

- 28 **Su p** for preparations for the 2021 national youth conference, due to take place in July.
- 29 **Mo t** for Jimmy Chaona's heart for ministry.
- 30 **Tu p** for wisdom as leaders plan a three day evangelistic trip to Mozambique in November.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Mozambique

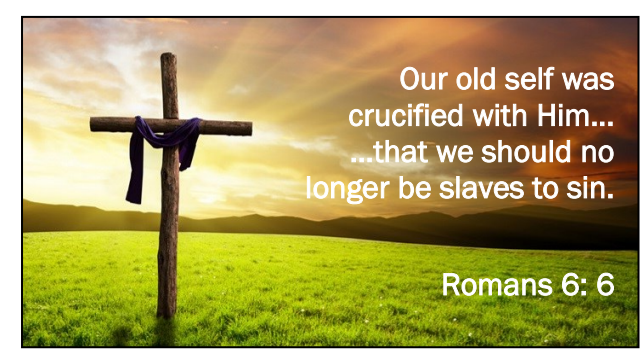
Chairman Joao Thupilifa and his deputy Benjamin Savanthenga; General Secretary Zakariya Bulawayo and his deputy David Waite; Treasurer Ernest Sakwiya.

- 31 **We t** that cases of COVID-19 in northern Mozambique have so far been extremely low.

April

- 1 **Th p** 400,000 people have been displaced by ongoing Islamic insurgency in Cabo Delgado Province in north east Mozambique.

2nd to 4th April - Good Friday to Easter Day



- 5 **Mo p** for God to soften hard hearts and open blind eyes, as ZEC members reach out with the good news in northern Mozambique.
- 6 **Tu p** government imposed COVID-related restrictions are very stringent in Mozambique, meaning that many churches have not reopened.

Fellowship of Youth (FoY) in Mozambique

Francisco Fanuel Khumayo - Coordinator.

- 7 **We p** that the young people in FoY would follow God's word and not be tempted by the world.
- 8 **Th p** FoY are hoping to host their Malawian counterparts in November 2021 for a combined large scale evangelistic outreach.
- 9 **Fr t** for the young people who exhibit godly behaviour, witnessing to those who do not know Jesus.

April

ZEC Mozambique Regional Superintendents and Churchplanting

Regional Superintendents: Ps Jamieson Midiasi - West; Ps Joachim Lihama - East.

- 10 **Sa t zm** helped Moatize ZEC to buy some land where they can construct a new church building.
- 11 **Su p** churchplanter Joshua Misomali at Milange ZEC; his four years of support from **zm** has ended.
- 12 **Mo p** EBCoM graduate Mario Mphaliwa who is churchplanting pastor at Chitsulo ZEC in the east.



Mario and Esnart Mphaliwa churchplanting at Chitsulo

Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Mozambique

Coordinator Ruth Smart and her deputy Odetta Joao.

- 13 **Tu t** for the ladies that seek to glorify God through fellowship with each other.
- 14 **We p** there is still a high level of gender inequality in Mozambique, which the Chiyanjano women face on a daily basis.

zambesi mission (zm) in Malawi

Simon Chikwana (Field Director), Rose Chirwa (Projects Officer) and Mercy Carlos (Field Administrator)

- 15 **Th t** for the hard work and dedication of our field team in Malawi.
- 16 **Fr p** that Malawi and Mozambique would soon have access to COVID-19 vaccines and be able to start immunisation programmes.
- 17 **Sa t** for prayer and fellowship that **zm's** Malawi team have shared with the UK team using Zoom.
- 18 **Su t zm's** supporters who donated so generously using the Gift Scheme, allowing many to benefit in Malawi and northern Mozambique.

April

- 19 **Mo p** for Rose Chirwa as she works with **zm's** partners to develop new income-generating projects.

- 20 **Tu t** for Simon Chikwana, constantly nurturing our relationships with **zm's** partner organisations.

zambesi mission (zm) in the UK

Mike Beresford (Mission Director), Trevor Matthews (Chair of Trustees and Executive Committee).

