



zambesi mission
and His church in Malawi and northern Mozambique



Update

May - July 2020

We have been given a chance to live

A group of people greeted us after our meeting at Dzinthenga Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC). Gloria Ndeule and Joliam Gusto (shown on the front cover) had been given goat kids way back in 2016, after they had experienced devastating flooding. Like the parable of the growing seed in Mark 4, the number of goats owned by church members had grown from 39 to 109. Joliam now had five goats. Dzinthenga is in the Lower Shire, one of the hottest parts of Malawi; it is a hostile place for farmers. Gloria and Joliam were amongst others who wanted to pass on their thanks to the mission's supporters for the gift they were given. They said that *"those with no help have been given at least a chance to live"*.

The first cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Malawi and sadly one person has died. The people of Malawi and northern Mozambique are likely to be doubly susceptible to coronavirus: because they are vulnerable due to malnutrition and HIV and because they have such basic healthcare services. People like Joliam and Gloria, who have been "given a chance to live" through receiving goats, will really struggle with the necessary measures to restrict the spread of coronavirus. In their context, handwashing, self-isolation and social distancing present major challenges. Using the words of Psalm 91, please pray that the Lord would save His people from this deadly pestilence; that He would cover His servants with his feathers, and that all of us would find refuge under His wings.





zm's seedling project grows up

A year ago we published an article about **zm's** initiative to grow thousands of indigenous hardwood tree seedlings. Helped by tree expert Mr Chirombo of Machinga ZEC, **zm** established a tree nursery in Blantyre. The project was aimed at addressing deforestation, which causes many problems in Malawi and Mozambique: particularly flash flooding, erosion and reduced soil fertility. These issues make the problems associated with rural poverty even worse.

zm's intention was three-fold: firstly, the trees will help to reverse deforestation; secondly, the mission's efforts set a positive example to the wider church about tackling their country's big issues; and finally, the project models an income generating scheme that others can copy. We were thrilled to see many of the 5,500 saplings being planted in January. Students from ZEC's Mitsidi Mission Secondary School on the outskirts of Blantyre used hoes to plant 300 young trees on the steeply sloping hillside. Let us pray that this initiative is successful in addressing deforestation - as well as showing others how they too could make an impact.

Serving Jesus on the front line

ZEC sees its healthcare ministry as a vital part of its mission outreach. They run five health centres in rural parts of Malawi: at Mitsidi, Matanda, Ntonda, Nthorowa and Muluma. We often remark that the staff who work in these centres are ambassadors for Christ: people like Miriam January (pictured right) who works at ZEC's Matanda Health Centre. Their Christian character is crucial.

It seems probable that many men and women like Miriam will soon be on the front line as coronavirus spreads throughout Malawi and Mozambique. Whilst great strides have been made in modernising ZEC's maternity facilities, most of their outpatient units are still rudimentary - Matanda's unit is pictured below. Furthermore, ZEC often lack the necessary funds for basic maintenance and medical equipment. We heard recently that one health centre had completely run out of gloves. Will you join us and stand alongside these healthcare workers in Malawi? You can help in two ways: **zm** will be providing protective equipment for all of ZEC's health centres. Please get in touch if you would like to contribute towards this; and secondly, will you pray for workers like Miriam who are serving Jesus on the front line?



**“For our struggle
is not against
flesh and
blood...”
Eph. 6:12**



Partner focus

**“These commandments
that I give you today are
to be upon your hearts.
Impress them upon your
children.”**

Deuteronomy

6:6-7



How can they preach unless they are sent?

