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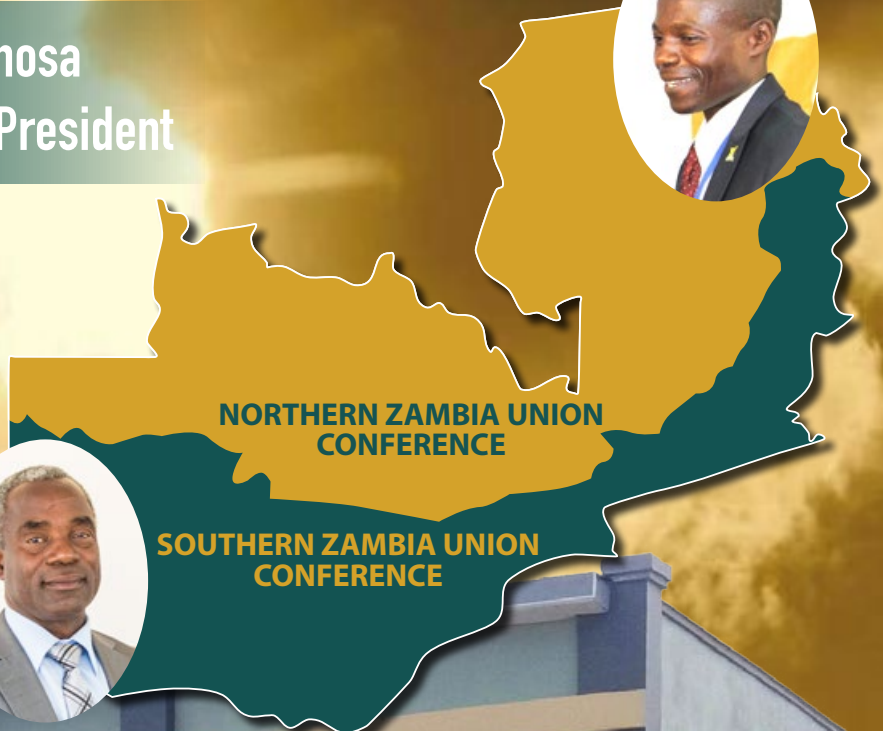


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**The Two
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in Zambia**

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GROWTH BY EXPLOSION:

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YOU ARE CALLED TO BE A Shining Star!

The church, as a body of Jesus Christ, has been called to stand out as a light to the world that is wallowing in darkness so that many may come to the knowledge of the saving truth. Our Lord Jesus Himself charges His people saying, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden... In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven" (Matthew 5: 14, 16).

It is in this same vein that the Southern Zambia Union Conference president, Dr Harrington Akombwa, has announced the birth of the first ever, publication of this newly organised Union Conference as "The Southern Star." The church leader has implored the entire membership to be engaged in various activities of Gospel proclamation and thrive to reach all corners of this Union Conference with the saving light of God.

Such a call is a timely one because we live at a time when the love of many is waxing cold (Matthew 24:12). To this end, prophet Isaiah's appeal is, "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you (Isaiah 60: 1, 2).

It is marvellous to note that the leadership of the Southern Zambia Union Conference is appealing to its stakeholders, the members of the church, to get involved in various activities of the church for growth and expansion to be experienced. This is in line with the world-wide Seventh-day Adventist Church's current strategic plan that states, "Reach the World." It is an inspiring concept hinging on a balanced approach that will be accomplished through a three dimensional ministry as follows:

Reach Up To God – calls for the spiritual growth or nurture of each individual member by connecting with the divine through such activities as Bible study, prayer, meditation, worship and reading of the Spirit of Prophecy.

Reach In With God – challenges each member to be a brother's keeper by strengthening one another through fellowship and other supportive ministries.

Reach Out With God – compels God's people to be engaged in all forms of evangelism in order to draw those who are outside the church into His fold of salvation.

Out of these ministries and objectives the church has come up with such initiatives as the Total Membership

Involvement (TMI); One Member One Soul (OMOS) which challenges each one to win at least a single soul to the Lord; Discipleship 24/7; Kids in Discipleship and many other brilliant initiatives. The whole essence is to get everybody on board and utilize the great potential that the Lord has lavishly bestowed upon His church. As a matter of fact, that is the only way the work of the Lord will be able to spread and be fulfilled in this world.

The Spirit of Prophecy confirms this fact through this statement: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers" (Ellen G. White, Christian Service p. 68).

In a nutshell, Daniel's word of admonishment is expediently important. He says, "Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like stars for ever and ever (Daniel 12: 3). Each one of us is called to be a shining star for Jesus. The SOUTHERN STAR will only be vividly seen when the individual stars discharge their lights.



Pastor Webster Silungwe
Chief Editor - The Southern Star



**BEHOLD
A STAR
IS BORN:
THE SOUTHERN STAR**

Dr. Harrington S. Akombwa
President of the Southern Zambia Union Conference
with a current membership of 560, 000

Who ever heard of witnessing a star being born! Well, as strange as it may sound, behold a Star is born! Which star? The Southern Zambia Union Conference Star, THE SOUTHERN STAR!

From 1995 to 2015, the Zambia Union's vehicle of communication (it's official Newspaper or Magazine was the Exploits Magazine. Its purpose was to highlight the various activities the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Zambia was engaged in in order to carry out its mission. Since the Zambia Union is no more, each of the two daughter Unions will now have to come up with its own paper or magazine. We are happy to announce that the Paper for the Southern Zambia Union Conference is THE SOUTHERN STAR.

Scripture makes mention of the Morning Star (Rev 2:28; 22:16) and not of any Southern Star. So, why did we choose THE SOUTHERN STAR and not MORNING STAR?

We must humbly say, that our choice of THE SOUTHERN STAR is an informed one! Let us investigate the facts: In Rev 22:16, Jesus introduces Himself to John the Revelator very unashamedly as "the Root and the Offspring of David, and the Bright and Morning Star." Bible students would readily connect this usage to the prophecy of Balaam the prophet who although urged by covetousness to curse Israel and win himself a fortune was shown in vision that in the distant future "there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall arise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth" (Numbers 24:17). Clearly, the reference is to Christ: He was the Star to arise out of Jacob, and He was the Morning Star. That is the reason our Publication is not the Morning Star because Jesus is the Morning Star. Instead, the name of the Southern Zambia Union Conference publication from 2016 onwards shall be

The Southern Star. But is SOUTHERN STAR rooted in Scripture?

The word "star" is used in Scripture figuratively to refer to Angels. Thus, in Job 38:7, we are told of a time "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?," in obvious reference to the time when the Angels of God sang for joy at creation. So, the Angels of God are stars. And, the Scriptures have a lot to say about Angels. They are portrayed to be a little higher than man (because man was created a little lower than the Angels, Heb 1:6); they are fellow servants with men (Rev 22:9) meaning that they are interested in and are coworkers with fallen human beings in the salvation of the human race. Thus, in the book of Daniel they are seen ministering before the throne of God in heaven (Dan 7:9-10) and in the Revelation they are involved in the affairs of men (Rev 7:1-3), or given special messages to the world (14:6-11).

