

## Church Growth Project

Zambia Mission Fund President, Dr. KB Massingill is seeking support for a two year project to conduct a census of Churches of Christ in Zambia. The purpose of the effort is to get an accurate picture of church growth over the past ten years, identify church leaders, obtain their contact information, and then to use that information to recruit spiritually mature and academically capable young people to study to become self-supporting evangelists. "This is essential to our evangelistic efforts," according to Massingill, "it is not simply an academic exercise. I am alarmed by the monies being poured into Zambia in an attempt to recruit youths into Islam. We have young people in Zambia ready and willing to be a witness in their own country, but we can't help them if we don't know who they are."

It is difficult to track church growth in Zambia. Many congregations are very remotely located, don't have a building, and certainly don't have access to email or even telephone service. Additionally, because most members walk to and from church services, churches often plant new congregations simply to reduce the amount of time that members have to walk to participate. "Remote congregations in Zambia often divide before they become too large" according to Eleanor Hamby who along with her husband the late Dr. Kelly Hamby tracked church growth during the time she lived in Zambia. She added that "If they don't form new congregations, some members spend their entire Sunday just walking back and forth to church."

It will require approximately \$11,000 per year to hire a person to do the work, provide transportation funds and obtain adequate telephone talk-time to contact church leaders. The effort will be overseen by the Church Development Team and the administration at Namwianga. It is expected that it will take approximately 18 months to two years to complete the project and create a sustainable database of church contacts. If you know of a congregation or individual that would like to assist financially with the project, please contact Dr. Massingill directly at (325) 267-9101.



## The Leadership Issue

A message from ZMF President, Dr. KB Massingill

Last year the Zambia Mission Fund Board of Trustees finalized a Vision Statement intended to guide ZMF through the year 2020. The statement says that we "Reveal Jesus through education, humanitarian service, and Christian leadership." We largely accomplish what we do by planting and supporting churches in Zambia. The board made it clear to Dr. Prather, Mr. Phiri and me that we must redouble our efforts to bring the Word of God to Africa, a continent that is still 75% non-believers.

Please accept my thanks for your willingness to continue to allow us to share our progress with you. I believe that the stories in this edition of our newsletter will show you a beautiful cycle of leadership that changes lives when multiple stakeholders join forces to move in unison. As you read these articles watch for the role that each stakeholder plays. In this edition you will see how Zambia Medical Mission visited a very remote village and left behind a group of believers and a church, and how a Christian teacher, self-supporting church-planter, and former student of George Benson Christian College of Education engaged with local church leaders to encourage a young Christian woman. Watch to see how that young woman overcame massive adversity to find her way to Namwianga Christian Secondary School, and how supporters from the U.S. made it possible for her to continue her education and make plans toward potentially becoming a teacher and self-supporting church-planter herself. Watch to see the implication that the cycle might then start over again, to change the world even further.

If the stories touch you, and you want to go beyond watching to engaging in our work, please contact us so that we can help you find your place. We need student scholarships of \$150.00 per month for both high school and college students, we need a new dormitory to support new students who will be coming into our Christian Leadership Bible Diploma Program in January, we need funds to hire an additional Church Development Program worker, funds for fuel which allows us to send our team further into the bush more often.



A Christian teacher and church leader pose with Kester

I would welcome a phone call (1-800-993-3461) for you to discuss how you might become involved, or if you want to help financially you can visit [www.ZambiaMission.org](http://www.ZambiaMission.org) and click the "Donate" button. May the Lord bless you in all that you do, and thank you again for allowing us to share our excitement with you.

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long for them to arrange for a "shopping trip" to replace the crutch and get Kester's uniform and the essentials for boarding school. Among other things, the woman purchased for her were three sets of clothes, eating utensils, a bucket to carry water, a pillow and of course a hoe (pronounced ho-wee) by Zambians. Secondary students are required to have the gardening implement so that they can help grow food and keep the campus tidy.

