

# \* Zambia Prayer – First Letter in 2019

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**Dear our fellow prayers,**

“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

– *Psalm 22:27-28*”

Have you all been well in the grace of God?

May all the ends of the earth will remember Jehovah and return to Him as David sang in the book of Psalm. We would like to share updates on our ministry and ask for your prayers.



## **1. Chisomo Hospital**

1) A new ultrasound machine from Korea arrived well. We are very grateful for the generous donation and we thank you all for praying with us for the machine.

2) Last week, Church Health Association Zambia (CHAZ) finally came for long-awaited inspection to see if our hospital is suitable to operate ART Center (Anti Retroviral Therapy/Treatment) as their affiliating organization. They came again yesterday for the second phase of inspection. In fact, we were so disappointed and discouraged as we waited for them for more than two years without being given any reasonable explanation. However, we are glad that they came at last and the 1st phase of inspection went well. We hope that the final process of affiliation will be speedy so that we can start providing ART service soon to our clients who have been waiting for too long.

3) After the inspection by HPCZ (Health Professionals Council of Zambia, regulatory body for all health facilities and medical personnel in Zambia), we worked on noted shortfalls that were pointed out during the inspection. They included such things as installing air conditioners in all consultation rooms for better ventilation and putting up an annual leave plan on the wall. The hospital walls look quite busy as they are covered with notices and licenses to meet guidelines by HPCZ. We have moved staff cafeteria to a wider room and hired another ambulance driver in efforts to meet all the requirements. We are grateful that our continued efforts have been recognized by HPCZ by being granted **Level A** health facility status.

4) Clinical Simulation Centre is looking much more in shape now that we have set up the rooms with various medical equipment and teaching aids. We have invited a few nursing schools to come and view the Simulation Centre. Next step is to get an approval from General Nursing Council of Zambia to officially open the Simulation Centre to the public. We hope that this Simulation Centre will not only help us produce Christian-minded nurses but also contribute to the income of the hospital. We pray that God will lead us well in every step of the way.

5) At the beginning of the year, we had to apply for renewal and extension of licenses from 9 different government departments. Our nursing officer was busy reorganizing and reinforcing all the administrative works in place. We are thankful that all the renewals and extensions went successfully. However, renewal/extension cost went up by several times and it has taken a toll on hospital expenditure. It is not easy to run a mission hospital but we are doing our best, believing that the Lord is in charge of everything. We would like our hospital to be a place where the love of Jesus is felt and where patients' lives, only physical but spiritual, are restored.

6) We would like to ask you for special prayers on our staff members. This month has been particularly rough for some of our staff members. One became seriously indebted after borrowing money from loan sharks while another one cheated and stole money from the hospital by forging a receipt. The other got in trouble when conflicts between him and his wife extended to work place, causing problems to his colleagues. Many of our female staff members are single moms who are always burdened by the cost of their children's education. We always emphasize on employee well-being and occupational health but the most important question we should ask ourselves is if we are living Christ-centered life. Please pray that all our staff members are healthy physically and spiritually.

## **2. Kazemba Clinic**

1) On March 5<sup>th</sup>, a sudden gust of wind and heavy rain swept through Kazemba clinic and it blew off parts of roof in the delivery room and screen room, leaving the rooms in a mess. We were still thankful that no one was hurt. It was only a week ago that we sighed, saying, "It will be difficult to expect good yield because corns have gotten such poor rainfalls" but now Kazemba had unexpected heavy rains and crops were destroyed. We had to send a team to work on the damaged roof immediately. The team reinforced wooden frames, put new roofing sheets, and cleaned the rooms. The clinic partially reopened on 11<sup>th</sup> and fully opened on 13<sup>th</sup>. In Rufunsa district where Kazemba Clinic is located, another clinic suffered similar damage as Kazemba clinic but it was only Kazemba Clinic that was restored so quickly. So surprised, Rufunsa District Office even sent us a thank you letter to praise us for the rapid restoration. We were also thankful for villagers who volunteered to help with restoration work.

## **3. Kazemba Preschool**

- From this year, only three to five-year olds are allowed to enroll at Kazemba Preschool and those above 5 will have to go to government preschools where there are classes for bigger kids as part of Education Ministry's directive. Kazemba preschool has become more like nursery school now. Please pray with us that Kazemba School will teach our children about Jesus and teach them to put God's words first at all times.



#### **4. Chisomo Street children's Centre – Partner**

1) Social Services Department one day came and dropped 5 girls, saying an orphanage in Lusaka was shut down. Rev. Chilunjika has asked us to pray for God's provision on foods and school fees for children. Please pray with us for this.

2) Chisomo children at boarding schools – quite a lot of children in Zambia tend to study at boarding schools because of restrictions on transportation – are not doing too well. Some children got kicked out of school because of poor grades and some gave up on their own. Every time this happened, Mrs. Josephine Chilunjika would go to schools to plead to school management. In some cases, she had to transfer troubling children to another school. Distance is another problem. Most of boarding schools are a few hundred kilometers away from Lusaka. Children at boarding schools need to travel long distances back to Lusaka when schools close for vacations. This term alone, we had four children from the center who traveled long distances for schools. Please remember Rev. Chilunjika and Mrs. Chilunjika in your prayers.

#### **5. Any Other News**

- A certain nursing school in Seattle, USA, has donated a lot of nursing textbooks but we have been hesitant to receive them via EMS because of high shipping cost. When discussing the best way to get the books to Zambia, it was decided that Eagles Nest Foundation (ENF) and New York Stump Mission would send a container. Thus, ENF has asked several places for help on shipping cost and is also collecting donations. May the Lord be with us in every step of the way and bless and guide us through the entire process of shipping and receiving this container. Please pray with us that the container will arrive in Zambia safely and donated items will be used in precious and meaningful way.

Dear fellow prayers !

We often feel that we need more love and more humility for our missionary work, so even today again we look to Holy Spirit for help in filling our hearts with God's love.

May God's love and grace be abundant in you.

We thank you from the bottom of my heart for always praying for us.

Good bye for now.

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