In fact, the Greek word, *aggelos* (*angelos*) means one who is sent. Because that is the case, we should expect Angels to be the ones who will come from heaven to do the preaching which will lead to the sealing of God's true servants (the 144,000). It will be human beings fulfilling the prophecy of Jesus that calls for the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom to all the world for a witness before the end of the world can come (Matt 24:14). Therefore, Angels of God, as "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Heb 1:14) and as "fellow servant(s), and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book" (Rev 22:9) are actively involved with human beings in the work of salvation. Thus, the SZUC SOUTHERN STAR publication is a fitting name for a magazine that highlights the activities of the Angels of God (both human and divine) in these last days as God concludes His work "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth" (Rom 9:28).

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GROWTH BY EXPLOSION:

FROM A UNION MISSION TO TWO UNION CONFERENCES

A Brief History of the Growth of Adventism in Zambia.

The growth of the work of Adventism in Zambia has been an amazing one and one that can only be attributed to the Almighty God who is in charge of the expansion of Gospel borders for His name's glory. Our story begins with the birth of Adventism at Rusangu Mission Station by the White Missionary, W. H. Anderson, who used the strategy of the education system to introduce Jesus to the people of the land. Over the years the work was developing and spreading to other parts of the country by the providential leadings of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. By May 1972, the Zambia Field was organised into a Union with office headquarters in Lusaka. Bristow became the first Union Mission Director. Zambia then had three Fields namely, South Zambia Field, West Zambia Field and North Zambia Field.

Eighteen (18) years later, that is, in 1988, Zambia Union was organised into 6 fields, from 3, as follows: South Zambia Field with headquarters in Monze, West Zambia Field with headquarters in Mongu, Copperbelt Field with headquarters in Ndola, North Zambia Field with headquarters in Mansa, East Zambia Field with headquarters in Chipata and Central Zambia Field with headquarters in Kabwe.

Central Zambia Field became a Conference in December 1994 with pastor Mfayabo Mtshiya as its first president. And in December 2003 South Zambia Field became the second entity to become a Conference in Zambia, with pastor Josephat Hamoonga as its first president. On the Northern side, Luapula Zambia Field got organised into a field in 2007, having been born from North Zambia Field, with the first president in the name of Pastor Samuel Sinyangwe. And more currently, in 2012 December, Central Zambia Conference was realigned into two - giving birth to Lusaka Conference and Central

Zambia Conference. The president of Lusaka Conference is Dr. Edwin Shimunzhila while the first president of the realigned Central Zambia Conference was pastor Maxwell Muwvimi. The name of Central Zambia Conference was changed to Midlands Conference during its last Session in business in December 2015, with its newly elected president, Dr Tommy S. Namitondo.

It is worthwhile to note that the Zambia Union Mission was organised into a Union Conference in August 2004, with Dr Cornelius Matandiko as the first president. Growth continued to attend the church of God so much that at the time of the realignment of the Zambia Union Conference in September 2015 there were 4 conferences and 4 fields in Zambia (8 entities together) as follows: Lusaka Conference, Central Zambia Conference, Copperbelt Conference, South Zambia Conference, North Zambia Field, East Zambia Field, West Zambia Field and Luapula Zambia Field, which has since been organised into a Conference as at January 2016.

From May 1972 to September 2015, Zambia Union Conference has had the following presidents: A. Bristow, Ken Thomas, L. D. Raelly, L. Makeleta, W. Mukoma, P. Mwansa, P. Hachalinga, C. Matandiko and H. Akombwa. As things stood up to last year, 2015, the Zambia Union Conference was the largest Union in the world by membership which had hit the mark of 1,000,000. In terms of ratios of this membership mark to the population of the nation, it was computing to 1 (Adventist member) to 15 (citizens of Zambia). As a matter of fact, if we were to include the total adherents of the church, it would obviously come down to a much lower ratio. To this end, we as a Union were privileged to celebrate the great achievement of the numerical growth of the Adventist church body in Zambia in April 2015, at a ceremony that was held at the famous Heroes Stadium in Lusaka which was graced by the state president of the nation. It was marvellous.



The year 2015 will remain remarkable in our annals of history because in September of this memorable year Zambia Union Conference was realigned into two Union Conferences in a bid to maximize the expansion of the work of the Lord and saturate the nation with Adventist presence. It is interesting to note that the division of the two major entities in Zambia was done expeditiously and equitably in regard to membership (each one of them has a total membership of about 500,000) and entities (each one is in charge of four entities). Northern Zambia Union conference is comprised of Midlands Conference,

Copperbelt Conference, Luapula Zambia Conference and North Zambia Field while Southern Zambia Union Conference comprises Lusaka Conference, East Zambia Field, West Zambia Field and South Zambia Conference.

In regard to the institutions of the church that are spread all over the country, the two Unions continue to co-own them but a joint committee is there to study this issue so that a resolution may be reached on how to handle this situation more amicably for effectiveness and efficient ministry to the public.

THE OLD ZAMBIA UNION CONFERENCE LINE OF PRESIDENTS FROM 1972 TO 2015



A. Bristol
1972-1978



A. Murray
1978



K. Thomas
1979-1985



D. L. Raely
1985-1990



Pst Makeleta
1990-1993



P. K. Mwansa
1993-1995



W. Mukoma
1995-1998



P. Hachalinga
1998-2004



C. M. Matandiko
2004-2008



H. S. Akombwa
2008-2015

THE NEW TWO UNION CONFERENCES AND THEIR PRESIDENTS

Ps Samuel Sinyangwe
2016



NORTHERN ZAMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

SOUTHERN ZAMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

Dr. Harrington S Akombwa
2016



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Prophecy/Music Director



Mrs. Annah Buumba
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Children's Ministries Director



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Youth/Chaplaincy/Public
Campus Ministries/
Communication/PAKIA
Director



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Education Director

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Ministries/Voice of Prophecy/
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Family Ministries Director



Eld. Tinto Ngulube
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Executive Secretary



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Music/PAKIA Director



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Communication Director



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Personal Ministries/Church
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Education Director



Ps. Richard Chazingwa
Youth/Chaplaincy/Public
Campus Ministries Director



Mrs. Judy Ang
Women's Ministries/
Children's Min-istries Director

Stewardship Ministries

Main activities

- SID Stewardship Advisory Date: 17-20/07/16
- Stewardship and Planned Giving and Trust Services

Educators seminars

Objective: Building a Culture of Faithfulness

Vision: All in faithful partnership with God, accomplishing the final mission.

Mission: Leading all to partner fully and sacrificially with God.

Focus areas:

Growing Spiritually - It is about helping members to establish and maintain a daily connection with God.

Mainstreaming of Stewardship - It is about sharing the stewardship message to every segment of the church and to the Community.