Kester is just one the students who receives assistance from ZMF's Student Sponsorship program. The story illustrates the impact that our George Benson Christian College graduates have when they show up in a community to be a leader and a teacher. Kester is a perfect example of a student who is likely to succeed, find a strong Christian faith and potentially even start the cycle over again by choosing to become a teacher herself. Will you help us make it possible for us to identify the best and brightest and encourage them to become self-supporting evangelists and leaders in their own country? Please consider a monthly gift of \$150.00 which can support students like Kester. You may donate online at:

<http://zambiamission.org/studentsponsorship.html>.



## The Best and The Brightest

Kester Kanenge

She has overcome intense adversity, she is academically qualified, she is motivated, and now because of the teamwork of several ZMF stakeholders, Kester Kanenge is able to study at Namwianga Christian Secondary School.

Kester was bitten by a viper as an infant and her leg was amputated near her hip. Her father abandoned her family in a village that is a four hour walk to the nearest town. She has worked hard in school, but had to repeat grade nine in the village because she didn't have the financial resources to move up, but in February a George Benson Christian College graduate arrived in the village as a new teacher, and he helped her obtain approval to come to Namwianga to attend school. She walked for several hours on crutches to a bus stop and arrived at Namwianga with only the clothes on her back.

She had broken her crutch on the trip and arrived but was fortunate to have arrived at a time when Dr. Carole Buchholz and Dr. Angie Prather were on campus and it didn't take

## Why I Give to Zambia Mission Fund?

The first morning of clinic when I looked out from my position in front of 20 doctor/nurse stations, I saw people, thousands of people quietly lined up and waiting. There were mothers with multiple children, young mothers with infants that should not be out in the 40 degree cold, but this was the only way to get help for their babies, I saw very elderly men and women patiently waiting to see a doctor for the first time in their life. Some were limping, some were hungry, others walked for days in need of help. To see first hand, the love and care and dignity that was given by the doctors and nurses of ZMM, is why we continue to support the Zambia Medical Mission.

– Jack and Lisa Kincaid, Gainesville, Florida

I have been to Namwianga and seen the good accomplished by Zambia Mission Fund. I believe the funds I contribute are used of their intended purpose. I give because my small gifts bring great blessings to those who receive them, but I also give because of the great blessings I received from being there and meeting the people. I give because God offered his Son that I and they might have the blessing of forgiveness and salvation.

– Meta Isenhower, Putnam, Texas

## Namwianga Water Supply

Progress on Our Water Project

At the end of November 2012 the water supply at Namwianga Mission was at a dangerously low level. It was the end of a cycle that repeats itself year after year. While rains come quickly during the first part of the year, the rainy season is followed by day after day of absolutely no rain. "There was actually a bit of water left in a nearby lake" according to ZMF Trustee, Eleanor Hamby, "but we didn't have a way to get the water to the mission. That is when we decided we had to ask for help."

In December the Zambia Mission Fund Board of Trustees put out a call for funds to help implement phase-one of the strategic water plan that includes building a pipeline from reservoir on mission property. The group asked for \$137,000 to complete an engineering study, finalize the strategic water plan, build the pipeline and add additional storage on campus. By March 1st of 2013 more than 85% of the money had been raised. "We saw several churches send special contributions for the effort," according to Massingill. "Thoughtful people seem to just intuitively understand that a lack of water can effectively shut down all of our ministries."

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An engineering firm from Lusaka visited the Namwianga campus in February and conducted a preliminary study to determine the best path for the pipeline, and the best storage alternatives. Once the final engineering plans are made the construction of the pipeline will begin. "We have already made some improvements" said Dr. Richard Prather, ZMF Executive Director. "We immediately approved the replacement of an aging storage tank at Namwianga Zonal Health Centre, but ironically we are waiting on some dry weather to break ground on the pipeline."

"The Lord has blessed us tremendously in this" said Dr. Charles Small, ZMF Treasurer. We put out a call, and people responded, which means we can continue to focus on our core goals of sharing God's Word."

