

The GOSPEL to AFRICA



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MPULUNGU

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings in the name of our LORD Jesus whose eye "... is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;" (Psalms 33:18)

We feel keenly our separation from family during the pandemic. We have come to realize that the fearmongering over the last two years which has kept us out of Australia is the LORD's doing. Although we miss being with family and friends we are so enjoying our ministry here in Zambia. Watching these babes in Christ growing has been a rare privilege, being among them '.....even as a nurse cherisheth her children:' (1 Thess 2:7)

All this because you have heeded to God's prodding to support the work here in prayer, encouragement through communicating and sacrificial giving financially. Thank You.

Until He come... with brotherly love,

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WEDDING BELLS

late last year we had our first wedding in our church. The young lady is straight out of a rural village



Chris and Irene

and even though she cannot speak English and signed the certificate with her thumb, she understood the precious gospel and made a profession soon after coming to be with us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

2021 Sunday School was disrupted by closures during the pandemic but the teachers still managed to present the church with a Christmas play. The age-appropriate little boy was taken aback when almost immediately after receiving the gifts from the wise men they were

confiscated by Mary. He was left with an empty plastic bag.

At the end of the year there was our usual presentations for full attendance, memory verses and appreciation for our leaders.



BAPTISM

We enjoyed witnessing another soul willing to publicly declare how the LORD had operated in her heart and saved her. After giving her testimony Suzan was baptised.



VISITING WITCHDOCTOR

A witchdoctor from Tanzania has come to Mpulungu. His workers are going around house to house demanding a sum of money for protection from ancestors and demons. The community is right behind him. The police tried to stop the incursion but were stoned and had to flee.

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A lady, who has been coming to church, was tricked by them. They climbed up on her roof and brought down an object which they said was left by a dead person who had died in the house years back. The house was cursed and for the witchdoctor to remove the curse she needed to pay quite a tidy sum of money. They then proceeded to cut her and place potions in the cuts. This they said now made her a worker for them to do their bidding.

This witchcraft is believed and practiced by many walks of society. A national league match in Mpulungu was stopped the other week because one of the players threw a potion down in the goal area to stop the opponents from scoring. Unfair advantage I'd say.

CHURCH SNIPPETS

Plans for 2022 are being hatched with the assumption that there will be no Covid restrictions. There is a combined Youth Camp with Nakonde planned for April.

First week of February will see Mrs Theresa Mofya going over to Nakonde to encourage the pastor's wife, Mrs Sichembe, and the ladies.

Our four Sunday School teachers are itching for Sunday School to re-open. I have been endeavouring to speak with the local health department as to the current situation but have yet to find him in his office.



Mumba, our latest Kitwe graduate, is not yet fully qualified. LORD willing I will travel to Kitwe in March to participate in his orals and grad ceremony.

AROUND THE TOWN

Living as missionaries in Zambia has many advantages. Just to state a few. It is quite okay to brush your

teeth in your garden. Nobody gives me a second look when I turn up to church with a tie and a beach hat on me head. Arguing over prices is accepted and even encouraged. It is fine to carry a rag or shoe brush with you to get the dust off your shoes en route. It is quite normal to bring home a live chook for slaughtering, to eat caterpillars, flying ants and grasshoppers. It is polite to eat with your fingers and burping is a sure sign that you are enjoying the cuisine.

We do our best to have a variety of fresh foods to be able to be healthy enough to get the Gospel out a little longer. There are not many (any) restaurants to go out to in Mpulungu town but we have found a little place to go and rest awhile that is just outside of Mpulungu.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- The LORD's prayer request. Pray for labourers. Matt 9.37-38.
- Our health.
- The four apprentice preachers in our church, Brothers Joshua Mwansa, Felix Simbeye, Diamond Kabunda and Lloyd Mwansa. Patrick Mulenga has confessed some long-term sin and has been stopped from ministering until he has proved himself to the people.
- Learning Centre. Starts up Tuesday 1st Feb. Nine children will be attending.
- Pray that God will deal with the witchdoctor.
- Pastors: Borniface Kalemba, Nickson Sichembe. Their families and the brethren in Kitwe and Nakonde.
- Our people who are being threatened with violence for refusing to pay the witchdoctor.

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No, I didn't catch it. Fish was still moving when I bought it