Building Trust - It is about facilitating the creation of a climate of confidence throughout the church.

Empowering Partners - It consists of helping members to grow in the areas of generating and managing incomes.

Seminars held:

South Zambia Conference Certified

Mazabuka (east & west)	261
Bweengwa	85
Choma	76
Livingstone	200
Monze (11-13/07/16)	235
TOTAL	857

Lusaka Conference

Lusaka Town	Nil
Chongwe	23
Luangwa	57
Lutale -Mumbwa	42
Nangoma, Keezwa - Kabile	48
Nampundwe (Sala East and West)	77
TOTAL	247

East Zambia Field

Mwami	47
Mfuwe	07
Nyimba	83
Chipata (21-24/07/16)	38
Total	175

West Zambia Field

Yet Too

Grand Total S/Ship & Pgts Educators 1,279

We have a goal to train 4000 Stewardship and PGTS Educators.

The above figure does not include the individual training done by the Conferences and Fields Directors.



Chongwe, Lwiimba Seminar - 23 Certified



Mazabuka Seminar - 261 Certified

The Expected Outcome by March 2020

There is no protocol when it comes to sharing of information between church organizations. However, protocol will still be served when it comes to sharing administrative matters. Communication barriers should be removed by utilizing all available avenues (Media: Official Websites and Social Media platforms) in the interest of equipping and resourcing the local church. This includes the sharing of data bases between organizations in order to reach the local church.

60% of baptized members who are receiving any kind of income are returning tithe consistently.

The amount of combined offerings and donations (other free will offerings) given at the local church is equivalent or larger than tithe returned.



Lusaka Conference Updates

LUSAKA CONFERENCE POISED FOR REALIGNMENT

Following the recommendation from Southern Zambia Union Conference, the Lusaka Conference is set to be realigned by 2018. To this effect, a study committee for the realignment of the Conference has been set up with the following terms of reference:

- *To propose possible boundary realignment*
- *To establish the strength of both regions to remain as conferences*
- *To recommend names of the two conferences*
- *To report to the executive committee by December 2016.*

Dr. Harrington Akombwa, President of the Adventist Church in the Southern Zambia Union Conference noted that the realignment was inevitable in view of the rapid membership growth of Lusaka Conference. According to the third quarter statistics of 2015, the Lusaka Conference membership stood at more than 149,000 (149,060). In 2013 at the formation, the conference membership stood at 118,967, giving a membership growth of 25.3%.

“Once you hit 200, 000.” Said Dr. Akombwa, “that membership would be too much to be handled by a single conference, a split or realignment becomes necessary, for smooth operation’s and to encourage further growth.”

The Lusaka Conference was created in 2013 following the realignment of the then Central Zambia Conference.

congregations are Woodlands Central and John Laing Central churches. This initiative was arrived at in order to cater for the needs of those with hearing impairment.

Following promotions by the then communication director, Pastor Highten Hamweene and Mr. Kim Kakoma, Lusaka Conference deaf ministry chairman at Woodlands Central Church in December 2015, the church voted to start a ministry for the deaf. The vote led to the church making a request to the Deaf Ministry Executive for a sign language translator for the Sabbath school and divine service at the church.

Oscar Simpemba, Woodlands Central administration elder reports that upon the commencement of the exercise “four hearing impaired non Adventists joined the church for worship.” The following week, eight non-Adventist deaf people came for worship while two Adventist’s with hearing impairment requested for baptism but were encouraged to begin lessons from the baptismal class,” Simpemba said.

“Since the inception of the program, “says Simpemba “a class of fifteen members to learn sign language has commenced and a deaf ministry singing group has also been formed. Other achievements according to Mrs. Mavis Mhango Tembo, local deaf ministry coordinator include organizing of several prayer breakfast fellowships with the deaf members and their families, home visitations and lunch fellowships every Sabbath.

Like every other engagement, the Deaf Ministry has its own challenge says Tembo” We need more translators as so far we only have three in the conference. There is also a need for more financial resource mobilization to help with transport costs of some of the deaf members who live far from the church and to help others needing capital to start up small businesses.”

The deaf ministry is in the process of expanding its tentacles to Helen Kaunda, Chitukuko and Kamwala Main churches.

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEAF MINISTRY

Sign language translations have been introduced at two congregations in the Lusaka Conference. The

MINISTERIAL AND PERSONAL MINISTRIES & SABBATH SCHOOL



South Zambia Conference Launching



West Zambia Field Launching



1

The Personal Ministries Department has been mandated to enlist every church member into active soul winning serve for God. In regard to the Total Member Involvement (TMI), the Union took a bold decision to put aside two first Sabbaths of every quarter for all church members in churches, companies and branches to be going out for witnessing. In these Sabbaths, the personal ministries will be giving short evangelism training, while the Sabbath school and the main service sermon will focus on evangelism. On the other hand, the first Sabbath of the third month in a quarter should be reserved for sharing of reports, testimonies, experiences including listening to spiritually uplifting songs in various churches. We appeal to all our church leaders to help by leading out in outreach witnessing programmes.

2

The Union has started launching the TMI initiative through Conferences and Fields.



Realize your inadequacy as an equipper of saints: Dr Muvumbwe

SOUTHERN Zambia Union Conference (SZUC) executive secretary Dr Vanny Muvumbwe has called on the clergy to realize their inadequacies in their discharge of duty as equippers of saints as it is the only way that they would be moving on the right track.

Dr. Muvumbwe said this on the 2nd of April, 2016 when he officiated at the ordination service for South Zambia Conference (SZC) Youth Director Pastor Stephen Jato and Ruangu Secondary School chaplain Pastor Ian Chiinya that was held at Rusangu Secondary in Monze Southern province.

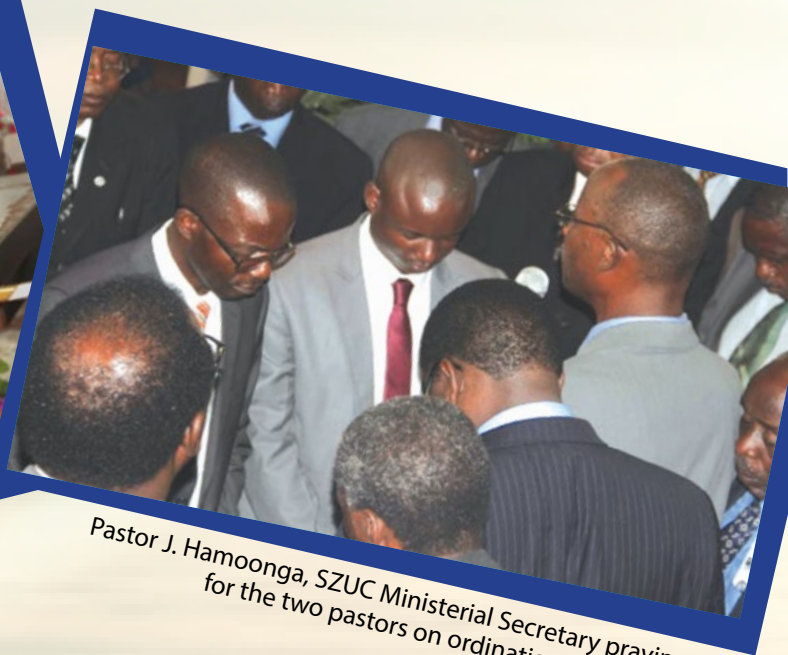
And scores of congregants among them relative from across the SZC territory and beyond as far as Lusaka stormed Rusangu Secondary School chapel to give support to the two gospel workers that were ordained for service.

