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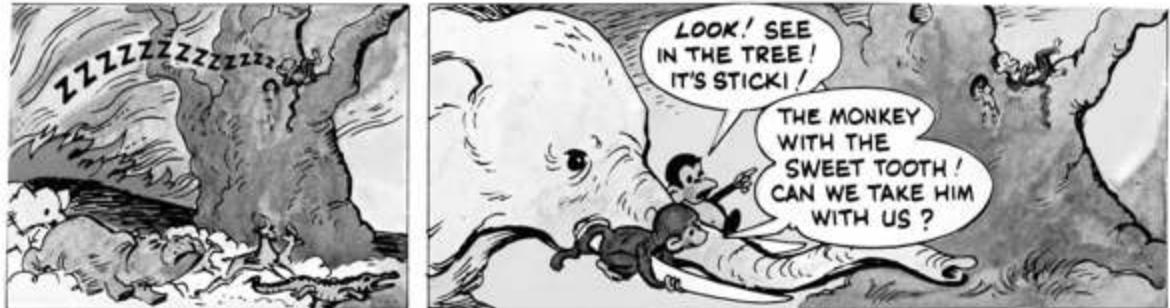
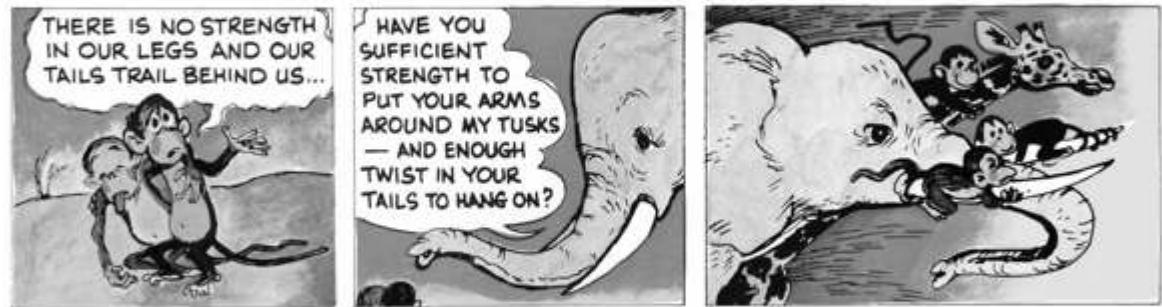
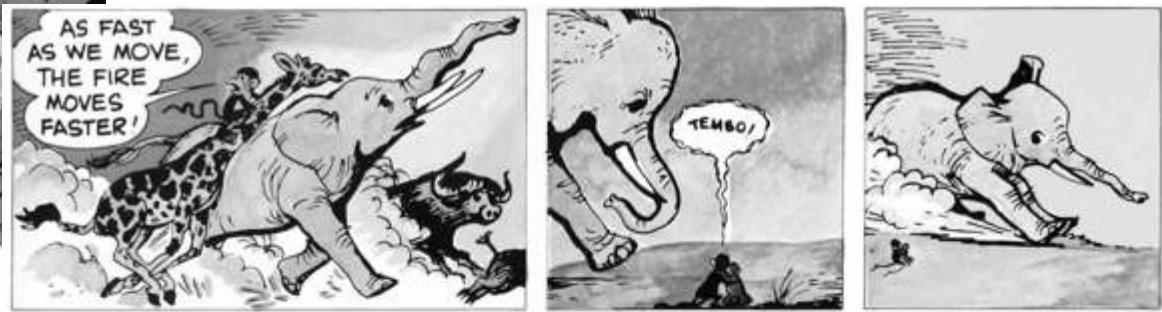
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All animals are running for their lives. A big fire is behing them! Only a small monkey, Sticki, stays on his tree. He is enjoying some nice honey. What will happen to him? - Read part 2!



WELCOME!

Dear Readers!

TRANSITION

Times of handing over are challenging. Joshua needed extra encouragement when he had to take over from Moses. The Lord Jesus gave his disciples extra teaching and special counselling, and He even continued to work with them from heaven (Mark 16:20). The apostle Paul wrote a special letter to his disciple Timothy before the end of his life. The good news is: OUR GOD REMAINS THE SAME! And since we are doing His work, He will take care of it. And he will take care of the workers involved. GOD IS GOOD - ALL THE TIME!

