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Training workers for the harvest in Zambia



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Dear Friends,

It has now been fourteen years since we arrived in Zambia, and we have seen a lot of changes over that period of time. We came with the goal of “training workers for the harvest” in this land, and truly the harvest has been plentiful! The number of churches connected with our three Zambian national church partners has increased dramatically during this period! The network of residential Bible schools and numerous Local Training Centers, which offer short-term block courses, has been a key factor in this explosive growth. The Lord has used us to help teach at a number of these schools and training centers across the nation. And most of these centers also use Global University training materials provided by John through the office in Lusaka.

Besides teaching courses from time to time at scattered locations, John directly oversees the center operating out of our Ministry Training Center in Lusaka. Every other month about 25-35 pastors and church leaders gather there for a course. You can see pictures of the classes and students on Picasa at the web address mentioned above.

A growing number of leaders have finished many courses offered locally at this center and are working on their B.A. or B.Th. degrees, either by correspondence through Global University or locally at Trans-Africa Theological College. One of these is Oliver Banda, whom we mentioned in a newsletter way back in 2007. At the time he was taking courses at the Ministry Center and had just started a church that was meeting in a school located not far from where we live. Recently

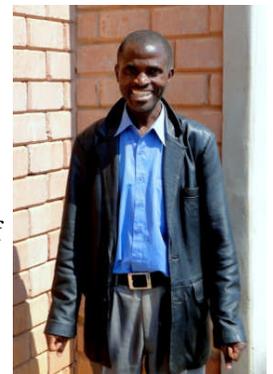


Rev. Oliver Banda, his family, and congregation

John was privileged to go and see where he is presently ministering in the town of Chilanga, not far south of Lusaka. In addition to the church meeting in this place, he also oversees two other churches in nearby rural communities, which together average another 150 in attendance on a typical Sunday. It is wonderful to see the way God is blessing through Oliver's ministry!

Elvis Chakufyali is another pastor who has also been our student.

John began teaching him almost ten years ago while he was taking the eighteen Christian Service courses at Choma Pentecostal Church. At the time, he was serving as a part of the pastoral staff of that church and was involved with evangelism and planting branch churches. In 2007, he began making the two hundred mile trip to Lusaka every other month so that he could take classes at the Ministry Training Center. He has now completed twenty-nine courses we offer there and has started working on his B.A. degree. A couple of years ago Elvis started his own church on the east side of Choma, which now runs 40+ in attendance. He is also teaching the Christian Service courses at his home church, training a future generation of leaders!



It is wonderful to see students—both present and former—growing in the Lord and in their ability to minister! On their behalf we want to say “thank you” to all of you who have been supporting our ministry here. Thanks to you we have been able to have an impact on the lives of several hundred men and women, who in turn have been building up the church of Jesus Christ all across this land. It is making a difference!

In June next year we will be coming back to share with you in person about the growth, and the needs, of the church in Zambia! If there is a special date between July 2013 and June 2014 your church would like us to come, please get in touch with us by e-mail and we will try to reserve it for you!

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