"If you are going to make it in this ministry as an equipper of the saints, a sense of inadequacy is important. The moment you realize what you are lacking as a minister then you will be on the right track," Dr. Muvumbwe said.

He called on both Pastor Jato and Chiinya not to feel that their natural talents and abilities enabled them to excel because doing so was most likely that God would not use them. He urged them to stick to the Bible as the only source of doctrine.



Pastor Muvwimi, SZC President, giving a charge to the two pastors who were being ordained



Pastor J. Hamoonga, SZUC Ministerial Secretary praying for the two pastors on ordination



Senior Gospel Ministers place their hands on pastors Jato and China for dedicatory prayer

He admonished them to take care of their members because it was their core responsibility and not scatter them.

“If you feel that you are more talented, it is most likely God will not use you. Feeling that you have more natural abilities then you will lose your focus in the ministry, lean on Jesus who is the solid ground because all these others are sinking sands,” he said.

“Go out and do not make your own doctrines, stick to the Bible and God’s instructions. Do not disperse the church members were you are serving for your sole responsibility is representing God and not being a tyrant,” Dr Muyumbwe said.

Further, he called on the church and family members to rally behind the ministers because their calling was from God and not the church. “The church nor the family does not call people to ministry but God does. Therefore, our

responsibility as a church is to support and accept and ascertain the call,” he said.

Meanwhile, Pastor Stephan Jato who is a graduate of Rusangu University previously served as District Pastor for Magoye mission district before being appointed Youth Director in December last year. He is married to Pamela Kanchele with whom he has one son Emmanuel. Pastor Jato got baptized in the year 1998 on 24th May at Libala SDA church.

On the other hand, Pastor Ian Chiinya who is also a graduate of Rusangu University worked as a clearing agent at Chirundu boarder post before join ministry in 2007. He is married to Alice Phiri with whom he has three children.

He got baptized on 25th May, 1995 at Kashonga SDA church in DEMU district.

OVER 500 SOULS BAPTISED IN MONGU

538 candidates were baptised at Mulamba Harbour in Mongu Central Mission District on 28th May 2016 following a series of 13 evangelistic campaigns in Mongu Town. The crusades were sponsored by Adventist Laymen and Service Industries (ASI) West Zambia Field chapter in conjunction with Mongu Central Mission District. A total of 4, 233 saints got baptised across the field between January and June, 2016. we are able!



Retired But Not Tired: Ps. Nalumino



Retired but not tired. Pastor and Shepherdess Nalumino at Sikoongo in Western Province. He worked as a Publishing director for South Zambia Field. He Trained pastor Hamoonga and others in Literature work. The Lord is still keeping them strong and the pastor is still helping in conducting baptisms in West Zambia Field.



Pastor Likezo Mundia
Kaoma West Mission District

UCZ ELDER/DISTRICT SECRETARY AND FAMILY BAPTISED INTO SDA CHURCH



The Lubinda family with Pastor Mundia on the far left and Pastor Solami after baptism

A former United Church of Zambia Church Elder and District Secretary in Kaoma West, Mangango area, was recently baptised into the Seventh-day Adventist Church with his entire family. Kaoma West Mission District pastor, Likezo Mundia, disclosed this to the Southern Star and confirmed that the baptism of the seven member family happened on 2nd January 2016 at Mangango. "The family got convicted that the Seven day Sabbath was the right day of worship as opposed to the popular Sunday worship and that the Seventh-day Adventist church is the Remnant church according to Bible prophecy.

Elder Oliver Lubinda, former UCZ District Secretary and his wife had been buying and reading a number of Adventist books such as "The Great Controversy" and "When God Said Remember." This literature, and the Bible itself, were beneficial for bringing the light of the saving truth to this couple. And to crown it all, the family

was privileged to watch a video clip of a Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church who testifies that Saturday is the true Sabbath of the Lord according to the Bible. On the contrary, Sunday waship was instituted by the Catholic Church without any authority from the Word of God and therefore is not Biblical.

To this end, the Lubinda family was glad and determined to embrace the truth and get baptised. So far, they enjoy worshipping on the Seventh-day Sabbath with the fellowship of Mangango SDA Church family. "To God be the glory!"

SOUTH ZAMBIA CONFERENCE IMPACT COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Lawrence Kabutu in Choma Zambia



THE SEVENTH Day Adventist Church has donated assorted items of goods to public institutions in Choma in the Southern Province of Zambia aimed at supplementing government's effort in provision of services to the community.

Choma East Mission district Personal Ministries director Fostinah Sikombelo said the various food staffs, equipment, blankets, soap and cloths were donated during the South Zambia Conference Impact Community Service.

Sr. Sikombelo said the South Zambia Conference Impact Community Service also involved the cleaning of the Central Business District of Choma town and Choma Central Police Cells.

She named the assorted items donated as 10 blankets, soap, and cloths to the vulnerable members of the community at Mochipapa Orphanage.

Sr. Sikombelo named the other food staffs as mealie meal donated to Choma Central Prison to assist the inmates at the prison with their food rations.

She stated that other food staffs were donated at the Choma Central Police

to suspects who are under custody after cleaning the police cells.

And Choma West Mission district personal ministries director Elder Cosmus Kakole said one pair of equipment to assist the medical practitioners at Choma Railways clinic to assist in making readings from patients with high blood pressure was donated to the institution.

Elder Kakole pointed out that the cleaning of the Central Business District and Choma Central Police cells was aimed at keeping the town clean and preventing diseases that may be caused by not disposing waste that was littered in town.

The duo stated that the cleaning of the Central Business District of town during the South Zambia Conference Impact Community service was a deliberate programme by the Seventh Day Adventist Church to also supplement efforts of Choma Municipal Council in keep-ing the municipality clean.

The South Zambia Conference Impact Community Service was jointly conducted by Choma East and West Mission districts under the auspices

of Dorcas Workers, Adventists Youths, and Adventists Men's Organization.

And Choma East Mission district Pastor Muyambango Muyambango said the South Zambia Conference Impact Community service was taking place in all districts in the Southern Province to demonstrate the compassion Christ had for underprivileged members of the community.

Pastor Muyambango cited from the book of Genesis Chapter 16 in his sermon under the theme "God helps those who don't help themselves".

He noted that some people are victims of fate and suffer for certain things they have not committed hence the need for the church to help them.