This is the last edition that is being prepared by the old small team. God has provided capable and willing brothers who have joined the Natuleya Team. They are already working on the next edition. Last year has seen a number of challenges, because we had to adjust the sales system to make this magazine viable. Also the move of the Editor back to Germany and technical problems have delayed the production of this edition. **We do apologize sincerely to our readers!** Please pray that the new Team members might be able to find their feet soon in their new responsibilities. Please also pray for each Coordinator and Distributor as they try to develop a good sales structure in their respective areas. Both sides, production and sales, have to work well in order to ensure the future of this ministry!

SPECIAL: LITERATURE

Apart from Bible studies, reports and other articles we will this time take a closer look at the importance of literature and the challenge of selling it here in Zambia. Most established churches have some sort of "Literature / Educational Department". But many have run out of capital, their books are out of print. Others only exist on paper, nobody is really interested in their development. Still others have been run by missionaries for decades and they have

Moses, my servant, is dead.
Now then, you and all these people, get ready

...
As I was with Moses, so I will be with you;
I will never leave you nor forsake you.

(Joshua 1:2.5)

printed 100,000s of books, booklets and tracts - but their existence is threatened by the departure of those foreign workers or a decline of their funding. THIS COUNTRY NEEDS STRONG ZAMBIAN, EVANGELICAL AND SUSTAINABLE PUBLISHING WORK! We from "Natuleya!" are fostering this necessary development. We have entered into a partnership with the newly founded "Literature Team Northern" in Kasama. They will do the printing of our magazines in future, we help them promote the books they sell. Read about the first six months of their work on pages 14-15. And if you want to get an idea of what sort of books have been published and sold here in Zambia already, take a look at the pages 10-12. There you see 3 out of 28 pages from the new book catalogue "Ifitabo Fyesu / Our Literature" which shows you more than 200 books from various evangelical publishers within the country. Yes, there are still quite a number of gaps, especially in Bemba - but if we would start using what has been printed so far already, our churches would be both stronger and faster growing.

May God help us as we seek to implement His will in His time!

