

Namwianga Christian School Earns #1 Ranking in Southern Province



Head Teacher Benson Hachoombe (right) and Deputy Head Teacher Vincent Mwaanga show the document listing Namwianga Christian School as #1 in Southern Province.

Namwianga Christian School is the top junior secondary school in Zambia's Southern Province for 2021. The Ministry of Education released rankings on January 10, naming Namwianga as #1 out of 618 public and private schools in the province. Schools are ranked based on the passing rates of ninth grade students who take government examinations in all subjects. Namwianga had a 100% pass rate for 2021.

Head teacher Benson Hachoombe recognized the role of dedicated teachers in achieving this honor. "We were shut down for several weeks during the second term because of COVID-19," he explained. "When we came back, our teachers met with their classes in the evenings and on weekends to make up for lost class time. Also, our pupils felt free to ask for help when they didn't understand what was taught."

An Update on COVID-19 from Dr. Stephen Chanda



We definitely have entered the fourth wave of COVID-19 in Zambia. The number of new cases is increasing daily. The omicron variant has not spared Zambia, though not everyone is tested specifically for omicron. The vaccinated population is still low. Only about 3% of Zambians have been vaccinated.

At Namwianga Mission Hospital we are seeing a slow increase in the number of patients testing positive. Six of our staff members have become ill with COVID-19.

But we are ready for battle, thanks to the donations you made last year. The isolation ward at the hospital and the clinic on the school campus are ready and functional.

To all of you who have donated, we say **Thank You!**

Dr. Chanda is Chief of Staff at Namwianga Mission Hospital.

You Can Make a Difference



People in need - individuals, churches, families - request help from Namwianga Mission every single day. They might need food, or education, or Bibles, or a wheelchair, or a message of hope. It is through God's grace and your generosity that those needs can be met and lives can be changed.

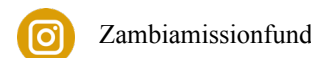
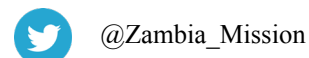
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Revealing Jesus through
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Spreading the Word - Because You Gave Tonga Bibles help individuals, congregations

Your donations for Bibles and your contributions to Namwianga Mission's Evangelism and Spiritual Growth team covered the cost of distributing 1,292 native language Bibles to individuals and congregations in 2021.

Belita Moonga (below, in pink) treasures her new Tonga Bible. "I have been a Christian for a long time, but I have never owned a Bible," she said. Moonga, 53, was delighted when she received her very own copy of the scriptures in her native language. "This will make me wise, and I want to help encourage others, especially my family."



Church leaders use Tonga Bibles for home Bible studies.

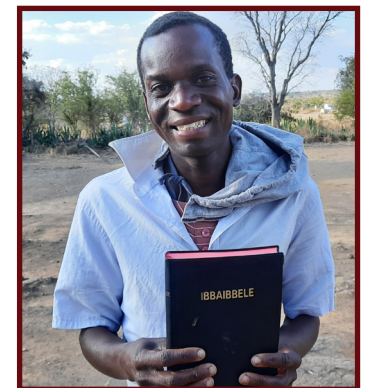
Paul Nseluka (left) and Madison Kalombwana are church leaders at the Katapazi church. Nseluka welcomed the new Bibles given to the congregation at a men's leadership seminar. "As a congregation, we only have two Bibles that we use during the church services on Sunday," he said. "But we conduct several Bible studies in homes during the week, and some of the Bible teachers do not have any Bibles to read from." Kalombwana added, "These Tonga Bibles will improve our home Bible studies program."



Elizabeth Halale (left), a member of Namwianga's Evangelism and Spiritual Growth (ESG) team, gives out Bibles at women's classes and seminars. She has found women to be hungry for the Word of God.

Many churches in Zambia share only one or two Tonga Bibles. Some congregations have none. Namwianga's Evangelism and Spiritual Growth (ESG) team members distribute Bibles at leadership training events and seminars. The ESG team also supplies Bibles to newly planted congregations, and the team sends Bibles to churches in mission areas of Zambia.

Saxon Lunganya will use his Tonga Bible in youth ministry. "As a youth leader at Siamandevu Church of Christ, my role is to teach young people the Word of God. This Tonga Bible will be a great tool in teaching and empowering young people in their walk with the Lord."



