

September Report - 2011

With great joy I greet you brothers and sisters! We are all doing very well and enjoying the mixture of heat and showers here in Zambia. Under normal circumstances we experience showers end of November or early December. But for reasons unknown to us we are having showers when it's supposed to be hottest and driest so we count it all joy.

MBC First Music CD

It's a first! Yes, the Mapepe Bible School students' singing group, Melody Makers, has released a 16-track Gospel audio CD.

The album is entitled "I'll Do My Best" and is totally acapella. The long awaited album has both English and vernacular songs that are mostly full of words of encouragement and penitence. One of the songs was composed by our first year student Collins Mukupa. It took the talented tenor-singing student one week to come up with the song called "Nali Uwaluba" (Bemba for "I was lost").



Melody Makers in action



Collins the Composer

Nali Uwaluba speaks of how we were once entangled with the chains of Satan and how Jesus Christ through his powerful blood broke those chains setting us free. The song became an instant hit on campus the moment Collins taught it to fellow students as it seems to tell life story for each one of us.

The Melody Makers are the same group that we usually engage in recruitment activities and other outreach programs. They are taught how to sing (and they are extremely talented in this area) and how to preach to crowds. We involve them when we go for church and youth conferences. They act as the torch-bearers for Mapepe Bible College.

William Married

Wow! It was the second wedding ceremony I was asked to officiate at in the month of September as William “Willy” Phiri and Mable Sibalwa tied the knot on September 24. The duo had been dating for over three years before they requested me to counsel and marry them five months ago.

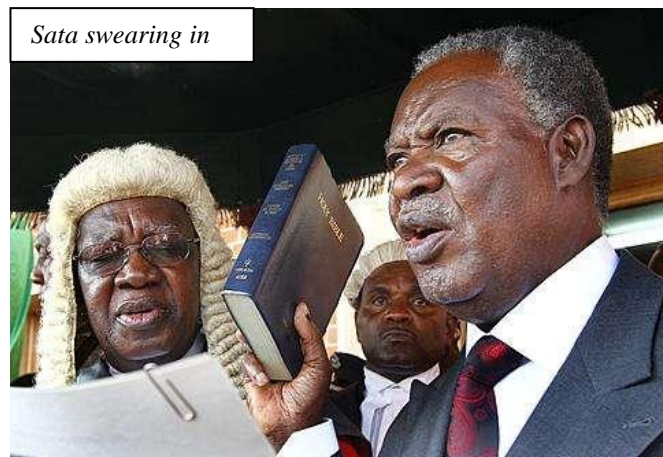


William is the son of the late and loved brother Phiri who was an elder at the Lusaka Central congregation. Willy is one of the most humble and committed young men I have ever come across at Lusaka central. He enjoys working quietly and does so without complaining. Even though he works for a local stock broker, he has no problem rolling up his sleeves and doing some manual work occasionally required at church. I just

love the brother. As such it was an honor for me to preside at his “greatest day of my life” – as he referred to his wedding day.

Zambia Has New President

I want to take this opportunity to thank you brothers and sisters for having prayed for my country Zambia. Because of your fervent prayers, we had peaceful elections even when all the indicators of a possible civil strife were obvious. Praise God we had peaceful tripartite elections on September 20.



Like I mentioned in one of my previous reports, before the elections, I was engaged by the Electoral Commission of Zambia as a trainer of polling staff. The commission also

engaged me to serve as a presiding officer during this year's elections, a duty I carried out to the best of my abilities.

This year's elections saw 10 political parties floating a presidential candidate each. Nonetheless, the real contest was between the ruling Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD) and the opposition Patriotic Front (PF). The ruling party lost and the opposition won. Therefore, Zambia has a new president in the name of Michael Sata a devout Catholic who has announced that he will rule the country based on the Ten Commandments.



In his inaugural address to the country made on September 23, President Sata returned to the themes of his election campaign – a recommitment to the rule of law, and fighting poverty and corruption. Sata has said he plans to make a difference in these areas within 90 days. The president also promised Zambians during his campaign that to cut

government expenditures he would reduce the size of government; which he has done by reducing ministerial portfolios from 23 to 19. All eyes are set on the new president who is heralded as the “Man of Action.”

Third Years Out On Mission

Our third-year students are out on a mission to Chanyanya. They have been sent on a month-long evangelism mission with a mandate to live among the people of Chanyanya and plant the Lord's church in that part of Kafue. The idea is for them to live normal lives among the Chanyanya community while sharing their lives and the Gospel with the people as opposed to having a two or three-day outreach program which gives evangelists little or no opportunity to really know the people they are reaching out to.

Through this program, our students are being accorded an opportunity to experience church planting in a location where they know nobody and have to learn the culture of the people. This is cardinal as the third-year program is mainly to train our preachers to become missionaries who can plant churches in other places other than their home places.

Since their moving to Chanyanya almost three weeks ago, the five brothers have been helping local people with agricultural skills as well as holding house-to-house bible studies. So far they are having a gradually growing following that they are fellowshiping with on Sundays.



We are hopeful that the Lord will have a viable and strong church in Chanyanya as the Word begins to bear fruit.

Please continue remembering these five men of God in your prayers so that the work they are doing among the farming and fishing communities of Chanyanya will bear fruit that will last. The names of the five evangelists are Twambo Kubomba, Sydney Sichinga, Prize Chingobe, Dominic Kaoma, and Moster Nyirenda.

May God continue to pour His boundless love and unending joy in your hearts.

Your partners,

Kennedy & Cynthia