God bless you,

Marco Vedder,
Editor-in-Chief



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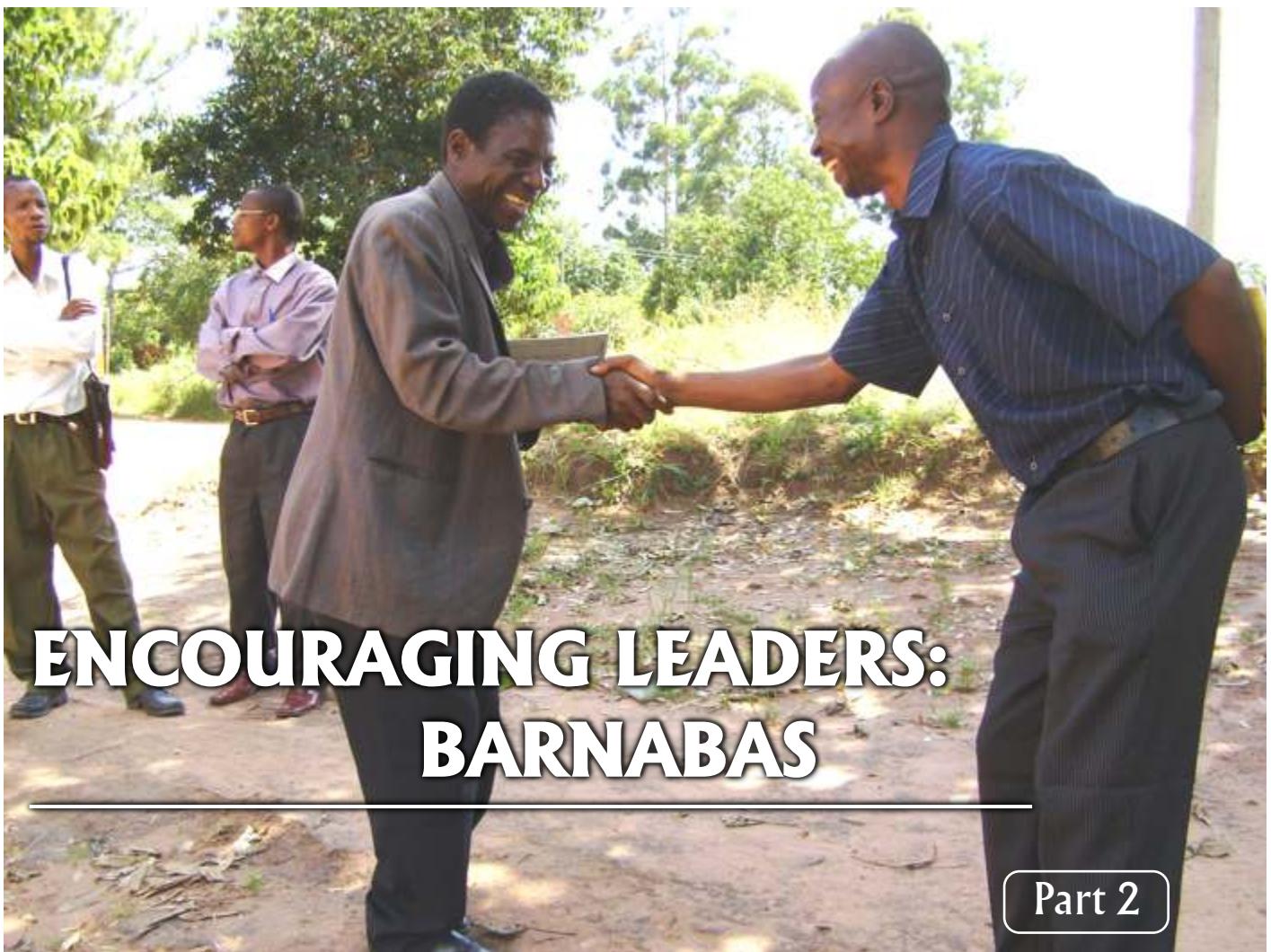
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ENCOURAGING LEADERS: BARNABAS

Part 2

In Natuleya No. 7, we began looking at the life and characteristics of a leader of encouragement. We shall continue taking Barnabas as our example even in this article.

We focused our attention on the four points below:-

- The origin of Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37)
- Being a good example in giving with humility (Acts 4:36)
- Receiving those who are rejected (Acts 9:36-37)
- Supporting new work (Acts 11:19-25)

As we continue with this topic, let us remember that Satan always wants to raise up worries in the heart of Christians. Often he wants to do this by bringing in wrong teachings so that people may doubt whether they have really believed or not. In the end their salvation, to them, seems to be in vain.

When God blessed the work which was going on in Antioch through Barnabas and Paul, their fame reached Jerusalem. Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees came to this young church in Antioch, stood up (Acts 15:1-5) and began teaching that the gentiles could not be saved by only believing in Jesus. No, they demanded that they also should keep the law and be circumcised according to the custom taught by Moses. I wonder how we would react if we were the leaders of that Church. Imagine we had worked hard sharing encouragement and fellowship with them, and teaching them that they will be accepted by God and the Church through their faith in Christ alone. And then there come others after you and they begin to criticise what you have taught to be the grace of God. What would we do in such a situation? - Let us learn from Barnabas.

A LEADER OF ENCOURAGEMENT IS PREPARED TO FIGHT FOR THE FAITH AND AGAINST FALSE TEACHINGS (ACTS 15:1-5)

V.3: There was a sharp dispute and debate – It was not a simple matter for Barnabas and Paul and the other leaders.

It is not wise to keep silent when we see the work we have suffered for being destroyed, especially us Christians from the “gentiles”. We need to rejoice in what Barnabas and Paul did. If they had kept quiet, perhaps we could have been forced to follow the same custom of practising circumcision. When defending the faith of Christ in Antioch, Barnabas risked his life and argued with them. This matter did not end in Antioch, but it was taken up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders. Therefore we see that, the leader of encouragement does not give up.