Pastor Muyambango further quoted from James 1:27 and noted that true religion is taking care of the widows, orphans, and other underprivileged members of society.

He called on the church to put on a humanitarian face by assisting the poor who are among them.



Namwala Mission District Donates to the Aged

By Simpande Derrick

NAMWALA Mission District, working together with the Social Welfare Department of Namwala on 29th May, 2016 donated items to the old people valued at K2,000. The church identified thirteen people from the community who were invited to Namwala Central SDA on the material day to receive the items that included mealie meal, clothes, shoes and bars of soap.

Pastor Ocean Mwiinde in the company of Dorcas Workers, Adventist Men Organization (AMO) and the Adventists Youths (AY) presented the goods.



WOMEN COMMEMORATE WOMEN'S DAY

More than four hundred women gathered at the Agriculture Hall in the Lusaka Show Grounds to commemorate the International Day of Women, Sabbath 5th March, 2016. The women commemorated the day by praying and fasting for the in-dwelling of the Spirit and the children of the various families represented at the meeting. Guest speaker Beatrice Mwandila, Southern Zambia Union Conference women ministries director, was the guest speaker and spoke on the subject, "Daring to Ask for More." Mwandila spoke of the four keys to divine prayer and used the acronym, P-R-A-Y to illustrate how effective prayer works.

- P for prioritizing time with God**
- R for removing the unacceptable forms of godliness**
- A for Ask and keep on asking**
- Y for Yielding to faith rather than feelings**

Conference women ministries director and organizer of the event, Charity Ngondo also spoke at the event urging women to live lives worth of their calling in order not to be left behind when Jesus comes to take His people home.

51 baptised at Mazabuka Correction Centre

By Conqueror Reporter



FIFTY ONE inmates at Mazabuka correction were on 12th March baptized while thirty six others graduated with Voice of Prophecy (VOP) to culminate the evangelistic activities conducted by the women ministries.

Mazabuka South mission leader Ms Patricia Siachifuwe confirmed this with the Conqueror magazine in a telephone interview. She said the fifty in-mates were baptized on the 12th of March, 2015 after a series of visitations by the women's ministries but were officially welcome on the

19th of March at worship service that was held at the state facility.

The speaker for the day was Evangelist Killon Lusaka from Namulonga SDA church. The women from Mazabuka South Mission were accompanied by Elder Bornface Chipasha who is the VOP coordinator.

They also donated an assortment of food stuffs valued at K2,000. The function was co-hosted by the VOP department.



LEADERSHIP AND EVANGELISM TRAININGS

The Adventist Women/Children's Ministries has conducted a series of Leadership and Evangelism trainings in all the four major entities of the Union during the first and second quarters of this year of the Lord, 2016. Southern Zambia Union Conference Adventist Women and Children's Ministries Director, Mrs Beatrice Bondo Mwandila disclosed this to the Southern Star and indicated that this step has been taken as a way of meeting the ministries' objective of Total Women Involvement (TWI) and Total Children Involvement (TCI) which demands that all women should be doing something in spreading the Gospel to the world that is perishing. It is a pleasure to note that attendance and participation in all the workshops was good and positive. The following are the places and dates that these events were held:

The East Zambia Field seminar was held in Chipata from 11th to 16th March 2016

South Zambia Conference workshop ran from 6th to 11th April 2016

The West Zambia Field one was done from 12th to 19th June 2016

Lusaka Conference one is yet to be held at an appropriate time but activities are running and both ministries are advancing and achieving much.

Furthermore, the Directors' Advisories for both of the ministries took place from 11th to 17th July 2017 which indeed were quite inspiring. The Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division Women & Children's Ministries Director, Sr Caroline Chola as well as Beatrice Bondo attended and facilitated at this advisory which was a great source of empowerment for all the Conferences and Fields directors of the relevant ministries.



Adventist Education



In view of our church policy and primary objective of Christian education that states, "Church entities operate schools from Kinder garten through university levels for the purpose of transmitting to students the Church's ideals,

beliefs, attitudes, values, habits, and customs" (Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual, p. 87), the Southern Zambia Union Conference Education Department covers schools in four (4) conferences and fields as follows;

EAST ZAMBIA FIELD

1. Chisitu Primary School
2. Mwami Basic School
3. Mwami Central Primary School
4. Mwami School of Nursing

WEST ZAMBIA FIELD

1. Lui Mwemba Primary School
2. Luimba Primary School
3. Nangalata Primary School
4. Nasilimwe Primary School
5. Nyengo Primary School
6. Sitoti Primary School

SOUTH ZAMBIA CONFERENCE

1. Maranatha Primary School
2. Ntandabale Primary School
3. Rusangu Primary School
4. Rusangu Secondary School
5. Rusangu University
6. Wilson Primary School
7. Terry Schwartz Secondary
8. Shingoma Primary School

LUSAKA CONFERENCE

1. King's High Way
2. Libala Adventist Primary
3. Sala Primary School

And many others that may not have been documented.

ACTIVITIES DONE THIS YEAR – 2016

Promotions - of Adventist Education in Eastern and Lusaka entities;

Inspections - of all Adventist Schools in West Zambia Field.

Assessments for Accreditation - at Mwami Primary, Mwami Central and Chisitu Primary Schools - including Sitoti Primary and Luimba in western province.

Familiarization Tour with Dr. Munyengwe - SID Associate Education Director - of Wilson Primary, Maranatha Primary and Terri Tswatzi Secondary School in Livingstone, Rusangu Secondary and Rusangu Primary Schools.

In addition, guidance and counselling sessions with teachers and parents were done too.



ADVENTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES

— 500 Senior Youths Register as Calebs in SZUC —

500 Master Guides, Youth Leaders and young adults around Southern Zambia Union Conference have taken the challenge of the Gospel Commission by being registered as “Volunteer Calebs” to dedicate their vocational prime time and maximize their strength by engaging in diverse evangelistic activities in a bid to “Reach the World” for their Master Jesus Christ. This massive recruitment of Calebs happened between March and July 2016 in three of the four Union entities namely West Zambia Field, East Zambia Field and South Zambia Conference. Lusaka Conference recruitment is still to take place.

The workshops for leadership, with much concentration on Caleb project ran as follows: in West Zambia Field it was held from 27th March to 2nd April 2016. 35 Youths were certified as Calebs while a total of 132 were registered. In East Zambia Field, 19 got certified while a total of 76 were recruited. In South Zambia Conference 261 were certified while. These Volunteer Calebs are challenged to plan and work through the same leadership structure of youth ministries and engage in various witnessing projects, community services and even public evangelistic campaigns.

The Mission Caleb Volunteers Project is a Division wide initiative that calls for the Youths of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to utilize all or part of their leave days, holidays or free time to do exploits for the Lord and render their services mainly in new territories that have either no or minimum Adventist presence. This concept was born in South American Division and was adopted by the Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division Youth Ministries to inspire young people and revive the spirit of mission endeavours since that is in fact the reason of their existence - to take the Advent message to all the world in this generation.

