

# February Report – 2011

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Greetings to you all in the glorious name of our living Messiah! Both the school and my family are doing well. We are just celebrating the normal rainfall season that we are having in our country because it means one thing; a good harvest awaits us. We have not yet experienced floods as was the case last rainy season which is good as floods tend to spur the spread of waterborne diseases. In short, we are having a blessed season.

How good and pleasant it is to have this opportunity of sharing about the Lord's work in Zambia with you! You are worthy partners.

## **Graduates and in Action**

The Lord blessed me with a wonderful visit to Kalomo where 17 of our last year's graduates are attending George Benson Christian College. Kalomo is small town located in the Southern Province of Zambia and is about 220 miles from Lusaka. I had to travel there to encourage our graduates to carry through with what we had agreed upon while they were students at Mapepe and also to show solidarity.

My trip was unannounced so the brethren were utterly surprised when they saw me shaking hands with the church at the end of the church service on February 20. I conveniently arrived on George Benson campus during church service and sat at the back row just to spice up my visit with the aura of surprise. Besides, I wanted to see how dedicated they were now that they are no longer with Mapepe.

I am really proud of our graduates who are at George Benson because they have continued working for the Lord with enthusiasm and great joy. The whole group has been divided into three teams. One team actively participates at the local church (Namwianga congregation). The other group moves as a team from congregation to congregation evangelizing and preaching. The final group is made of two brothers (Clifford Namwakili and Mwangala Bweendo) rides bicycles to a place called Macrons where they preach at the congregation in that place. Macrons is over 13 miles from the campus of George Benson one way.

Those that go to Macrons go early in the morning in time to conduct the Bible class and deliver the sermon. Thereafter, they are provided with lunch and conduct another Bible study session or conduct evangelism in the surrounding villages with the congregation.

They spend a heft part of Sunday with the Macrons church before they head back to college; usually around 4pm.



In addition to all this, the 17 brethren (4 ladies and 13 energetic young men) are given to teach bible to Namwianga secondary school pupils by the leadership of George Benson. They have been given the responsibility to teach Bible to pupils in

grades eight, nine, ten and eleven. “It’s really an honor for us to be allowed to teach God’s word to pupils who are a captive audience,” said a smiling Deborah Mufwaya.

The graduates have also been participating in feeding orphaned infants at local orphanages. On one moving day they fed 20 babies some of whom were very sick. When I say “feeding” I don’t mean providing meals; I mean putting food in the mouth of somebody. One of the female graduates was so moved by this act of love that she sneaked out to go and be by herself and started crying. I thank God for allowing her to have such an experience.

I was a happy and enthused person as I drove back to Lusaka on February 21. Clifford, the chosen leader of the George Benson group, only said “we now feel fathered because we thought you had orphaned us. We actually never thought you could visit us. We are blessed by your visit and please come back very soon.”

### **Beginning the School Year in Style**

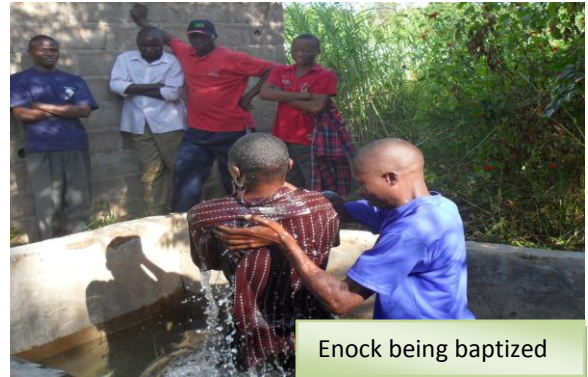
In a bid to utilize and maintain the burning desire to do God’s work that characterizes every new Bible school student, we put our students to work the first week of school. We engaged our students in outreach programs and prayed that such campaigns bear fruit so that the students will stay encouraged.