V.22: When the council came to an agreement on the matter, again Barnabas was sent to go back with some leaders to encourage the Church in Antioch to continue in what they had believed, and urge them to live in those things.

OBSERVATIONS

- As leaders of encouragement, let us always be students of the Word lest we fall in condemnation.
- If we are to be leaders of encouragements, we do not have to fear to fight for our faith using the true doctrine.
- If we are leaders of encouragements, let us prepare ourselves to risk our lives for the sake of the Gospel (15:24-26).
- We must have the testimony of how God is working in our lives and be prepared to share it with our fellow leaders. (15:4)

SEPARATION BECAUSE OF JOHN MARK

(ACTS 15:36-40)

Satan is so tough. After noticing that the Church has overcome the dispute about circumcision, he did not sit back. Immediately he brought a problem among the leaders themselves.

Paul and Barnabas longed to go back and visit all the towns they had preached the word of the Lord in. They wanted to see how the believers were doing. Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them and had not continued with them in the work (Acts 13:13). So a dispute arose between them. The matter was very tough.

Here are some points that we can learn about how we can become leaders of encouragement to those who have failed in order to make them stand again.

It seems that both, Paul and Barnabas, had some reasons for their opinion concerning Mark. Paul was focused much on the importance of the work of the Lord. He knew how it could be destroyed if leaders are not courageous and not dependable in times of need. Barnabas on the other side was looking much on the ministry of Mark as a person. He knew that he needed to be given a second chance. Barnabas wanted to be close to Mark so that perhaps in future he could be of great use regardless of his past failures.

This kind of difference in viewing things often bring conflicts when we are not gracious and respectful to each other.

**Get Mark
and bring
him with you,
for he is
useful to me
for ministry.**

2Tim 4:11

OBSERVATIONS

- A leader of encouragement does not emphasize how much he has helped someone else in the past. If we had been Barnabas, we might have reminded Paul how much we had helped him in the beginning of his ministry, and that he had only reached his current status because of what we had invested in him.
- We will encourage people well if we are not looking on their past failures but on what they are today. We need to consider what they can become if they are close to us. We need to give them hope for the future. Truly, Mark later became useful even to Paul (2 Tim. 4:11).
- It is good to allow others to part company in peace, but to continue being good friends. (Acts 15:39-40; 1 Cor. 9:6; Col. 4:10).

CONCLUSION

Brethren, to be a leader of encouragement to the children of God is a tough work. It means denying oneself from so many things so that children of God may be helped thoroughly. If we don't, then we will fail to support God's people. Remember that sometimes people you are supporting will seem like they are not confiding in you. So learn to encourage yourself in the Lord. This is what David did when his own people wanted to stone him. He encouraged himself in the Lord his God (1 Samuel 30:6). Then he encouraged his people to pursue their enemies and recover everything the enemies had taken from Ziklag (30:1-25).

We can encourage and comfort people effectively if we ourselves have already encouraged ourselves in the Lord.

RCM, Mpika

Leaders who encouraged us

There was a leader who allowed me to travel with him and listen when he went preaching on Sundays. I could ask him any question, even challenge his teaching. He would answer me from Scripture and encourage me to search them for myself.

There was a leader who would listen when I as teenager would contribute to a Bible study. When something I had said was questionable, he would question me later. When something was good, he would say: "Well done!"

There was a leader when I was a young man who would tell me on a Wednesday that he had some preaching engagement the following Sunday. He said: "If you have something to share from the Word of God, you can start. Teach as long as your material will last, then sit down. I will take it up wherever you'll leave it." That's what happened: I started to teach, sometimes 15, sometimes 30 minutes, and when I was done he would finish my message. I did not have to worry about having to preach for a whole meeting - he knew Scripture well enough to complete whatever I had started. That's how I learned to speak in public.

There was a leader who was the Director of a Missions Organization. One day I saw him going somewhere with a small parcel. I asked him what he went to do. He said: "I'm going to send this parcel to somebody in a distant country." I thought that could be done by the secretary and asked why he as Director would do that. He replied: "Never feel too big to do a small job, whatever your position might be!"