## Donate a Used Vehicle

Help Zambia Mission Fund

Support Zambia Mission Fund by donating your used vehicle and get a donation-receipt to use when filing your federal income tax. The new tax law allows donors to take the value for which the vehicle is sold as a tax deduction. It is quick, convenient and helps ZMF feed orphans, educate students and spread God's Word.

Most types of vehicles are accepted including cars, trucks, SUVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, jet skis and even boats, although some restrictions may apply. Free same-day and weekend pick up is available. Cars do not have to have a smog certificate or be running in most cases. The tow truck driver will provide you with all the required DMV forms. You will receive a receipt for your donation as well as IRS form 1098-B for your tax return. To arrange to have your vehicle picked up, or to find out more information about the program, call us at (877) 411-3662.

## Church Leadership

Namwianga Church of Christ



Elders & Deacons, Namwianga CoC

A great sign that God's kingdom is thriving is when churches are thoughtfully able to appoint leaders among themselves. At the end of February, the Namwianga Church of Christ which has had elders and deacons for many years, added to

their number. The Namwianga congregation is one of the largest churches in Zambia thanks to the students from George Benson Christian College and Namwianga Christian Secondary School. The church meets on campus, and often has almost 1000 in attendance.

"One of the newly appointed elders at Namwianga is our Superintendent George Phiri" according to ZMF Vice President Klay Bartee, who was there during the week the men were appointed. "George is a capable man with a gentle spirit." We congratulate this congregation and these men who have been named to church leadership positions.

## MUMENA CONDUCTS "SLAVE FOR JESUS" SEMINAR

A "Muzha Wa Yesu," or "Slave for Jesus" seminar is coming up at the Mumena Missions Center in the North-Western province of Zambia. This is an annual event, paid for by the 13 congregations spread throughout the chieftancy and organized by the local Church leaders. It lasts for the whole month of April and is a time of great fellowship and learning for all the Church leaders who attend. The number of men who gather for this event has consistently been at least 50, and this year they will be joined by more than 20 leaders representing churches in the Congo. The curriculum for this year will include a study of the book of Romans, Luke, Ephesians, and 1 Corinthians. The teachers for these classes will include Gary Montgomery, Cleddy Varner, Brian Davis and Marshall Wade, along with the resident missionaries Rick Love and Sam Rodriguez. Please join in prayer for this seminar, the continued spiritual growth of our African brothers in Christ, and the spreading of the Kingdom of God in Zambia and the Congo. The ministry at Mumena is conducted by the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene, and the Cedar Hill Church of Christ in Cedar Hill, Texas and is supported by Namwianga Mission.

## Harding University Evaluates Physical Therapy Opportunity

Namwianga Zonal Health Centre welcomed two faculty from Harding University during February to evaluate an opportunity to bring Physical Therapy students from Harding to the Centre once a year to serve the people of Zambia. Michael McGalliard, PT, ScD, COMT, is the Chair of the Physical Therapy Department at Harding, and is an Associate Professor and is the Program Director of HUPT, and Dr. G. Dean Ezell, MD, FACP is an Assistant Professor in the program. "I don't know what their final conclusions were" said Dr. KB Massingill, "but I know that they saw several patients before they made it to their lodgings, so I assume they validated a significant need for Physical Therapy in Southern Zambia."

The visiting faculty also made a trip to the Macha private hospital in the Southern Province of Zambia where they found a young man named Benjamin who was an alumnus of Namwianga Christian Secondary School who had gone on to obtain a degree in Biology at the University of Zambia and was helping conduct Malaria Research at the Macha facility. "He was beaming" according to ZMF Vice President Klay Bartee who accompanied the group on the trip, "he wanted us all to know that he had attended NCSS. It is fulfilling to see our former students thriving." The Harding group will announce their findings regarding the potential study opportunities later in the year.

