

October Report – 2010

Salutations to you all my brothers and sisters in the Lord! I find great pleasure in communicating with you knowing that we have a common goal and common purpose in life; to honor God and do His good will. Yes, there is nothing better in life than to fulfill the whole duty of man, “fear God and keep his commandments.”

There is nothing more honorable on earth and nothing more fulfilling than to be a servant of the Most High. It is indeed an honor to participate in the grand plan of God to save mankind from the bondage of sin. It is really fulfilling to participate in God’s program of transforming humanity and seeing people undergoing a complete change of life because of the cross.

Sorrow Follows Joy



There was jubilation not only at my house but also at Paglory Teachers’ College in Kabwe where Cynthia was having a graduation. The graduation ceremony was held on October 8 and I bundled all my kids in our car and took them to Kabwe to witness the graduation of their mother who had been in Kabwe two days earlier for graduation preparations. As usual, especially when you have kids involved, we were running late but we made it to Kabwe just in time to witness the whole ceremony. Cynthia was all smiles and deservedly

so because she really worked hard being a fulltime student, a fulltime mother and a fulltime wife. Now was the time to breathe with a sigh of relief.

Cynthia was just beaming with joy as she marched toward the District Education Officer to be handed her certificate in teaching. Now that she has her long awaited paper she wants to move from the private school she has been



teaching at for the past two years and find a teaching position in one of the government schools. Government schools have better working conditions and offer a better job security than private ones.



The whole day was just eventful so much that my kids had the rare opportunity of “hanging out” with a Zambian cabinet minister, Ronnie Shikapwasha. General Shikapwasha is the Minister of Information and is the chief government spokesperson. Although he has a rich military background, he is a god-fearing man who actually preaches in one of the Pentecostal churches in Zambia. He spent a few minutes with the kids and they just loved every minute they were with him.

Before my family could even recover from the effects of joy, I received a distress call from Felix (my 12 year old nephew who was staying with dad) that my father was extremely sick and that he could not even talk. I quickly communicated with a church leader in Mungwi who rushed my father to the local hospital where he died upon arrival. No such sorrow had gripped my heart since my mother died over 10 years ago!

Cynthia and I started off for Mungwi at noon and arrived around 2am. It was a long 540 mile (one way) drive considering the state of the road especially between Serenje and Mpika. In some sections of the road the fastest I could drive was 5 miles per hour due to numerous potholes.

My father died as a result of food poisoning and was laid to rest on October 12, 2010. After burying him we headed back to Lusaka with Felix who had been living with my father since his parents died four years ago. We intend to be staying with him until he reaches the age when he can be on his own.

The support we received from you brethren and the brethren in Zambia was overwhelming. I don't know how I could have come to terms with my father's passing without your prayers and words of encouragement. You showered us with immeasurable love which eased our pain. The pain is still there, but knowing that some of you have had similar experiences and being aware that you are praying for us makes the burden of losing a father lighter. We thank you for your love and support during our time of bereavement.

Mumbwa we Come!



of the small church in the area extremely difficult.

From October 9 to October 10, 2010 our students were engaged in an area-wide evangelism in Mumbwa, a town about 60 miles west of Lusaka. We had a combined team of Mapepe students, Lusaka Central, and Mumbwa congregations. This evangelism effort was arranged three months in advance to allow the college to prepare for the work. Mumbwa is a Seventh Day Adventists' stronghold and this state of affairs makes the work



Michelo Hakonze.

The church in Zambia is weakest as you go west of the country. Mumbwa, although not very far from Lusaka city, is equally affected by this "Zambian-west-syndrome." It was for this reason that the church in Mumbwa decided to invite our students for two days of intensive evangelism. 20 students were involved and they were accompanied by my co-worker

Most of the time was spent on door-to-door evangelism while a few students spent some time encouraging a few church members at the church building and teaching area kids some biblical principles. The work was concluded on the evening of October 10, 2010. We had 10 people restored to Christ and four willing to be baptized. The four that decided to be baptized were: Elisha Mudowa, Soft Shoba, Edgar Mapulanga, and a lady known as Mrs. Kavaza. These were united with Christ through the waters of baptism a day after our students left for Mapepe.

To Sonadi with Love

The school has been involved in the spiritual lives of many people in the Sonadi area – the compound just across the road from Mapepe



campus. At one time we were involved in helping a widow and an elderly lady have better dwelling places. Thereafter, we have been just preaching to the Sonadi people.

Well, this status quo changed when on Saturday October 23 our students went to Sonadi without physical Bibles but with clothes to give to the neediest of that community and the love of Christ. We have people in Sonadi who have been wearing the same clothes from the very first day we started working in the area; they are in abject poverty. So we decided to get donations from anybody that could give at Mapepe campus and then give whatever was gathered to the needy people in Sonadi.



In addition to helping the needy with clothes, we also prayed for those that desired to be prayed for. Others just wanted somebody whom they could tell their problem – emotional, physical, spiritual, or psychological problem. We made ourselves available and gave a listening ear before prayers were offered.

Graduation around the Corner

We are left with only two weeks before we hold our graduation ceremony. We have the graduation set for November 15 and we have 10 people graduating with the Certificate of Completion in Church Leadership and 22 will graduate with the Certificate of Completion in Spiritual Formation. All the certificates will be issued jointly by Sunset International School of Biblical Studies and Mapepe Bible College.

Pray for our graduating students so that they will listen to God's voice upon graduation and make the right decisions.

We love you brothers and sisters.

Let Christ continue to be glorified in you and through you.

Your partners,

Kennedy & Cynthia