I thank God for this leader. He is my father.

MV, Germany

In life we all need people who can encourage us when we are discouraged and feel like giving up. Without them our walk with Christ would be difficult. Here are two leaders who have encouraged us so much in our walk with God.

We shall start with Mr and Mrs Kennedy who were missionaries at Mansa Mission. They equipped and taught us how to pray together as a couple. We remember very well when they said, "*Couples who pray together, stay together.*" They also equipped us with church doctrine and leadership skills. What was very helpful for us was that Mr Kennedy (now late) was an open minded person and because of that most people resented his leadership style. However, for us, we appreciated him very much because we had discovered that he was very friendly to everyone who wanted the truth. This has helped us in our Christian ministry.

The other leader is Mr Katato Jonas who is one of the elders at Kashikishi Brethren Church. At the time we moved to that church in 1989 he was the only leader who was willing and ready to embrace new ideas from young people. At that time going out for evangelism and conducting discipleship meetings in homes was a heresy among the brethren churches. But Jonas Katato was willing to try new ideas. Through his actions, as young Christians at that time we were encouraged and he was among those in the forefront to organize discipleship and prayer meetings. Due to his openness we saw 18 new churches planted. Eventually other elders started joining. And soon the preaching of the gospel in Churches was reduced and instead teaching was introduced. Today many churches in Kalobwa Assemblies have adopted this system. In his old age, Mr Katato is now weak and frail but his work still speaks. He needs a lot of our support in prayers and social responsibility to support him in his old age. There are times when we have to embrace new ideas because the Word of God is new every morning.

P+PK, Lusaka

You and me, are we such leaders to others?



David and Bathseba

Lust - Sin - Death

It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out [to] [battle], that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman [was] very beautiful to behold. So David sent and inquired about the woman. And [someone] said, "[Is] this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I [am] with child."



2Sam 11,1-5 (NKJV)

David's early days.

As a young shepherd boy David had a strong relationship with God, and knew that God had saved him from harm on many occasions in the fields around Bethlehem, 1Sam 17:34-36. 1Samuel ch 17 tells us about how David went out to fight against Goliath with the same bravery and simple faith in God that he had shown as a shepherd. He did not have great weapons like Goliath had, and he refused to wear the armour which King Saul gave to him. He went out in simple faith and fought for the honour of God. He had proved God's faithfulness while he was looking after the sheep, and he had the same weapons and simple faith in God when he went to fight against Goliath.

After those days, David became well known to the people of Israel, and he was well liked because he led the people in their battles, 1Sam 18:16. He behaved himself very wisely, and everybody saw that the Lord was with him, 1Sam 18:14-15. All through the time when he was running away from Saul, he was a great leader and example to his men. He refused to break God's law and take Saul's life even when he was urged to do so, 1Sam 23:3-7. His men said, "God has delivered him into your hands," but he knew that God would not ask him to disobey His word just to speed things up.

After God finally removed Saul, David was patient until both the kingdoms of Judah and all of Israel became his subjects, 2Sam 5:1-5. The problems in David's spiritual life began when David had finally subdued his enemies and was ruling over Israel. He forgot that he still had an enemy who he could not see, and who had now changed his method of attack. No longer was it Saul trying to keep him away from fulfilling God's call for his life, Satan now used the lusts of the flesh to bring him down.

Steps to David's sin.

In 2 Samuel ch 11:1 we read that David did not go out to battle as he normally would. We might wonder if David already had other plans to give himself some time with Bathsheba. He went to look at the time when she was bathing. He might have said that he was not sinning by going up to the roof of his house in the evening, and this is of course true. However he was putting himself in a situation where he was going to be tempted. James 1:14 tells us that we are tempted by our own lust and enticed. David's sinful nature with its lustful thoughts now was excited by a real temptation and the result was going to be sin. David liked what he saw, and this look made him begin to desire or lust after her. This was bad enough, but it did not stop there, he then went on to do something about it. He was acting in obedience to his lustful desire and not according to the Word of God. He called Bathsheba so that he could meet her. David had the authority to do anything he wanted, but he mis-used this and stole another man's wife.