- 21 **We t** despite all the challenges of 2020, God has enabled **zm** to continuing walking alongside and supporting our African partners.
- 22 **Th p** for the Executive Committee as they help our staff team to finalise **zm's** new strategic plan.
- 23 **Fr t** for the wisdom that new Exec members Amos Oumounabidji and José Laussu bring.
- 24 **Sa t** for Charlotte Dunning's service as **zm's** Office Manager. She left at the end of January to start a full-time job with a local accountancy firm.
- 25 **Su p** that new Office Manager Clare O'Connell would settle in well and quickly feel at home.
- 26 **Mo t** for **zm's** office staff, who have shown such flexibility as office working rules have changed.
- 27 **Tu t** our Honorary Representatives have been keeping in touch with churches, and spoken in services via Zoom or in person when invited.
- 28 **We p** that God would raise up new Honorary Representatives for the mission in Scotland, Wales and northern England.
- 29 **Th p** the summer conferences that **zm** usually attends would not be disrupted again this year.
- 30 **Fr p** for plans to start visiting Malawi again: Mike Beresford is hoping to go this month.

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"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

1 Corinthians 12: 27

p means please pray... t means give thanks...

Children for Christ Ministry (CFCM)

Elevate Mzinga, Joseph Jeke, Lackson Makawa

- 1 **Mo t** despite the challenges of 2020, CFCM trained just under 500 Sunday school teachers.
- 2 **Tu p** CFCM are seeking financial support for their Little Lambs nursery school project from trust fund holders and grant-awarding bodies.



The CFCM team has been working hard throughout 2020 to promote the safety of children.

- 3 **We p** for wisdom and guidance for CFCM as they seek to extend their safeguarding training to include church leaders.
- 4 **Th t** that in their training CFCM have encouraged honest and open discussions about the church's responsibility to safeguard children.
- 5 **Fr t** CFCM staff have been protected from coronavirus.

February

- 6 **Sa p** for the five day Easter club planned for Bolero in the remote north of Malawi.
- River of Life Evangelical Church (RoLEC)**
- Leader Ps Mvula Mvula*
- 7 **Su p** RoLEC's focus in 2021 is on 'strengthening the cords of their tent' (Isa. 54: 2).
- 8 **Mop** church leader Pastor Mvula Mvula says, "we want to preserve the fruit God has given us".
- 9 **Tu t** for January's Youth Week - from preaching to cleaning, young people took over RoLEC churches.
- 10 **We p** for continued protection from the threat of COVID-19, as news comes in of a second wave.
- 11 **Th p** Mvula Mvula's personal burden of ministry. He told us that "there are pits that we need to go down in 2021" and asked us to act as rope-holders.

Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM)

- Principal, Gift Mphongolo; Council Chairman, Pastor Willard Muwalo.*
- 12 **Fr t** for the appointment of new Principal Gift Mphongolo. Gift was formerly ZEC's Fellowship of Youth Coordinator and has a passion for mission.
- 13 **Sa t** for Demester Molten Kalima, who acted as Principal until a permanent appointment could be made. He has now become EBCoM's Registrar.
- 14 **Su p** for EBCoM's new leadership team, including Academic Dean Mrs Chimwemwe Katumbi Harawa.
- 15 **Mo t zm** is funding the completion of a duplex house that will generate rental income for EBCoM.



The partly constructed duplex house at EBCoM

- 16 **Tu t** ZEC's tomato growing project raised funds as their contribution towards the operation of EBCoM.

- 17 **We p** that the 23 new **zm**-supported students would be guided by God as they start learning.
- 18 **Th t** that the Lord has sustained EBCoM, despite the many challenges it faced in 2020.
- 19 **Fr p** EBCoM's long-term financial viability.
- 20 **Sa p** that all staff and students at the college would grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord.

Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC) Malawi

- Chairman, Pastor Chimwemwe Kanjirawaya ;General Secretary, Pastor James Baisson Phiri*
- 21 **Su t** ZEC dedicated themselves to the Lord at the start of 2021 with a day of fasting and prayer.
- 22 **Mo p** the Synod meeting planned for December 2020 had to be postponed until August 2021.
- 23 **Tu p** for God to anoint ZEC's synod leaders, as they follow the example of the Good Shepherd.
- 24 **We p** for the sustainability of ZEC and the well-being of its leaders, who facing many challenges.
- 25 **Th t** ZEC has hundreds of gospel-preaching disciple-making churches spread across Malawi.
- 26 **Fr t** for the way that ZEC adapted during the pandemic and continued to share the gospel.
- 27 **Sa p** for steady rainfall and a good harvest this year. Many in ZEC's congregations are farmers.
- 28 **Su p** January to April are typically known as the 'hunger months': last year's harvest (below) may have gone and many don't have enough food.



