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Mr. Moonga Has Long History at Namwianga

Dominic Moonga moves slowly now, almost as slowly as he talks. At 85 years old, his body is wearing out, but his mind still remembers the stories of his past, and the students in his Bible and history classes still hang on his every word.

Mr. Moonga has been teaching history and Bible at Namwianga for 42 years, often by telling stories in his slow, melodic tones. One of his best stories began in 1982 when he discovered the remote village of Simalundu. As Mr. Moonga tells it, a man had come to his door one day, exhausted and covered with dust. The man begged Mr. Moonga, "Come and teach us about Jesus." He said that he was from the village of Simalundu. Twenty years earlier there had been a Christian school in the community. The school and its teacher were long gone, but this man remembered hearing about Jesus and wanted to know more.



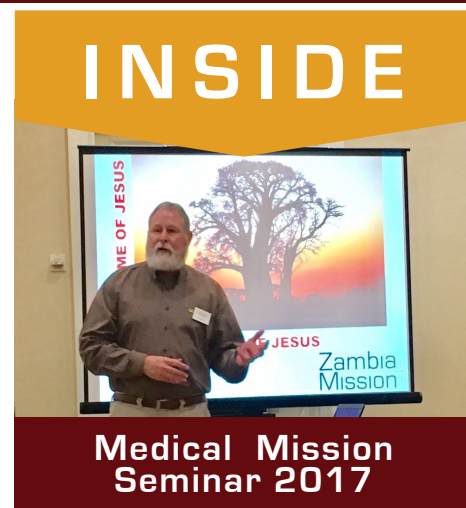
Mr. Moonga had never heard of Simalundu and dismissed the man and his story—for a while. Eventually he decided to investigate. He found one of his pupils who knew where Simalundu was and agreed to show the way. Mr. Moonga arranged for

a driver and vehicle, gathered other interested pupils, and set off before dawn one Sunday morning. The road eventually disappeared, and the group spent hours hacking their way through the bush with machetes. At three in the afternoon, they finally drove into a clearing and found the village of Simalundu.

Mr. Moonga promised the villagers that he would send someone back to teach them about Jesus. Two evangelists from Namwianga spent weeks going from house to house, teaching and preaching. Mr. Moonga came on a weekend and helped start the new congregation. As their fellowship grew, Mr. Moonga became more and more involved in the life of the community and its church. When a famine hit the area and the people of Simalundu were starving, Mr. Moonga learned to drive

so that he could deliver truckloads of food on weekends. He would often arrive back at Namwianga in the wee hours of the morning on Monday after one of those trips and be in his classroom ready to teach by 8:00. His love for the people of Simalundu was evident, and they returned his love and respect. When Mr. Moonga's son died, the people

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Medical Mission Seminar Features ZMF Presenters

The 35th Annual Medical Missions Conference held on January 12-13 in Fort Worth featured several presenters from Zambia Mission Fund and Zambia Medical Mission.

Dr. Anita Mitchell led a session entitled “Helping Mothers and Babies Survive In Developing Countries Through Birth Attendant Education.” Dr. Mitchell discussed her trips to Namwianga where she has trained nurse midwives and traditional birth attendants in an effort to reduce maternal deaths and infant mortality.



James Strother, a veteran of six Zambia Medical Mission trips, presented “Who Me? How Your Non-Medical Vocation Can Become a Valuable Resource for Medical Mission Efforts.” Strother detailed the ways ZMM uses non-medical volunteers in a variety of tasks that increase the overall effectiveness of the effort.

Dr. Dean Ezell described how the annual trip to Namwianga by students in the Harding University

Physical Therapy program involves those students in serving the needs of the Namwianga community and encourages interest in future mission work.

ZMF Board Chairman Klay Bartee led an interest session that provided an overview of Zambia Medical Mission. Ellie Hamby presented a session describing how initiatives that sprang from Zambia Medical Mission are now year-long programs.