Once he was tempted he could not stop himself. What should he have done? If it was a genuine mistake to see a woman bathing, he should have looked away. We are told to flee from youthful lusts, 2Tim 2:22. We have to avoid every kind of evil, 1The 5:22. At any time, David could have stopped himself, but he allowed his sinful nature to control him. He had only himself to blame.

In the events that followed, David committed three sins. He coveted his neighbour's wife and he also committed adultery.



The big cover-up.

The third sin was to try and cover up what he had done. He then committed another sin by having Bathsheba's husband killed. Although David did not himself strike down Uriah, the prophet Nathan knew that it was David who had killed Uriah, 2Sam 12:9. David's plan was to invite Uriah back to Jerusalem, so that he would lie with his wife and then nobody would know that David was the real father of the child. Unfortunately Uriah did not go home either the first night or the second night even when David tried to get him drunk.

David tried to cover up his sin just like Adam and Eve when they sewed fig leaves together to cover their nakedness. But God knows when we sin, we cannot hide anything from Him, Heb 4:13.

David later said that when he tried to cover his sins he had no peace and he could not rest day or night, Psa 32:3-4. David's conscience and the hand of God were at work in his life to bring him to confess what he had done.

David was exposed as a hypocrite

The prophet Nathan exposed David's sin when he brought an imaginary problem to David which told of a rich man who had a visitor and needed to feed him. Although he had many sheep, he sent to a poor man who had only one lamb which was very special to him and was as precious to him as a child. The rich man took the poor man's lamb and killed it and gave it to his friend. When David heard this he was outraged. He vowed justice would be done. It is surprising to us that David was not able to see his own sin in this. He found it easy to judge the rich man, but did not realize that he was just like the rich man, although he had done much worse than he had because he had taken another man's wife and killed the husband. "You are the man," said Nathan, and he then realized that his sin was exposed.

The effect of sin.

Every time we sin there are consequences. Sin affects us and also the people around us, even though we may confess our sins and be very sorry for what we have done.

Uriah died in battle. Bathsheba lost her husband and Israel lost a good man who was marked by integrity and bravery. And when David's sin was exposed by Nathan the prophet, David lost his dignity. The once great king who was loved by the people and behaved himself wisely and submitted himself to the will of God was humiliated to find that he was now known as a murderer and a deceiver.

Further David found a law which is written in Scripture, Gal 6:7, "For whatever a man sows that also shall he reap." David ruined the family of Uriah and Bathsheba, and then David had to reap similar consequences in his own family. From that time forward, David's family was troubled by a series of broken relationships.

The other consequences of David's sin was that the child who was born to Bathsheba died, and while the baby was ill David must have known that God was punishing David for his sin. This was the second person who had to die as a result of David's sin. Later Absalom led a rebellion against his father and he also died.

Practical implications.

David started out well, but he failed to resist temptation and brought a lot of trouble upon himself and others. We must remember that we are all vulnerable to temptation of one kind or another. Joseph fled from temptation (Genesis 39:12) and we should do the same. He got himself out of the situation by fleeing the house. No matter what stage we are at in life, how long we have been a Christian or a servant of God we have to, "*Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.*" Mark 14:38.

