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New Leaders For Zambia Mission



Zambia Mission welcomed new leaders on two continents in 2016. Thomas Siafwiyo became Acting Field Superintendent at Namwianga early this year, and Klay Bartee was elected Chairman of the U. S. Board in April. Both men bring years of dedication and service to the work at Namwianga and mission efforts in Zambia.

Siafwiyo began his career working for the Bible Society of Zambia on the Tonga Bible Translation Project in the 1970s. Later he came to Namwianga as a Bible teacher at the secondary school, eventually serving as head of the Church Development Program, Department Head for Orphanages, and also as Assistant Superintendent for Spiritual and Social Services. He and his wife Cecilia currently reside at The Haven where Cecilia is Haven Manager and oversees the in-home orphan care.

Siafwiyo replaces George Phiri who retired after serving as Field Superintendent from 2004 to 2015. Phiri continues to work at the Mission as Curriculum and Standards Officer and as a college lecturer. Dr. Richard Prather, Mission General Superintendent, expressed appreciation for “the sense of unity that Mr. Phiri provided over the years.”

On the American side, Dr. Klay Bartee became Chairman of the Board in April


after the resignation of Dr. K. B. Massingill. Klay’s love for Zambia began when he served on the Zambia Medical Mission team in 1999, and he has served on 12 medical missions since then. His wife Lisa, son Kris, and daughters Kasey and Kallie have also been part of the medical mission efforts in Zambia. Bartee joined the ZMF board in 2004 and has served as Vice-Chairman since 2010. Dr. Bartee holds undergraduate and masters degrees from Harding University and a PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. He has worked at Harding University for 17 years as a professor in Marriage and Family Therapy, counselor in the University Counseling Center, and football coach. “I am humbled by the opportunity to serve with such an outstanding group of individuals (on the Board),” says Bartee.

Board Member Ellie Hamby acknowledges the important role that outgoing Chairman K. B. Massingill had in leading the Board from 2012 – 2015. “K. B. used his expertise in educational technology and business to upgrade our operations tremendously. Under his leadership, an endowment fund was established, our accounting system was automated, and we began our presence on social media.” Bartee concurs, adding that Massingill was also a driving force in launching the Namwianga Christian Radio station and the Christian Leadership Development Program. Massingill’s wife Laura and children Jessalyn and Josh share his love for Namwianga and have long been actively involved in the work of Zambia Mission Fund.



Thomas Siafwiyo (far left) and Klay Bartee (center) along with Namwianga’s Leadership Team: Davies Mulamfu, Robby Banda, Shepherd Mbumwae, and Godfrey Lemba

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“I was hungry, and you fed me.” The words of Jesus in Matthew 25 echo in the minds and hearts of those who are touched by the need for food relief in Zambia. The last issue of the Kalomo Reporter detailed the drought that caused a crisis in the food supply for southern Zambia. We explained the need for \$164,000 in relief funds and described The Joseph Project, an effort to implement longer-term solutions through sustainable gardening and supplements for traditional staple crops.

Our donors responded with open hearts and open wallets, and we were able to raise the initial \$164,000 in relief funds.



Rodgers Namuswa, the Director of the Evangelism and Spiritual Growth program at Namwianga, immediately began an efficient and organized delivery of mealie meal (ground corn) to needy communities and individuals. His system targeted the villages where the needs were greatest. He worked through the local church leaders to identify families in need and to ensure that those who received the food knew that it came in the name of Jesus to anyone who was hungry, whether or not they attended the local church. At Namwianga Mission, a newly purchased tractor plowed up new plots for drip irrigation gardens. Cabbages and tomatoes flourished. The hungry were fed.

And they are still being fed. For once again, in this year’s rainy season (November – March), the rains did not come as needed. Rains were spotty, coming too little and too late in many areas. Farmers were forced to replant their fields—some as many as three times. And while the situation is not as bad as last year, there are still villages and communities with less than half of the food needed to survive until the next harvest. The food delivery and relief will continue in targeted areas, the drip irrigation gardens will grow, and the hungry will be fed in the name of Jesus. Please, remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 and continue your generous support to feed the hungry.

Food Delivery Report

Rodgers Namuswa provided this report about one of the early food deliveries.

The Nyanga trip took place on January 11, 2016. We left Namwianga about 3:30 a.m. The trip was long and slow due to rough roads. From Namwianga to Nyanga is roughly about 450 km (280 miles). On the way our vehicle broke down twice. At a place called Chimonsel, we found an old woman sitting under a baobab tree. She flagged us down, touching her belly to indicate that she was hungry. We stopped, and she came to us, begging for food to eat.



When we looked very closely, we spotted one gallon of charcoal by her side. We inquired, and she told us that she was going to Maamba market to sell that tin of charcoal in order to raise some money so that she could buy 1 kg of mealie meal (2.2 pounds). We gave her a 25 kg bag (55 pounds) of mealie meal. She thanked us very, very much and asked us where we were from.

When we arrived at Nyanga, people were singing songs praising God. They received us warmly, singing and running around the truck that carried the mealie meal.