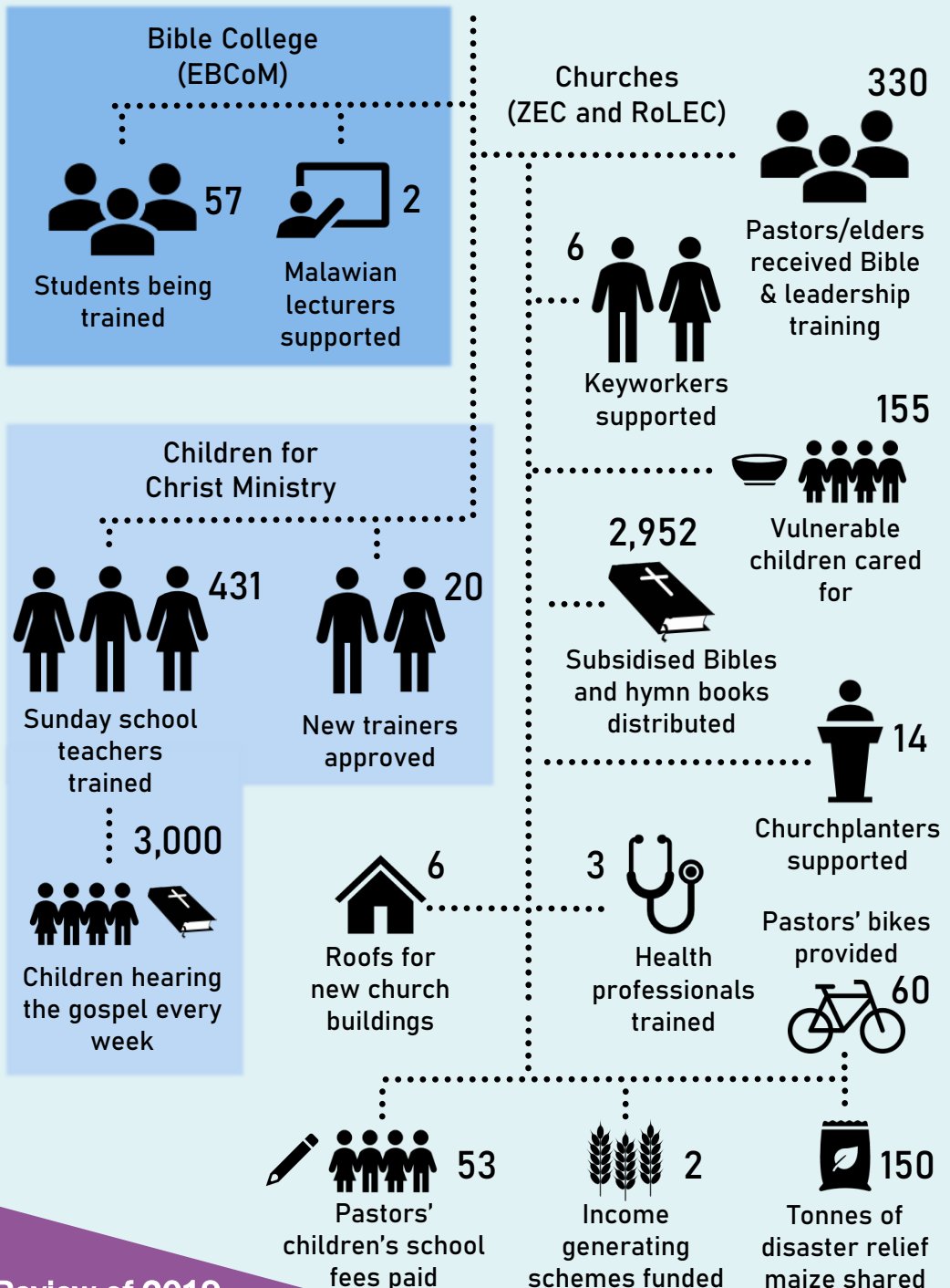
Malawi is one of the world's poorest countries. The majority of **zm's** partners' churches are in places where most people are subsistence farmers with few material possessions. Pastors need a strong sense of calling, since the income they receive from their churches is usually barely enough to survive. It is tragic when a pastor's child is awarded a place at secondary school, but is unable to accept it because of their parents' calling into ministry.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, **zm** supports ZEC by helping pastors' children like Praise Mchacha (below) and Evelyn Ntepa (left) to study at secondary school. Both these girls are in their final year at school. They are born again believers who are eager to serve Jesus. They are also committed to their education: Praise cycles 25 miles to school every day. Her ambition is to be a primary school teacher. Evelyn wants to study engineering at university. But she tells us that frequent power cuts cause her difficulty when studying at night.

Please pray for pastors' children like Praise and Evelyn - for their faith to be steadfast as they grow up and learn. Please contact us if you would like to help pastors in their gospel ministry - and their children achieve their dreams.