The Caleb concept is Biblical. It is based on the character of Caleb who exhibited a spirit of courage amidst the spell of fear and sense of retreat in the hearts of the Israelites when they needed to march forward and take possession of the promised land by God. After spying out and surveying the vast and fertile land of Canaan the twelve spies, heads of the twelve tribes of Israel who included Joshua son of Nun and

Caleb son of Jephunneh, the negative report of the ten spies from the same group made the hearts of the people to sink and shudder in unexplainable desperation.

It was Caleb and Joshua who pleaded for the whole army to move forward but because they entirely refused, God declared that all those people would not enter the land of inheritance but would die out in the desert. It happened. They took forty years of wondering in the wilderness until the whole generation was wiped out - in exception of Joshua and Caleb. By the time the new generation was led into the promised land under the leadership of Joshua and the division of the land had been done, Caleb again came to Joshua and with demanded that he takes possession of the most feared territory by all the tribes, and he did it.

In view of this moving account of the man of God, the spirit of prophecy throws a challenge to the young people to take up the Gospel in the spirit of Caleb. Ellen White says, “We want Calebs now who will press to the front (...) when the selfish, ease-loving, panic-stricken people, fearing tall giants and inaccessible walls, clamor for retreat, let the voice of the Calebs be heard, even though the cowardly ones stand with stones in their hands, ready to beat them down for their faithful testimony.” (Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 383.3). Again she admonishes us saying, “While the doubting ones talk of impossibilities, while they tremble at the thought of high walls and strong giants, let the faithful Calebs, who have “another spirit,” come to the front.” (Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 380).

In a nutshell, the youths are invited to unleash the great potential that the Lord has endowed upon them. The various other initiatives that have been introduced in the Youth Ministries - such as the One Year in Mission (OYIM), Pass it On, Give them the Keys (GTTK), Total Youth Involvement (TYI) and others - are all intertwined and aimed at one single goal of taking the Gospel to all the world in this generation. May the Lord and Master of the work grant success through these and other evangelistic approaches for the advancement of His Eternal Kingdom.

FIRST UNION YOUTH/CAMPUS MINISTRIES COUNCIL HELD IN LUSAKA

Southern Zambia Union Conference first ever Youth Council was held at Lusaka Central Church on 29th May 2016 to map out some strategies on how to move together as a Union body and plan for the major activities in this quinquennium (five years period 2016-2020). This unique council meeting was presided over by the Southern Zambia Union Conference Youth & Public Campus Ministries Director, Pastor Webster Silungwe. All the four entities (Lusaka Conference, South Zambia Conference, East Zambia Field and West Zambia Field) were represented through the presence of executive members from each leadership structure.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SZUC YOUTH AND CAMPUS MINISTRIES COUNCIL

1. "PASS IT ON" Initiative: The local church should be an intergenerational spiritual home for our youth. Emphasis is on the Local church as the centre for training and activity. The goal is resourcing the local church. In this regard we are saying that there should be no protocol in matters of sharing information because after all everybody already has access to information through social media and the internet. The only exceptions for protocol will be on administrative issues. Total Youth Involvement (TYI) is our inspiration through such approaches as the One Member One Soul (OMOS) promotion. In Youth and Campus Ministries we talk about the Power of One (P1).

2. DISCIPLESHIP 24/7: The Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division Youth Ministries has produced a series of DVDs of presentation on certain crucial topic that are related to discipleship. We encourage all pastors and youth to access this material (at no cost) so that it can be used by the youth members every (or on selected) Sabbath afternoon. Please contact your local Conference or Field Youth Director to learn more details about how to find this relevant material.

3. BIBLE QUIZ: the resolution was passed that the model Bible Quiz Game be embarked on in the entire Union starting with the year 2017 on wards. Every year there will be teams of plays from each local church in the Pathfinder, Ambassadors and Young Adults clubs which will move on to the higher levels up

until the final game are played at Union level from each entities. Get more information on this exciting venture that will inspire and challenge the youth into becoming Bible students.

4. STUDENT LITERATURE EVANGELISTS: Youth Ministries will collaborate with Publishing Department in recruiting student LEs. Also make use of the Honour in Literature Evangelism is already available in the Youth Ministries.

5. "GIVE THEM THE KEYS" Initiative: in a bid to empower and equip the young people to the very grassroots of the SDA Church, the General Conference has allocated some funding to the youths in order to support and sponsor some planned for evangelistic programs or initiatives. Each entity is expected to form a committee that will plan and apply for funding.

6. GC, SID & SZUC Youth & Campus Ministries Big Events:

- Youth Leadership Convention: 11-15 April 2017 (South Africa)
- SZUC Master Guide Refresher: July 2017 (Riverside, SZC)
- Student Convention: 21-24 September 2017 (South Africa)
- SZUC Youth Alive: December 2017 (WZF)
- SZUC Pathfinder Camporee: April 2018 (EZF)
- Impact Europe: 23 July - 4 August 2018 (Germany)
- SID Pathfinder Camporee: 15-20 April 2019 (South Africa)
- Oshkosh Camporee: 12-17 August 2019 (USA)
- Pan African Youth Congress: 23-28 December 2019 (Nairobi)

HEALTH MINISTRIES

The Church's Role on HIV/AIDS

By Vernon Maingaila

THE HIV/AIDS epidemic profoundly impacts the gospel mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Church leaders are challenged to promote and consistently respond through initiatives in education, prevention, community outreach programs, and through personal acts of kindness to persons and families infected and or affected by the crisis. There is urgent need to separate the disease from the issue of morality, demonstrating a compassionate, positive attitude toward persons with HIV/AIDS, offering acceptance and love, and providing their physical and spiritual needs. By their response to the epidemic, the church demonstrates their mission and purpose, desiring to reveal the redemptive love of Christ.

Seventh-day Adventist leaders in all institutions and the local churches must actively educate its members for the prevention of the HIV infection in agreement with our church policies. The Church through its comprehensive ministry of preaching, teaching, healing and discipline seeks to represent Jesus Christ in such a way as to be regarded globally as teaching holistic models of evidence based healthful living, providing non-discriminatory universal access to available health care.

South Zambia Conference (SZC) Health Ministries Department recognized the need to adequately train District Health leaders and HIV/AIDS Coordinators on how the church should respond to the challenge of the pandemic. In demonstrating comprehensive health evangelism, a program was designed for leaders which incorporated spiritual enrichment, topics on basic facts about HIV/AIDS, Principles of home based care, South Zambia Union's response to HIV, and importance of reporting. This meeting was held on 2nd May, 2016 at Monze Central SDA Church. The Communications and Youth Director for SZC, Pastor Stephan Jato in his sermon from the book of Mathew 20:1-16, encouraged leaders to work diligently in the vine yard and win souls to Christ and ought not to complain for each one will receive a reward as promised. The SZC Health Ministries Director, Elder Simion Hamweene was at hand to receive over 50 District Health leaders and HIV/AIDS Coordinators and the guest speaker, Dr. Mutinta who is the HIV/AIDS coordinator for Southern Zambia Union Conference (SZUC).

