

## **\* Zambia Prayer – First Letter in 2018**

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To those you love and pray for Zambia,

We hope all of you have been well in God's protection.

With winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Arirang was played on TV every day. It reminded us of Seoul Olympics 30 years ago and how local people were impressed by it. For the past 30 years, God has been always gracious and faithful to us and our mission.

We also thank you for your unchanging love and support for us.

*"I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Psalms 145:1 "*



### **1. Chisomo Hospital**

1) Irene Singogo, nursing officer, handed in her resignation letter as she was offered a job as a dean at a new nursing school. Instead, she brought her friend, Bupe Banda, as her replacement for the position and said that she would be happy to help with the upcoming Simulation Centre whenever she is needed. Ms. Banda worked in the UK for a long time and recently returned to Zambia. Please pray for the new nursing officer as she gets oriented on her new job.

2) As for ART(Anti Retroviral Therapy) Centre, We finally have been granted the certificate we waited for a long time. We have already bought reagents for tests and are now waiting for medicines. Medicines are centrally distributed by the government so we have visited relevant government offices several times but have not been successful in getting the medicines yet. They keep sending us to different offices but in the same Ministry, and because of this one of the pharmacy staff has been just going to government offices only. Please continue to pray with us.

Both we and patients alike are waiting anxiously.

3) There was Cholera outbreak from October last year that took more than 60 lives. Thankfully, new cases have greatly reduced since February. As the origin of Cholera outbreak was very close to our Hospital, our staff members had to be more careful and alert. Government also took drastic yet much needed actions to prevent Cholera from spreading further.

4) Since last year, copper cables, part of power cables that supply electricity to Hospital, been stolen three times. Copper cables are traded at such a high price that thieves came and stole them despite the risk of electrocution. With the cut cables, power supply was very unstable, resulting in disruption to X-Ray services at Hospital. When the thieves came for the third time, we happened to have one in-patient with burns on his hands and face due to electric shock and I even secretly wished the thieves that came to steal copper cables at Hospital to be shocked. Interestingly enough, a few days later a report came on newspaper that two people got electrically shocked and died while trying to steal power cables. It is not known if they were the ones that stole our copper cables, but I thought to myself that I should never curse anyone, even an enemy, even in my heart. However expensive copper cables may be, they are not as priceless as one's life. As a missionary, I feel heavy-hearted before such deaths.

5) Richard Kawewa, one of the receptionists at Hospital, has exceptionally great high school results, but he could not afford to go to university so he started working as a receptionist. With both parents passed away, he was brought up by his grandmother. Despite his dream of wanting to become a doctor, it couldn't materialize because of his financial circumstance. However, Dr. Singogo, medical director at Hospital, decided to assist him with his tuition fees so that Richard could pursue his dream. Also, Chisomo Hospital has decided to give him monthly allowance so that he can focus on studying. We hope that Richard can follow Dr. Singogo's footpath and will also be able to help others one day as Dr. Singogo did and this can be used to show Christ's love to others.

## **2. Kazemba Clinic**

Kazemba Clinic started providing Anti Retroviral Therapy services for those who are HIV positive with a new nurse, Cleopatra, posted by Rufunsa District Office. So far, many in Kazemba community had to travel tens of kilometers to Chongwe Clinic to get their medicines monthly, but they don't have to travel so far anymore. With transportation cost saved, they will be able to utilize that money for something else useful.

Ms. Elina, in-charge nurse, had her daughter's wedding after she successfully graduated from law school. We were also very excited to hear that all the other staff members' children have been all accepted to higher education institutions as well.

## **3. Kazemba Preschool**

25 new children joined the class of 2018, but their younger siblings often tag along with them so in

fact there are more than 30 children at school. We are excited about what God has planned for these children this year. We are also grateful for the school items donated by Africa Future Foundation, a partner organization in Korea. We are trying to give them as much support as possible and praying that God will grant them wisdom so that they grow up well with the help of Holy Spirit and also under the guidance of Ms. Mable, in-charge teacher

#### **4. Chisomo Street Children's Centre - Partner Mission**

1) Blessing, one of the children at the Centre, has been finally accepted to a school for disabled children in a city named "Mazabuka". This news came as such pleasant surprise as he had been rejected by several schools before. Please continue praying for Blessing as he left the Centre on 19th February and moved into a school dormitory. Also, Mercy, a 10-year-old girl who came to the Centre two months ago, was accepted to the same school as Blessing. She can hear but can't speak and also she seems to have a very short attention span, which requires special care.

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

1) A container sent from South Korea finally arrived despite so many problems. It was a Korean logistics company that we used that caused so much trouble and so much delay. Through working with this dishonest Korean company, I realized that I habitually thought and made comments that Koreans are more honest than Zambians out of my own arrogance. However, I realized once again that life without God is the same regardless of nationality. We thank you for your prayers on the container.

2) There was so much uncertainty and unrest in the country because of frequent riots in January. Zambia is considered to be a relatively peaceful country but with this Cholera outbreak a lot of people lost their jobs as Government closed down all the street shops that did not have sanitation facilities as part of its drastic measures to control Cholera spread. However, we are still thankful for the fact that churches are praying for the country every time they meet.

3) Mr. James Huh started having big rashes all over his body from October last year. Sometimes the rashes become so unbearable that he has to wake up in the middle of the night to take medicines. We couldn't find out a proper medical reason for his rashes but we are trusting God to heal him. We pray that God will mold us into the shapes he wants and he will use us as his tools that he designed us to be.

**Dear Prayer Fellows,**

**We proclaim that our sins were forgiven with the blood of Jesus Christ and he gave us a new life with his resurrection. We place our hope in his promise that he will come back to be with us to the end of the days. Jesus is our Lord!**

**Peace be with you all, thank you. 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

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We are sorry that we are sending you this letter too late.