ZEC Orphan Daycare Centres (ODCs)

At Chifunga, Nthorowa and Ntonda

March

- 1 **Mo p** we remember Stella Masoamphambe in her grief, after her husband Lameck died last October. Lameck had been the Administrator at Ntonda.

March

- 2 **Tu p** for the process of appointing a new Administrator at Ntonda after Lameck's death.
- 3 **We p** provision of power for Chifunga's income-generating maize mill. They are still waiting.
- 4 **Th t** construction of the rice mill building at Nthorowa is progressing well.
- 5 **Fr p** for the education of the children at the ODCs - they need to do extremely well in their exams to get a place at secondary school.
- 6 **Sa t** for **zm**'s support, which enables meals to be provided to the children throughout the year.
- 7 **Su t** for the volunteers who help with gathering firewood and cooking the children's food.
- 8 **Mo p** for child-headed households, that God would provide the support that they need in life.

ZEC Health & Rural Development

- Ntonda Rural Hospital, plus health centres at Matanda, Mitsidi, Muluma and Nthorowa.*
- 9 **Tu t zm** have been able to provide sufficient PPE for ZEC's staff at their health centres.
- 10 **We p** for protection for ZEC's staff and local people from a second wave of infections caused by a virulent new variant from South Africa.
- 11 **Th p** for successful large-scale vaccination programmes in countries like Malawi.
- 12 **Fr t** for sufficient supplies of good quality medicines at the health centres.
- 13 **Sa t** that ZEC's staff regularly go above and beyond the call of duty to care for others.
- 14 **Su p** for the patients at the health centres.
- 15 **Mo t** that the maternity units at each health centre make such a positive impact in reducing maternal and infant mortality rates.

ZEC Chiyanjano (Women's Fellowship) in Malawi

- Margaret Chodzi - Coordinator; Madalo Khoza - Chair*
- 16 **Tu t** for the election of new Chiyanjano leaders in October, including a new Chair Madalo Khoza.
- 17 **We t** that Chiyanjano groups were able to meet together during most of 2020.
- 18 **Th t** Chiyanjano produce a discipleship guide called *Mlozo*, which they were able to sell in 2020 to generate funds to support their ministry.

March

- 19 **Fr p** the leaders want to order a new design of ZEC *chitenje* cloth as an income-generating project, but it needs a lot of cash in advance.



A Chiyanjano choir at Manjawira ZEC in central Malawi, wearing a current design of ZEC *chitenje* cloth.

- 20 **Sa t** for the grace, joy and fellowship that are clearly visible within the Chiyanjano groups.
- 21 **Su p** for God's provision for much needed equipment for the Chiyanjano leaders' office.
- ZEC Regional Superintendents & Churchplanting**
- Isaac Mpanga - Upper and Lower Shire, Henry Muhiye - Eastern Malawi, Austin Njobvu - Central Malawi, Laston Musisi - South Lake Malawi, Samuel Chiyambeni - Northern Malawi.*
- 22 **Mo p** for Regional Superintendents Isaac, Henry, Austin, Laston and Samuel as they minister to the churches in their areas.
- 23 **Tu p** churchplanters in rural areas can feel extremely isolated.
- 24 **We p** Hastings Mackford is now churchplanting pastor at Namwera ZEC in eastern Malawi, where many people are Muslims.
- 25 **Th p** Leonard Kingwell Banda, churchplanter at Chitipa ZEC in the remote northern tip of Malawi.
- 26 **Fr p zm**-supported evangelist Lifred Madeya, carefully discipling the church at Lemani ZEC.
- Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC), Malawi Fellowship of Youth (FoY)**
- Pastor Jimmy Chaona, FOY Coordinator*
- 27 **Sa t** for recent initiatives, such as November's successful relationships and marriage seminar.