Before we started distributing, they took us to a worshiping place there. We sang songs and prayed together. We told them where the mealie meal came from. We explained that the mealie meal came from their brethren who heard their cry from the United States and who saw them with spiritual eyes because God loved them. People were very thankful.



✝ In Memory Of Two Who Served At Namwianga

Two influential men who served Namwianga in the 1980s passed away recently. RC Polk (1930 – 2016) served as Headmaster at Namwianga Christian Schools from 1980 to 1984. After retiring from military service in the US Navy, RC and his wife Libby moved to Namwianga and worked tirelessly to improve the school. Mr. Polk was also instrumental in the construction of Kabanga Christian Secondary School during these years. Recently when the church at Namwianga was informed that RC was gravely ill, the church held a special prayer session for him. He was remembered for his great contribution to the work in Zambia.

Dr. Mark Moore (1953 – 2015) and his wife Barbara taught at Namwianga Christian Secondary School from 1979 to 1985. Mark was a graduate of Harding University and spent many years working for the University as the Director of Planned Giving. After Barbara died in 2004, Mark moved to China and taught English. Later he returned to the US and became the Roger Collins Endowed Chair in Business at York College in Nebraska. Dr. Moore served on the board of Zambia Mission Fund for many years.

Painful Past Prepares Unique GBCC Student



Frank Muzabe is not your typical college student. In his forties, he is the oldest student on campus, and his enthusiasm for spreading the gospel also distinguishes him from the average. But it is his past that truly sets him apart. Muzabe spent most of the last 20 years behind bars in northern Zambia's maximum-security prison.

As a young man, Muzabe trained as a driver and rose through the ranks to be in charge of the transportation department for a major company. During a leave from work, he was hired to drive a Toyota Land Cruiser from Zambia to the Democratic Republic of Congo. What Muzabe did not know was that the vehicle had been stolen at gunpoint on the streets of Lusaka. He was detained by police and cooperated fully in their investigation, but eventually he and the actual robbers were convicted and given the death sentence.

In prison, Frank organized a congregation of the Church of Christ that grew to include over 150 members. He completed every available World Bible School course. He shared the gospel freely and led many prisoners to the Lord. His good behavior and leadership drew the attention of government leaders, and his sentence was reduced several times. Frank Muzabe became a free man in 2015. His joy at new freedom was tempered by learning that his father, mother, wife, and other close relatives had all died while he was in prison.

Teachers and administrators from Namwianga had visited the prison and had learned of Muzabe's work there. They encouraged

him to apply to George Benson Christian College, and he began his studies there in January.

Muzabe refuses to be bitter about his time behind bars: *"I now see how God sometimes allows us to live through painful experiences so that we can grow closer to Him. Sometimes we learn lessons that would be impossible to learn in any other way, and through these lessons we are equipped to help others discover that they too can become children of God. Accept whatever God sends you."*

Frank Muzabe needs sponsorship to continue his education at George Benson Christian College. Your sponsorship or your one-time donation can make a huge difference in the life of a man who has used unimaginable suffering to spread the gospel. Frank needs \$170 per month or \$2,040 per year to continue his studies. Go to zambiamission.org to make an online donation, or send your check to Zambia Mission Fund, Box 3393, Abilene, TX 79604. If you have questions, please contact Sponsorship Coordinator Linda Gregersen: linda@zambiamission.org



Harding University's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders sponsored HIZ-PATH at Namwianga in May and June. Graduate students in this clinical program provided language enrichment, language stimulation, and feeding assistance to children and babies at The Haven, Namwianga's in-home orphan care ministry

Zambia Medical Mission Serves Remote Villages

The annual Zambia Medical Mission in July required tremendous planning and preparation. An American team of 70 medical and support staff members was joined by 120 Zambian volunteers to conduct six days of clinics in rural areas of southern Zambia. The logistics of housing and feeding 190 people in the bush are daunting. Seventy-five tents had to be set up, 11 trucks and 7 buses were rented, and 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel were purchased.

And then there was the shopping list for food:

Bottles of water – 10,000	Coffee – 14 extra large cans
Fresh chickens – 205	Sugar – 634 lbs.
Ground Beef – 363 lbs.	Toilet Paper – 384 rolls
Tuna – 64 extra large cans	Mealie Meal (corn meal) – 4,400 lbs. for the ZMM team plus 6,000 pounds to be distributed to villagers who attend the clinics
Rice – 100 lbs.	
Cabbage – 81 heads	
Tomatoes – 104 lbs.	
Onions – 49 lbs.	
Carrots – 110 lbs.	
Fruit – 2705 pieces (bananas, apples, pears)	

Every year the gospel spreads to more individuals, families, and communities who are touched by the physical and spiritual healing efforts of the medical mission. You can see more about this year's medical mission on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ZambiaMission and on the web at www.zambiamission.org.

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The 2016 Tree of Mercy Benefit will honor Jim and Mary Bartee for their many years of service to Zambia Mission and for the important part they played in the building of the hospital at Namwianga Mission.

The dinner will take place during Abilene Christian University's homecoming celebration. There is no charge for the meal. Please watch the web site at zambiamission.org for details about the dinner and how to be a sponsor. All benefits from the event will support Namwianga Zonal Health Center.



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