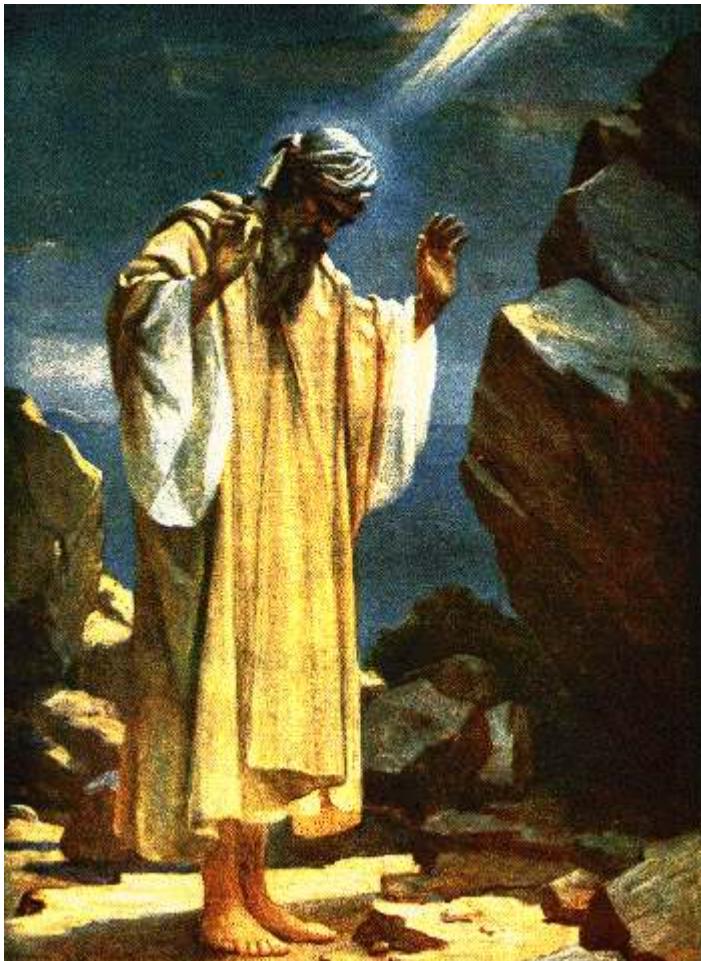
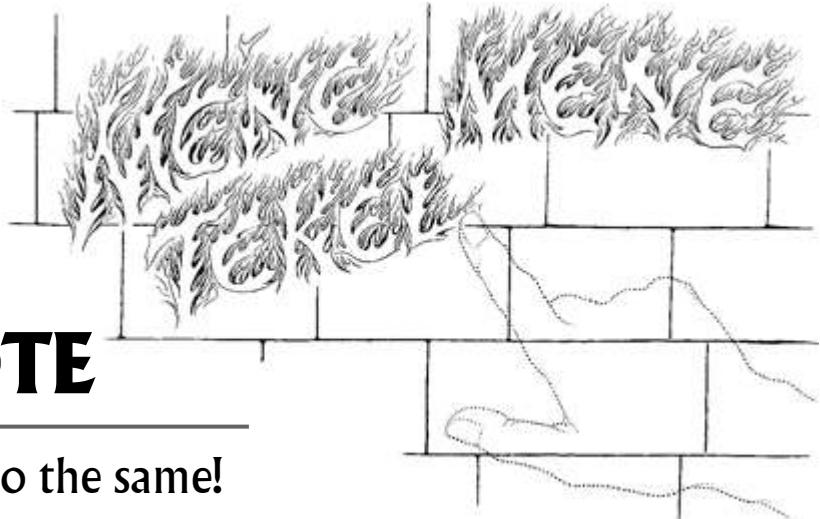
The devil uses different temptations at different times in our lives, so we should never be careless and take things easy when others are involved in the heat of battle, 2Sam 11:1.

AP, Scotland



GOD SPOKE AND WROTE

We better do the same!



Some people just love talking - and some talk and talk and talk. It's difficult to go far without seeing people walking and talking into their cell phone, with emphasis added by one arm waving as the volume goes up and down as though everyone nearby needs to hear half a conversation. Others manage to ride a bicycle at the same time, while some are even tempted to drive a car, a truck or even a minibus loaded with passengers while talking on their phone. Talk, talk, talk.

Then we quickly learn that it's less expensive to send a text message, with the advantage that you can later check what was written if you have forgotten any of the details. So a written message has more permanence. The same can be said about E-mail. And so technology supplies us with always better phones, with the promise of endless new, supposedly better and faster gadgets to help us communicate both orally and in written form, even if abbreviated, like "Ths msg is 4 u".

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Of course not everyone feels compelled to talk incessantly. Their words, though fewer, may be carefully chosen and full of interest. The writer to Jewish believers begins his written letter with the words "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets, at many times and in various ways, but in these last days has spoken to us by His Son." Heb 1:1,2.

The words 'prophets' and 'prophecy' are frequently used to-day in relation to foretelling events - giving details of what will happen in the future, but this was not the basic idea describing the work of Old Testament prophets. Prophets were those who made known God's will as spokesmen for God.

