

Zambia Newsletter

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We have a serious financial problem caused by the weakened dollar and increased value of the Zambian Kwacha. For the past two months, we have not had enough incoming support to meet our regular monthly expenses in Zambia. This has caused me to draw from our reserves, but we can only do this once or twice more before we will be in SERIOUS trouble.

For example, I wired \$18,000 to Zambia this past month (which was enough to meet our monthly expenses in the past), but this month I had to transfer \$26,000 to get the same amount in Kwacha. Instead of getting K500,000 we got only K350,000. That is a significant loss!

If we use up our reserves, then we will be forced to cut expenses, but we don't have any "fat" in our budget to cut. I will be forced to sell off our pigs and shut down our piggery. Secondly, I will be forced to start laying off teachers and staff and reducing the number of students attending our Christian School who are getting financial assistance.

If you or your church is able to contribute any extra this year, we would be most thankful. Hopefully, the exchange rate will begin to correct itself later this year once the election in Zambia is over in August and the exchange rate begins to return to normal (true values).

Daybreak Bible College.

The Bible College is well into the new school year. We have just completed the first of three semesters. Below is a picture of our freshmen students and in the next column (right) there is a picture of the Freshmen getting their new study bibles.



We did run into a problem regarding the gardens for the freshmen students. There is only one place in Zambia to buy our drip lines, and, unfortunately, the supplier has not been able to import the drip lines. Thus, our freshmen have not been able to plant their gardens, which is going to force us to provide food for them for an additional 3-4 months until they are able to plant their gardens.



The piggery, however, continues to do well, although we did lose two pigs from the last sow that gave birth to six piglets. At this time, we now have about 60 pigs. We expect to start taking pigs to the market beginning in June.



Unfortunately, we had our only water pump break on us this past month. We have five borehole pumps that pump water up into our seven storage tanks, but we have to have a very powerful pump to pump the water from the storage tanks up into the 9 water towers spread across the campus. This is a very expensive pump that broke and had to be replaced.

Kerin's Kids (Children's Ministry).



This (left) is a picture of **Purity**. She lives in Kazionele with her grandmother. Her mother was sick and is now unable to feed her. She receives formula and food.

Kerin writes, "We do much more than just give baby formula. We help children with special needs (e.g., taking them to doctor appointments). We assist babies (when they get sick) by getting the medication they need. Most clinics in the village don't charge to see the doctors (as they work for the government) but people do have to pay for tests and medication -- something that many/most families can't afford to pay.

If the babies need to see a specialist, then we make sure they are taken and this is something that usually costs a lot of money which few families can afford. So, we usually pay for what is needed (if we have the money to do so).

It's sad that most of the time there is little that can be done to help our special needs kids. Such children are given a diagnosis, but there is nothing more provided other than monitoring their condition."

Christian School.

The Christian School (Aurora Christian Academy) has had a great start to the new schoolyear. Enrollment is up and our school continues to make great progress in accomplishing our objectives to provide excellent Christian education. Our school has also been approved as a testing center which means that our seventh-grade students will not have to travel to another school and pay very expensive fees to take their required grade 7 comprehensive tests.

This past week our school hosted a special event called "Career Day." This is a day when we invite people from different careers



to come and talk to the students about their jobs. This is a way for our students to learn about the different kinds of jobs that are available to them in Zambia. This is an important event for most of our students who come from the village and know nothing other than farming. This is also a day when students can dress up in the type of clothes worn by the different careers that they are interested in. It helps them to envision themselves in the career that they are interested in.

Pictures. Bottom Left: pictures of students dressed up as doctors and nurses. Below (picture): Student interested in being a lawyer or judge.



Meet Our Students.



My name is **Emmanuel Hachuunga**. I was born in 1999 in Kabbila village of Siavonga district in southern province. I am Tonga by tribe and a member of Church of Christ baptized in 2015. I am married and God has blessed us with a son, aged 3 years now.

I decided to come to Daybreak Bible College is training self-supporting spiritual leaders for holistic ministry. As a farmer, I also came here to learn more how I can best help my village fight poverty by becoming self-supporting. Once I graduate from DBC, I do not want to go back home and become a beggar. Rather, I want to empower others with skills I am acquiring so that they too can better their lives. Above all, my being at DBC has been life changing because I am not what I was before I came here. For that reason, I am thankful to God for blessing us with people who are sponsoring DBC.