

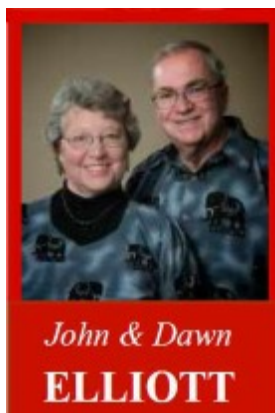
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Investing in Africa's
church leaders &
Enabling believers to
read God's Word

...to bring in the harvest

In Zambia!

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In this newsletter we will tell you how the three national churches we work with are doing and how they have grown. Ultimately, our purpose in being here is to strengthen these churches so that they can fulfill the Great Commission in this land, across Africa, and around the world. All three have had general councils this year, and two of the three have chosen new leadership. We thought it was time to update you, our prayer partners, so you can pray more effectively for the work here!

Pentecostal Assemblies of God (PAOG).

This church was begun by Canadian PAOC missionaries in the 1950's. It took more than 20 years before the PAOG really began to grow. By 2000 there were about 200 churches, increasing to 720 by 2002. Today the PAOG has more than doubled with about 1500 assemblies today. The PAOG held their General Conference in August this year, at which time Bishop Robertson Nonde (pictured to the right) was returned as the Presiding Bishop. He is assisted by Bishop Wilson Phiri and Dr. Adrian Chalwe. Our Director of AG World Missions, Dr. Greg Mundis, was the invited guest speaker at the Conference! Pictured below are the PAOG national leadership with Mundis, Greg Beggs (Africa Director) and Lance Hines (Southern Africa Area Director) and me.



The Assemblies of God in Zambia (AOGZ).

This national church started in the early 1980's. The first A/G USA missionaries came to work with them in 1997. Bishop Mackson Mando (pictured to the right) has led this church since 2002 during which time the AOGZ has grown from 50 churches to 115. He is currently assisted by Bishop Samson Phiri. The AOGZ started off among the Nyanja-speaking peoples of Zambia but is spreading to other areas as well. Their stated goal is to reach 450 churches over the next few years.



Grace Ministries Mission, Intl. (GMMI).

Around 1990 a move of the Spirit started in the United Church of Zambia, which led to a number of pastors and church members being Baptised with the Spirit. When these believers found themselves no longer welcome they left that church and formed Grace Ministries Mission in 1993. In 1996 GMMI affiliated with our mission. In April this year GMMI had their General Council and chose Newton Mulenga (pictured to the right) as their fourth Presiding Bishop. Currently Grace Ministries has 73 churches with about 19,000 members.



Our Ministry in Zambia with These Churches.

John serves as the leader of our missionary team, and as such relates directly with the leadership of all three church bodies. He sometimes advises national church leadership and attends leadership meetings when invited. But the thing John remains most passionate about is the training of church leaders at all levels. Over the past 17 years John has taught several hundred students who are now leading churches across Zambia. We are believing that the current rate of growth will continue and even increase, but that will require the continued training of church leaders!



*Thanks for your partnership
with us that has made this
possible!*