends his days helping patients improve their lives by becoming more mobile. And he looks back at the long journey he traveled and feels gratitude for the help that made his dream come true.



Munsanje was raised in a remote rural village and dropped out of school in seventh grade. In 2008 he was hired as a night watchman at Namwianga Mission. He was married and had two young children.

During the long nights of guard duty at the Mission, Munsanje decided to go back to school. So at age 28, he donned a green and white checked uniform shirt and green pants and began eighth grade at Green Acres Basic School in Kalomo. Most of his classmates were half his age. None of them worked all night before coming to school. But Munsanje quickly made friends and showed himself to be a leader. By ninth grade he was the Headboy, supervising other students.

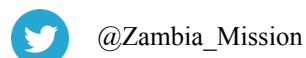
Munsanje completed high school, snatching study time at

night as he continued his guard duties. Donors helped him pay his school fees. When the Harding University Physical Therapy group conducted a one-week clinic at Namwianga in 2013, Munsanje served as a translator. He saw the physical therapists at work and knew what his dream career would be. Mission leaders found sponsors to support him, and Munsanje moved his family to Lusaka and began his training.

Last year Munsanje graduated from a five-year physiotherapy training program and came back to Namwianga. He now spends his days living out his dream of helping people feel better. “If I make a patient smile, my day is complete,” he said. “I am passionate about my career, and I love it.”

He’s also passionate about thanking those who supported him through school: “Words cannot express the great appreciation and gratitude I have for their generosity and love to me.”

Thank you to ALL our donors who make dreams come true. Your generosity is a blessing.



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Physical Therapy Changes Angela's Life

Your support makes it possible



Angela and her mother Iness arrive at Namwianga Mission Hospital (NMH) every morning for physical therapy. They've been coming since April, and Iness is amazed at the progress she sees in her 17-month-old daughter.

Angela has cerebral palsy. Before beginning treatment, she was so weak she could not lift her head or move her limbs. Now, with the therapy that Webster Munsanje (see related story on page 1) provides in the hospital's physiotherapy clinic, Angela can raise her head and move her legs, arms and hands.

Their home is two days away in Zambia's remote Western Province. They live temporarily at the Namwianga Hospital



Mothers' Shelter, sharing space with expectant mothers. Iness does extra exercises with Angela at the shelter after the therapy sessions.

A child-sized walker arrived in the Zambia Medical Mission shipping container in August. Munsanje says it's the perfect tool to help Angela take the next step—literally. Angela is learning to walk.

Angela and others with special needs receive compassionate treatment and care at Namwianga Mission Hospital. Your kindhearted generosity supports the hospital. Learn more and donate online at zambiamission.org/hospital or use the enclosed envelope.

Newborn Kits Benefit Moms, Babies

You can help

Imagine having a newborn but no diapers or clothes for your baby. Maybe the only blanket you have is the one that was wrapped around your baby at birth. Hard for most of us to imagine. But that's the reality for many moms in rural areas of Zambia. That's where the Newborn Kits project makes a difference.

Moms who bring their babies to Namwianga Mission Hospital for a one-week checkup receive a free Newborn Kit to help them care for their babies. Each kit contains two cloth diapers, two diaper pins, a bar of soap, washcloth, sleeper, cap, blanket and Vaseline. The kits are also given to moms who deliver at the hospital if they have no baby care items.

"We accomplish two things with the Newborn Kits," explained nurse Tebia Muchindu (right). "Letting us check the baby helps us to step in with advice and medical care. And the Newborn Kits also reduce infection. The mothers get excited when they get the kits and are very thankful."



The Newborn Kits project began in 2003. Marge Kagels saw the need when she served on Zambia Medical Mission teams. She began putting together the kits and continued until 2020. Her involvement with Zambia Mission Fund also included serving on the Zambia Mission Fund Board of Directors. Marge recently stepped down from the Board and from the Newborn Kits project due to health issues. Kelly Smith is the new coordinator for Newborn Kits.

"We greatly appreciate Marge's initiative in starting the Newborn Kits project and her many years of service on medical mission teams and on the ZMF board," said Chairman of the Board Klay Bartee. "We encourage those who want to honor Marge to donate funds for the Newborn Kits project."

It costs just \$10 to provide one Newborn Kit. To donate to the Newborn Kits project, visit zambiamission.org/newborn or mail your check in the enclosed envelope. Please specify if you would like your donation to be made in honor of Marge Kagels.

They Can Do MORE Because You Gave

Your generosity fuels Evangelism and Spiritual Growth expansion



"Now we can do so much MORE for the Lord," said Thomas Simubali, Director of Namwianga's Evangelism and Spiritual Growth (ESG) team. Early this year the team asked for funding to expand their leadership training, evangelism, outreach and support ministries.

You responded to their request with great generosity. Your kindhearted support paid for a new four-wheel drive vehicle and funded more leadership training, evangelistic outreach and other ministries. Thank you!



Leadership training is a priority for the ESG. Five area-wide workshops have been conducted. A part of each workshop is learning how to teach the Bible. These two church leaders (above) are working together on an assignment to prepare a lesson.



The ESG team continues to deliver food relief to the Gwembe Valley, an area that has suffered through three years of insufficient rainfall.



Local Mothers' Shelters provide women from rural villages a place to stay while they await the births of their babies. ESG team member Rodgers Namuswa (above) makes weekly visits to share the word of God, offer counseling to those who are sad and lonely, and provide food assistance.



The Kwali Church of Christ is a new congregation started by bicycle evangelists. The ESG team provided Bibles for the congregation and sent workers to preach and teach. Here church members kneel to pray for spiritual strength.



Elizabeth Halale (right) has conducted five women's seminars since June 1. She shares God's word and encourages the women to live faithfully. Some of her workshops include training in how to teach children's classes. She also distributes Tonga Bibles and food relief.

Thank you for helping the ESG team do MORE.

Additional information is available at zambiamission.org/esg