Your generosity puts the Word of God into the hands and hearts of Zambians. THANK YOU! Learn more at zambiamission.org/bibles and zambiamission.org/esg.

Your Generosity Provides Mobility

Wheelchairs and PET carts change lives

Through your support, Namwianga Mission's Wheelchair Ministry has been providing free wheelchairs to Zambians since 2011.

The gift of mobility is something most of us take for granted. But for Zambians who are physically disabled, the lack of a wheelchair or other personal mobility device can mean a normally simple task like going to the market, church or anywhere can be difficult or impossible.

Every day was a struggle for Sharon Moono. A struggle to go to the market. A struggle to go to church. And during the rainy season, a struggle to keep out of the mud and rainwater as she "walked" on her knees. Sharon was born in 1982 with a congenital deformity that left her unable to walk. **But Sharon's struggle was alleviated when Namwianga Mission Hospital gave her a wheelchair designed and built by workers at the Mission.**



Sharon in her new wheelchair: "I am so thankful for the gift of this wheelchair. May others like me be helped and may God bless them with a new wheelchair."



Hand-cranked Personal Energy Transport (PET) carts can go where wheelchairs can't. They can also carry packages.

Until recently the Wheelchair Ministry at Namwianga has focused on designing and building wheelchairs on site at Namwianga. That focus has now broadened to include providing Personal Energy Transport (PET) carts and specialized wheelchairs shipped from the United States.

A shipment now on its way to Zambia includes 21 PET carts that were donated by Mobility Worldwide. These hand-cranked all-terrain vehicles are perfect for the sandy soil of southern Zambia.



These specialized wheelchairs give mobility to children with cerebral palsy.

The shipment also includes 10 pediatric wheelchairs donated by the Joseph Thomas Foundation. Those born with cerebral palsy need head and neck support that a regular wheelchair or a PET cart cannot provide. **The 10 specialized wheelchairs are designed specifically for children with cerebral palsy.** These chairs will change the lives of the children and their families.

Your gifts fund wheelchair construction and pay the expenses to procure, ship and distribute PET carts and specialized wheelchairs. Thank you for your compassionate support of this life-changing ministry. Learn more at zambiamission.org/wheelchairs.

A Place for All Children

Special needs school opens at Namwianga



Meagan Hawley, The Haven's medical advocate, remembers the day the idea for Simon's School was born:

"A few years ago, I looked at the faces of two of our Haven children who should've been in school because of their age, but never had been able to attend because of their disabilities. Susan and Busiku have physical and cognitive impairments that necessitate a special school environment - and there was no school like that available then. I went to talk to the head teacher at Namwianga Basic School about this need. He said they had wanted to provide special education for a long time but never had a facility where these special children could learn. And that day marked the beginning of Simon's School."

Hawley reached out to friends and supporters who generously supplied funding to build and furnish a two-classroom building designed for children with special needs. The school was named after Simon, a boy who lived at The Haven but died while the new building was under construction. "Simon was blind and had multiple birth defects. It seemed appropriate that we name it after him," said Hawley. "He deserved an education, too."



Haven aunts wheel 6-year-old Susan (left) and 15-year-old Busiku to Simon's School every morning.

Simon's School opened in June last year. "The first children to roll through the doors on opening day were Susan and Busiku," Hawley recalled. "They couldn't wait to be counted among the pupils at Namwianga Basic School."



Susan and Busiku now have 10 other classmates from the surrounding community. They are taught by two specially trained teachers.

Hawley sums up her feelings about Simon's School: "We mourn for the years we weren't able to meet the educational needs of Susan and Busiku and other children

with special needs, but we rejoice in the fact that now Namwianga has a place for all children to learn and be loved."

The Haven is a home for vulnerable children. Learn more at zambiamission.org/haven.

A Message of Thanks

Klay Bartee, Chairman of the Board



A heartfelt "thank you" to our donors! Zambia Mission Fund is very grateful for your kind and generous spirit.

Though 2021 proved to be as challenging as 2020, you came

through for Zambians in a big way. Your compassionate support shared the gospel, fed the hungry, dug water wells, sponsored students, supplied wheelchairs and Bibles, cared for orphans, funded radio programs, provided health care - and much, much more.

Namwianga Mission is spreading light and salt, thanks to you. We can only humbly continue to work in this endeavor by the grace of God and your generosity. Rest assured that we are sincerely thankful for you and your kindhearted support.