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Evangelists Cycle to Share the Good News

They have the gospel. They have a desire to share it. And they have bicycles. That's all it takes for the Bicycle Evangelism ministry to spread the Word of God in rural Zambia. The 40 plus bicycle evangelists travel from village to village sharing the good news of Jesus, planting churches, and training leaders.

The Bicycle Evangelism program is organized under the leadership of Namwianga's Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team.



The group sends out two or three men to plant a church in a new area. After a church is planted, those men return home, and two or three more evangelists cycle to the new village church and stay for two weeks. Then they return home and another team replaces them. This continues until the congregation has its own leaders and is ready to function on its own. While stationed at the new church plant site, the evangelists also cycle

to nearby existing congregations to train leaders and encourage members.

In the past five years, the Bicycle Evangelism program has planted at least nine congregations and strengthened many others. The group is targeting four new villages for church plants in the final months of 2016.

The bicycle evangelists sacrifice time away from their jobs, farms, and families to serve in

the ministry. They support this work with their own funds and with some contributions from two congregations in Kalomo. The only support they receive from America is funding for bicycles. You can help spread the gospel message in Zambia by donating for the purchase of bicycles. A sturdy bike that can survive rough bush roads costs \$200. Partial donations are welcome.

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“Zambia Medical Mission 2016 was a blessing from God.” The words of Zambian nurse Doreen Mweene sum up the work of this year’s effort to serve residents in remote communities that have little or no access to health care services. In July, 74 Americans and 135 Zambians conducted six days of clinics at three villages. Over 12,000 patients received medical, dental, and optical care. Spiritual teaching and counseling were offered to all who came to the clinics, and 161 souls were baptized during the medical mission. Follow-up work in local congregations will continue in the coming months.

Plans are already under way for the 2017 medical mission. Medical, dental, and eye care professionals are needed as well as support staff. The 2017 applications are available on the zambiamission.org web page.



At each clinic site, the village headman and local church leaders met with ZMM leaders Klay Bartee, Ray Ferguson, Jay Starkey, and Ellie Hamby. The local leaders expressed heartfelt thanks for the great work that was done. Ellie Hamby reports, “They said it was so amazing to see the ZMM medical team sacrifice to come to Zambia and help people they didn’t even know. It definitely showed them the love of Jesus and helped strengthen the church.”



American staffers also appreciated the ZMM experience. First-timer Laura Walling loved her role in the triage process where she took vital signs. She says, “It was so great to be a part of something so much bigger than myself and see what The Lord is doing in Zambia through ZMM.” Returning staffer Jenny Berry says the highlights of her trip were “spending time with the people I love in a place I love” and “seeing God work in amazing ways.”



The Gift of Sight

One group of Zambia Medical Mission patients received a special gift—the gift of sight. Patients in the ZMM bush clinics who were diagnosed with cataracts were offered free cataract surgery.



They were transported to Namwianga Mission, along with an accompanying friend or relative, and spent two days there to receive surgery and special care. Zambian ophthalmologist Dr. Namani Moonze performed the cataract surgery in the newly completed Namwianga Surgery Theater. Dr. Moonze had high

praise for the new facility, saying that there is nothing like it in Southern Province, and likely not in the entire country.

Some of the patients who received treatment had been virtually blind for several years. When their bandages were removed and they could see, there was great rejoicing. Many, with tears of joy, expressed their thankfulness to the Lord for the blessing of sight. “Watching them take their first steps in years without aid is an incredible event to witness,” says coordinator Sheryl Ramsey.



30th Annual Lectureship at Namwianga



The 30th Annual Lectureship at Namwianga was held July 1 – 4 with over 3,000 in attendance. Zambian Christians came walking, in oxcarts, in the backs of trucks, on bicycles, and a few in cars to hear gospel messages presented by speakers from all over Zambia. Since there is no facility large enough to handle all the listeners, most of the lectureship sessions were held outside. The worship session on Sunday morning was the largest and longest, as thousands of Christians participated in the three-hour service. After the collection baskets were passed around, the contributions included all of the following: 3300 in Zambian currency (approximately \$330 USD), \$22 in US currency, 4 kilograms of sweet potatoes, 1 basket, 2 ball point pens, and 1 fruit pod from a baobab tree.

Feeding and housing all the participants created some unique challenges. Local churches and members donated ten cows to help feed the large

crowds. Others donated vegetables to supplement the produce grown at Namwianga or purchased from local markets. Most students from Namwianga Christian Secondary and George Benson Christian College went home during the lectureship so that their dorm spaces could be used for guests, but some of the sponsored students stayed on campus to help. They worked in the kitchen and dining areas chopping vegetables, cutting up meat, serving food, and washing dishes. Others manned registration tables, recorded lessons, and did any tasks that required willing helpers.



Bonke Sinalubilo

Bonke Sinalubilo does not fit the typical bicycle evangelist profile, but he is an active member of the Bicycle Evangelism program. Bonke cannot walk and gets around in a hand-operated wheelchair. Bicycle evangelists who were planting a church at Kayumba in April, 2015, heard about Bonke's reputation as a great preacher and evangelist. Bonke lived 70 kilometers from Kayumba, but the bicycle evangelists recruited him to move to Kayumba and continue their work. They raised the funds to finance his move and even built his family a three-room brick house. Currently the Kayumba congregation has over 40 members.



Update on Frank Muzabe

Thank you for your generous response to the feature on GBCC student Frank Muzabe in the last Kalomo Reporter. Frank now has a fully funded sponsorship and some additional funds to help him with living expenses during his college years. There are, however, other students in our sponsorship program who need help to continue their studies. Please consider becoming a sponsor or providing a one-time donation to the sponsorship program.

Check out our newly updated website at www.zambiamission.org.

Learn about all the ministries at Namwianga and use our convenient on-line donation facility. You can also find us and like us on social media to learn about current happenings.



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