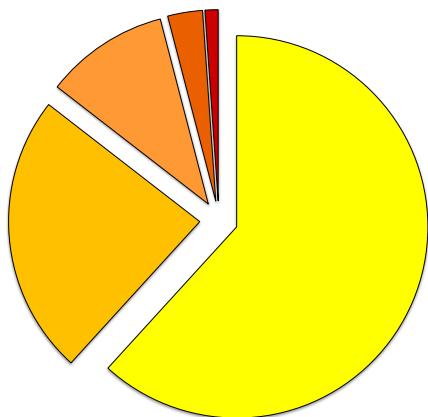


2019 - How zm's support has been used overseas

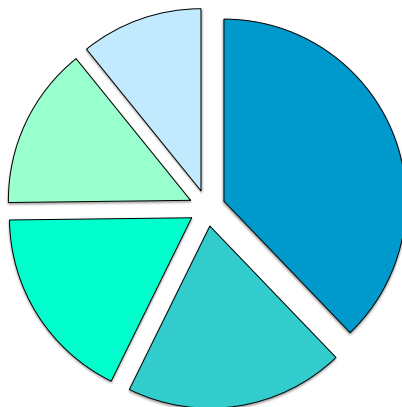


2019 Financial Summary

Income total 2019: £406,900
(2018 - £239,356)



Expenditure total 2019: £304,916
(2018 - £241,001)



Key

Purpose as specified by donor:

	General Income
	ZEC/Other Church/zm Partnerships
	EBCoM
	Supporting UK Personnel/Ministries
	Mission workers in Malawi

	Church and Partner Support
	EBCoM
	Mission workers in Malawi
	UK Ministry and Support
	Mission Direction

Note – Final figures are subject to independent examination

2019 Highlights

- Income during 2019 was £406,900, 70% higher than 2018
- A large legacy contributed significantly towards this unusually high income
- Over £27,500 was received for disaster relief ministry following Cyclone Idai
- **zm** received an award from the Scotland Malawi Partnership in recognition of its “outstanding efforts in humanitarian relief in the wake of Cyclone Idai”
- 2,952 subsidised Bibles distributed to believers in Malawi and Mozambique
- Provision of staff houses and equipment enabled maternity services to commence at ZEC’s Muluma Health Centre
- Projects aimed at self-sufficiency for ZEC’s orphan daycare centres at Chifunga and Nthorowa started: Nthorowa now operational, Chifunga nearly complete

Unfailingly ready and willing to serve

We were sad to hear about the death of our good friend Pastor Anthony Moloseni in Malawi in March. Jim Hasnip, **zm**'s former Mission Director, shared his memories of Anthony Moloseni: *"I remember his integrity, sometimes in difficult circumstances, his humility and his faithfulness. He was always a reliable partner in the gospel and quick to serve his Lord, ZEC and **zm**. As Regional Superintendent, Pastor Moloseni was unfailingly ready and willing to serve. Again I recall how, on a visit to some remote rural church, he would take the pastor aside to give a word of encouragement, exhortation and counsel. He never forgot his own experiences as a pastor and never failed to respond to those in his care"*.

Former **zm** missionaries Abraham and Ruth Folayan also shared their experience of working with Pastor Moloseni: *"we had the privilege of being first hand witnesses of the dedicated, sacrificial and humble ministry of this great servant of God. His faithfulness and diligence led to his pioneer appointment as ZEC's first Regional Superintendent for the southern region"*.

We offer our sincere condolences to Pastor Moloseni's wife and family. May we all be encouraged by the life and ministry of Pastor Anthony Moloseni and be comforted by the unfailing hope of resurrection because of Jesus Christ.

The late Pastor Anthony Moloseni (pictured left) encouraging a rural church elder



Latest news

- Although all our UK staff are now working from home, we are still checking the answerphone and collecting post frequently. All **zm's** representatives and Mission Director Mike Beresford would be delighted to contribute to virtual church services if this would be helpful. In Malawi, our office is still able to operate. However, all church services have now been suspended and all schools and colleges (including EBCoM) have been closed.
- This is the sixth issue of Update in its new format. We hope the changes have helped you to understand more about the work of **zm** and how your support is having an impact. We're now starting a review of our prayer diary *In Prayer* and want to involve our supporters in this. We'd like to hear if, and how, you use *In Prayer*. We want to explore how we can make it a more effective prayer resource. Please read the enclosed flyer if you are interested in contributing towards this.

Mike's sign off...

We live in unprecedented times in recent history. My routine has been turned completely upside down: visiting churches, travelling to Malawi, going to summer conferences like Keswick - everything has been cancelled. We have the privileges of wealth and technology which help to buffer us from the strain. Yet our African brothers and sisters in Christ know few of the things that shield us from coronavirus. Yet, concluding with the theme of Psalm 91, we can all say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and fortress, my God, in whom I trust".

The sun sets over the Shire River near Chikwawa in southern Malawi



Latest news

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