The Medical Missions Conference is sponsored by IHCF (International Health Care Foundation) African Christian Hospitals and is the largest and longest-running medical mission seminar in the Church of Christ fellowship.



Living By Faith

Chester Kanogoiwa knows what it means to live by faith. His faith led him to teach, preach, and evangelize in his local congregation for several years. Now his faith is leading him to train at George Benson Christian College under difficult circumstances. Just before he began college in January, his older brother passed away. Now Chester is the one responsible for the care of his aging mother and his father who is suffering with advanced-stage cancer. Chester's family also includes five sisters and five orphaned relatives.

All this is daunting, but Chester is confident that his only hope for the long-term good of his family is to a



get an education. He knows that when he becomes a teacher he will be able to support himself and his family.

Chester and other students like him need sponsors who will support them as they train to become self-supporting church planters and evangelists.

Learn more about how you can support students at www.zambiamission.org/sponsorastudent.

Update on Food Relief

The rainy season began in mid-November, and the Namwianga community is rejoicing that there has been abundant rainfall for the first time in three years. Farmers expect a good crop during the April harvest.

But until then there is widespread hunger because of droughts in previous years. Food relief continues in hard-hit areas where families have long ago used up what little they had managed to salvage from last year's crops. The generosity of American donors sustains this effort and ensures the survival of many who have no resources to rely on until this year's

food crops are ripe and ready to harvest.

Providing fresh water is a never-ending challenge, and that effort is also continuing at Namwianga and in surrounding communities.

On behalf of Zambia Mission Fund, I want to express my gratitude to all who have donated generously to feed the hungry and provide clean water to needy communities.

Klay Bartee
Chairman of the Board
Zambia Mission Fund



Harding University Physical Therapy Program Visits Namwianga

In December 28 students from Harding University's Physical Therapy Program (HUPT) traveled to Namwianga to fulfill an important graduation requirement in their quest to become physical therapists. The students and accompanying faculty members conducted a three-day physical therapy clinic at the Namwianga Zonal Health Center, treating 650 patients. They also set up a mobile clinic at a community for blind residents and served another 170 patients.

After the clinic days, the Harding group conducted two days of continuing education classes for Namwianga and other medical staff from surrounding communities. They completed their visit by going out with local leaders to distribute food relief.

This HUPT trip was the third time for the group to visit Namwianga. Dr. Dean Ezell notes that the trip has multiple purposes for the students. The clinic experience enables students to hone their clinical and diagnostic skills in a unique environment. Cultural awareness grows as students interact with clinic staff and patients, and students learn to maintain equanimity and grace under fairly stressful conditions. The HUPT team also expands the scope and capability of the Namwianga



clinic by increasing awareness of physiotherapy and by training the local staff.

HUPT students report that the trip is a life-changing experience for them. Ezell notes, "They truly see their skills making a difference in the lives of the people they encounter on these trips. They also see how the people of Zambia live their day-to-day lives in a culture very different from our own."



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of Simalundu sent a delegation to the funeral. The villagers walked for three days, sleeping at night in the open bush.

His days of traveling to Simalundu are behind him now, but Mr. Moonga still encourages his pupils to spread the gospel. He still loves and cares for the people of Simalundu. And he still tells his stories.

Please consider honoring Mr. Moonga by donating funds for the purchase of Bibles in the Tonga language. Visit the zambiamission.org/bibles for more information.



In Memory

Zambia Mission Fund mourns the passing of Mike McMackin. A native of Tuscumbia, Alabama, McMackin was an elder at the Tuscumbia

Church of Christ and the owner of McMackin's Business Systems. He had served for many years as a member of the ZMF Board and had actively supported the work of Namwianga Mission. He continued a family tradition of service that began with his father, R.N. McMackin, a ZMF board member for over two decades.



FREE EVENT

you're invited to
ZAMBIA MISSION FUND

Dinner

Nashville, Tennessee

April 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY

Ezell Boardroom (Room 147)

The program will feature a special report on Namwianga's In-Home Orphan Care Ministry.

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