In her presentation, Dr. Mutinta highlighted the need for churches in SZC to adequately respond to HIV/AIDS as it had not spared the members of the Church. Globally, Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division (SID) was the most hit due its

location in the Sub-Saharan region of Africa which has the highest prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS in the world.

On the International stage, over 5000 people died per day from HIV and 2.7 million were newly infected (UNAIDS, 2008). This shows that HIV/AIDS is still a huge burden. She mentioned that some of the people making up the statistics are our Church members. She was alive to the fact that we may have members of the Church who argue that HIV should not exist among believers and that HIV tests are unreliable or that ARVs were harmful to the body. There is no doubt that such misinformation is usually based on a lack of appreciation of evidence based literature, or could be deliberate misrepresentation. Views like these can have extremely harmful effects on the people exposed to HIV infection in various ways such as church members refusing to be tested, failure to disclose, refusing treatment or stopping medication. It is imperative to appreciate that there is no vaccine or cure for HIV but the quality of life of people living with HIV could be improved by taking ARVs and living a healthy lifestyle. Good nutrition contributes greatly to the improvement of the quality of life; hence diet should be appropriately planned so that it is nutritionally sufficient. A plant based diet appropriately planned is recognized as not only nutritionally sufficient but also reduces risk of many chronic illnesses such as Heart disease, Cancer, type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and many more. Vegan Vegetarians tend to consume less saturated fat and cholesterol and more micro nutrients, carotenoids and flavonoids. Concerns on vegetarian diet have mainly focused on protein, Vitamin B12, Iron, Zinc and Omega 3 fatty acids deficiencies. Individuals on vegetarian diet are therefore advised to plan their diet carefully and also need to exhibit knowledge of plant based nutrition. Exercise adequately and live a stress free life and remember that water is life.

The Church recognizes the autonomy of each individual and his God-given power of choice. Rather than imposing mandatory standards of behavior, there is need to call upon one another to live as a positive example of God's love and care. In implementing Health evangelism, only Christ's method will give true success in reaching the sick. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. He then bade them "follow me" (Message on Health). The key to success lies in a life of balance and temperance. The health message may lose power if it is separated from the gospel.



SOLOMON MAPHOSA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICA INDIAN OCEAN DIVISION AS GIDEON P. REYNEKE REPLACES MAPHOSA AS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE DIVISION

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Solomon Maphosa, a Zimbabwean national and long time administrator in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, has been elected president of the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division (SID). The General Conference Executive Committee voted for Maphosa, who most recently served as the division's executive secretary, to replace Paul Ratsara who had resigned as president of the division 31st May 2016 .

Maphosa, a native of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, received his undergraduate degree in theology from Andrews University at the campus of Solusi University in Zimbabwe and later graduated with a master's in religion and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Andrews University. He has served in a variety of roles in the church, including assistant evangelist, distinct pastor, West Zimbabwe Field stewardship director (1986-88), West Zimbabwe

Conference youth director (1989-93), West Zimbabwe Conference executive secretary (1995), Zambesi Union executive secretary (1995-2000), and Zimbabwe Union Conference president (2001-2005). He had served as the division's executive secretary since 2005.

The Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division has about 3 million church members and covers 20 countries, including South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Zambia. The General Conference Executive Committee elected Maphosa on June 22 and subsequently named Gideon P. Reyneke as the new executive secretary of the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division. Reyneke previously worked as the division's field secretary and director of the division's Sabbath School and Personal Ministries department. Goodwell Nthani remains the division's treasurer.

Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division Officers 2016 - 2020



Solomon Maphosa
President



Gideon Reyneke
Executive Secretary



Goodwell Nthani
Chief Financial Officer

OVER 100,000 BAPTISED IN RWANDA



The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rwanda has baptised over 100, 000 new Christians by conducting 2,200 evangelistic campaigns (crusades) across the country in a space of two weeks.

Southern Zambia Union Conference president, Dr Harrington Akombwa confirmed this development to the Southern Star and indicated that Rwanda Union Mission has indeed made history from these massive evangelistic crusades that bore a remarkable theme that was saying, "Rwanda for Christ."

"In response to the REACH THE WORLD theme of the General Conference, Rwanda Union Mission of the East-Central African Division of the Seventh-day Adventist church decided to conduct 2200 two-weeks crusades across the nation of Rwanda from 15th to 28th May 2016," said Dr Akombwa. The General Conference president, Dr Ted Wilson, the East-Central African Division president

Pastor Blasius Ruguri, and a host of other international as well as local speakers took part in presenting the word of God to hundreds of thousands of spiritually hungry multitudes. In the first set of baptisms alone, after the first week of the crusades, about 30, 0000 souls were dipped into the waters of baptism. By the end of the second week the number leaped to over 100, 000.

It is quite interesting to note that the Seventh-day Adventist church in Rwanda is also very committed to infrastructure development. The Adventist University of Central Africa City Campus for Science and Technology is based in the city of Kigali and it is a master piece of its kind. Furthermore, the Union office is no less such. Even the local conference offices are presentable. In addition, the Laymen in Rwanda operate a total of twenty schools around the country of Rwanda. And yet this is the country that was marred by the terrible genocide that left millions either dead or homeless.

Glory to God who transcends in all wisdom and understanding





REAPING THE HARVEST

same: To preach the everlasting Gospel to all people in the context of the Three Angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12 and to nurture and prepare them for the soon return of the Lord Jesus. Size therefore does not make any difference except perhaps in the sense that the bigger, the greater the momentum applied to the task! Therefore, the newly born SZUC (and its twin sister the NZUC) were born for and still exist to carry out the mission of the Church.

And the urgency to carry forward the work has never been greater than it is at present:

"We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now. We must look at our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare. From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory." - Testimonies for the Church 6:22. - {ChS 79.2}

In a bid to position the Church to fulfill its mission in this quinquennium we adopted the theme: REAPING THE HARVEST 2016 - 2020. What this means is that our missionary activities throughout the quinquennium will be REAPING THE HARVEST 20 - and a particular entity of the Union will be the target:

- REAPING THE HARVEST 2016. - East Zambia Field
- REAPING THE HARVEST 2017 - West Zambia Field
- REAPING THE HARVEST 2018. - Lusaka Conference (and everywhere)
- REAPING THE HARVEST 2019 - South Zambia Conference
- REAPING THE HARVEST 2020 - Reaping Crusades Unionwide

The Seventh-day Adventist Church was first introduced in what we now call the Republic of Zambia in 1905 when American missionary Harry Anderson in the company of 10 natives (2 local and the rest from Bulawayo) started a mission station on a 12,000 acre piece of land given to him by Chief Monze in Monze. By 1972 when the work had grown to where it was deemed necessary to organize the work north of the Zambezi River into a Union, membership had grown to 8,000. At the time of organization into a Union the ZAMBIA Union had only 3 Fields. Fourteen years later, in 1988, the membership had grown 10 times to over 80,000 and the Fields were realigned into six. In 2004, the Zambia Union was reorganized into a Conference. By 2008 the membership had grown to over 800,000 and the process of realigning the Union into two Unions was embarked upon. That dream of realignment into two Unions was finally approved by the GC EXCOM of April 2015 and the realignment into Northern and Southern Zambia Union Conferences effected on 21-22 September 2015. Thus, the Southern Zambia Union Conference (SZUC) was born on the 21st of September 2015.