You should have seen the jovial mood that enveloped our students when on



February 1 Collins Mukupa and Misheck Mukupa got baptized. The two brothers were baptized by our student Dominic Kaoma. Almost two weeks later we were blessed with three more baptism as Bernard Tembo, Joy Tembo, and Jackson Phiri who got immersed on February 13.

The Lord really moved powerfully as he allowed us to have Ninza, and Enock Chanda get baptized on February 23. The duo was baptized by Cleophus Musoma fondly called “the Prophet” by fellow students. Ninza is a young mother who is yearning to learn about the LORD. As a matter of fact, she wrote a letter to the college asking us to allow students to be teaching her the Bible daily “while I am on maternity leave so that I can fully learn more about Jesus.” She is enjoying her maternity leave from her job because she just gave birth to a baby girl. Well, she is a vibrant baby of God herself.



Enock being baptized

### **Getting to Know our students**

#### **Dennis Changala Chintelelwe – 27**



Dennis comes to us from the Northern Province town of Luwingu. He is the third born in a family of eight children (five males and three females). Dennis is married and is blessed with two kids a girl and a boy.

A man of few words, Dennis, while with the Luwingu church of Christ, was actively involved in preaching, song leading, and evangelism. He actually considers sharing God’s word as his real hobby. Moreover, Dennis finds pleasure in helping people who are less privileged than he is. He cannot stand seeing people going without when he has something he can share. He plans to go back to Luwingu upon graduating so that he can share the word he is learning with the people he knows well. We are happy to have a determined man like him come our way to study God’s word with us.

#### **Masauso Nalube – 26**



Masauso comes our way from Sesheke a town in the Western Province of Zambia. He is the firstborn in a family of three children (two males and one female). Masauso has a fiancé with whom he has a “lovely two-year old son that I cherish and miss so much already.”

Masauso, who had been an active member of the Seventh Day Adventist church, is now a member of the newly planted Sesheke church of Christ. Like I have mentioned before, Western Province is one of the least evangelized provinces in Zambia and Masauso is determined to participate in changing the scenario once he graduates from Mapepe and goes back home. In addition to enjoying doing evangelism, the brother is a keen soccer player and equally enjoys watching the sport.

### **Chileshe Chomba – 20**



Chileshe joins the Mapepe family from Luwingu. She is the fifth born in a balanced family of five male and five female children. Chileshe completed high school at Luwingu high School in 2010. While in school she was a member of the JETS (Junior Engineers, Technicians and Scientists) club. She fared very well in this countrywide high school club and won the second prize in Mathematics paper presentation in 2009.

Chileshe says she has very few hobbies which include dealing with mathematical problems, singing worship choruses and she enjoys playing with kids. With her love for kids, she used to conduct Sunday school at the Luwingu Boma congregation. She also actively participated in the church outreach programs which mainly involved evangelism and community service.

Upon completion of her studies at Mapepe, Chileshe intends to do Agriculture Sciences and work with peasant farmers either in central Zambia or the Copperbelt.

### **Franz Mulenga – 28**



Franz comes to Mapepe Bible College from the beach town of Samfya located in the Luapula Province of Zambia. He is the second born in the family of seven children (two males and five females). Franz was once married and has a son with his estranged wife.

It's really sad hearing what transpired in Franz's marriage life. His sweetheart was having an incestuous relationship with her father. Franz discovered this behavior four months in their marriage and quickly involved the church and traditional leaders. Both parties came to a bitter conclusion of dissolving the marriage which left the brother completely devastated. He has since recovered although he feels coming to the Bible College will give complete healing.

Franz when home congregates with the Musaila church of Christ where he serves as a leader of the evangelism committee and vice church secretary. I must mention that Franz

has proven himself to be a very good song leader while at Mapepe. His desire is to “play my part in making disciples of Jesus Christ of all nations, especially in Western Province.”

Where there is a will there is always a way.

I urge you brothers and sisters to continue praying for these students by name. You can never pray enough for somebody.

May God bless you all.

Your partners,  
Kennedy & Cynthia Mukuka