At its birth its membership was just slightly above 500,000; a few thousands bigger than its twin sister the Northern Zambia Union Conference whose membership was about 470,000. We would like to praise the Lord that as at March 31, 2016 membership had gone over 560,000 while the NZUC had already crossed 520,000!

But, as big as the two Zambia Unions may be, compared to other Unions and even some Divisions (there are Unions with less than 10,000 members and Divisions with less than 100,000 members), the mission of the two Unions in Zambia like all other Unions remain the

Chief Mukobela's Brother Returns Tithe worth K35,000

By Derrick Simpande

OLIVER of Baambwe Company of Namwala Mission District has given sixteen cattle worth K 35, 000 as tithe.

The Church Administration in Namwala led by Pastor Ocean Mwiinde together with his wife along with the district secretary Elder Kebby Halyoka witnessed the counting that was done on 21st April, 2016, at Brother Shichozha farm. The sixteen cattle were picked from two different kraals before being valued according to the local market, he also gave five cattle valued at K 7,500 as offering.

And Chief Mukobela of the Ila people of Namwala District who was present to witness the ceremony thanked his young brother (Oliver) for tithing his herd cattle. The Chief who is not an Adventist also pleaded in the future to invite the church so that he would tithe his own herd.

Pastor Ocean Mwiinde also thanked brother Shichozha and his family for their noble gesture and prayed that others could emulate.

Publishing Ministries

WZF HOLDS SUCCESSFUL LITERATURE EVANGELISM INSTITUTE



West Zambia Field Publishing Ministries held a successful Literature Evangelism Institute for both leaders and interns at Namushakende Farm Institute in Mongu from 11th to 17th July 2016. Southern Zambia Union Conference Publishing Ministries Director, Pastor Nelson Simweemba, was the guest speaker of this reviving institute which was ultimately dubbed as an eye opener. The theme of this institute was saying, "Reach Everyone: I Live for Mission Like Never Before." This was contained in a statement to the Southern Star by the West Zambia Field Publishing Director, pastor Munukayumbwa Situmbaeto.

33 LE's Participate in Scatter the Books Campaign

By Kamana Maamba

THE Seventh-day Adventist church exists in the last days as a conduit through which the message of the second advent of Christ should be preached. As a church, we are inspired by the great commission that is found in the book of Matthew 28:18-20 calling us to preach the message to all nations.

To this effect, the church strategically positions some evangelist campaigns carried out across the world with the sole purpose of winning souls for God's kingdom. Both lay people as well as the clergyman participate in the momentous activities that score thousands of members to the world wide church.

In these meetings, the channel of message delivery that is employed is preaching which is steered by the personal ministries departments. There also exists the publishing department that preachers the second advent through the published literature, which beats this mode of preaching as it is able to enter even the un entered terrain.

A quote from the Southern watchman of 1904 January 5 attests to this fact, "There are many places in which the voice of the Minister cannot be heard, places which can be reached only by Publications the books, articles and tracks that are filled

with the Bible truths that the people need. Our Literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown besides all water for we know not which shall prosper, this or that. In our erring judgement we may think it unwise to give Literature to the very ones who would accept the truth most readily. We know not what may be the good results of giving away a leaflet containing present Truth."

The South Zambia Conference (SZC) launched its first quarter campaign dubbed "BRINGING HOPE INTO EVERY HOME, SCATTER BOOKS AS NEVER BEFORE" involved thirty-three literature evangelists from across the conference with Lafely Simulunda being ranked as the lead seller with a total of K64,035.

The thirty three servants of the Lord spent 45,438 hours working that resulted in 6,809 copies of literature sold amounting to K718,666. They also enrolled 231 Voice of Prophecy (VOP) students that resulted in 52 souls being baptised and a total of 3,981 prayers were offered. Also 4,015 free literature was distributed across the conference and 909 Bible studies were conducted.

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His Prophets

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To provide quality wholistic Christian education at tertiary level to all who meet the University admission requirements.

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- BBA Human Resource Management

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- B.Ed Adult Education
- B.Ed Agriculture Science
- B.Ed Business Studies
- B.Ed Civic Education
- B.Ed Computer & Management Information Systems
- B.Ed Early Childhood Education
- B.Ed English Language & Literature
- B.Ed Family and Consumer Science
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- B.Ed History
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- B.Ed Music Education
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- BAEd (Secondary Teaching) in subject areas listed above.
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- BAEd Early Childhood Education
- BAEd Primary Education
- BAEd Special Education
- BSc Ed Biology
- BSc Ed Chemistry
- BSc Ed Physics
- BSc Ed Mathematics
- BSc Ed Geography
- BSc Ed Family and Consumer Science

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

- BA Communication and Journalism
- BA English Language & Literature
- BA History
- BA Music
- BA Peace and Conflict Resolution
- BA Psychology
- BA Social Work
- BA Sociology

School of Science and Technology

- BSc Agri-Business
- BSc Agriculture
- BSc Biology
- BSc Chemistry
- Bsc Environmental Studies
- BSc Family and Consumer Sciences
- BSc Geography
- BSc Mathematics
- BSc Physics

School of Science and Technology

- BSc Environmental Health
- BSc Nursing

School of Theology and Religious Studies

- BA Religion
- BA Theology

Graduate Programs

- Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)
- M.Sc Software Engineering
- MEd Curriculum Development
- MEd Educational Administration
- MEd Applied Linguistics
- MEd Primary Education
- MEd Religious Studies
- Med Education Administration and Curriculum)

Admission Requirements

Rusangu University accepts students who meet minimum University admission requirements as follows: -
 §Full Grade 12 Certificate with a minimum of Five "O" Level credits or better including English language.
 §A major in Business requires Mathematics, A major in Science requires a science subject in addition to Mathematics and English.
 §A student who meets the minimum University admission requirements but not yet decided on the area of study can still be admitted into the University. In the course of the first year and with exposure to various academic programs, the student will have time to decide on the area of concentration.

Academic Calendar

Rusangu University (RU), academic year runs on quarter system as follows:

Full Time Students:

- 1st Quarter: January to March
- 2nd Quarter: May to July
- 3rd Quarter: September to November

Block Release Students (Part Time/Distance):

- 1st Quarter: April
- 2nd Quarter: August
- 3rd Quarter: December



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