Aaron was Moses' prophet, acting as his spokesman (Ex 4:10-16). Moses was the leader of Israel but it was Aaron who conveyed Moses' instructions to the people.

A true prophet was always appointed by God (Jer 1:5) and was known as 'a man of God' (1 Sam 2:27), 'a messenger of God' (Hag 1:3) 'a servant of God' (2 Kings 17:23) and sometimes as a 'seer' (one who sees) because he may have seen God's message in the form of a vision (1 Sam 9:9; Zech 1:7,8) The Jews divided their Hebrew Bible, which we call the Old Testament, into three major parts called the Law, the Prophets and the Writings.

- The Law was the five books written by Moses (the Pentateuch).
- The Prophets were sub-divided into two sections
 - i) the Former Prophets (Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings) and
 - ii) the Latter Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the twelve so-called Minor Prophets)
- The Writings were the remainder of the books.

We often do not expect to find Joshua and Judges as being in the books of the Prophets; we would normally expect them to be in the historical section. Books which we would classify as historical, the Jews called prophetical. The

explanation is that the Jews considered these books as showing how God was working out His plans and purposes through history so that most of Israel's historians were considered prophets (1 Chron 29:29). They had no doubt that God had spoken.

The writings of the prophets date from the 8th century B.C. but prophets had been active in Israel long before the 8th century. Even before the selection of Saul as the first king of Israel and the beginning of the monarchy, prophets had been giving spiritual guidance (Judges 4:4).

In the time of Samuel there were many young men considered as prophets in Israel; young men with enthusiasm, energy and so much emotional involvement that they sometimes behaved so badly that not surprisingly prophets were given a bad name (1 Sam 19:20-24). In an attempt to remedy this situation Samuel organized a school of prophets, first at Ramah. These were later referred to as 'the sons of the prophets'. Sadly many from these schools were more concerned about being good religious professionals than they were about spiritually teaching and feeding God's children.

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The writer to the Hebrews /Jewish believers added that 'in these last days (God) has spoken to us by His Son.' The records of how, when and why God spoke to His people in the Old Testament are already wonderful. But the fullness about which they wrote as they glimpsed it in visions, with limitations and incompletely, has been revealed by Jesus

Christ. He is 'the logos', the complete spelling out in all its fullness of what and who God is. But how would any of us know the fascinating details of our Saviour's birth, life, teaching, death and resurrection if it were not for 'men moved by the Holy Spirit (who) spoke from God' (2 Peter 1:21). They wrote guided by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew, or "Levi", was called individually by Jesus to follow Him and be with Him. He witnessed personally what Jesus did, listened to His teaching and wrote it down for the primary benefit of a Jewish readership. He demonstrated through his 53 Old Testament quotations and 76 other references that Jesus fulfilled their hope for a Messiah King.

Mark, who accompanied the Apostle Paul for some time on his first missionary journey, wrote his fast moving record of what Jesus did. He wrote principally to Gentile believers living in Rome to encourage them and prove beyond all doubt that Jesus is the Messiah. He highlighted Jesus as 'the suffering Servant of the Lord' (Mark 10:45)

Luke, a close companion of Paul, was a Gentile Greek believer and a scholarly medical doctor (Col 4:14). He wrote a detailed account of Christ's life, initially to a man with the

intriguing name of 'Theophilus' meaning 'one who loves God'. With a doctor's eye for detail his writing highlights the perfect humanity of Christ.

And how much would we miss out, if John, a brother of James and one of the 'sons of thunder', had not written down his record of Christ's life? It acts as a complementary supplement to the first three gospels. It is clearly evangelistic in his stated purpose for writing 'that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name' (20:30,31)

How indescribably poorer we would be without Paul's doctrinally rich letters as he helped his readers to work through and work out the implications of faith in Christ alone.

Clearly God in His infinite wisdom has left us a rich collection of writings for our eternal spiritual benefit. That God's Word has survived the Satanically inspired attempts of dictators through the centuries to destroy it, is a tribute to the determination with which godly men and women protected and copied the written word.

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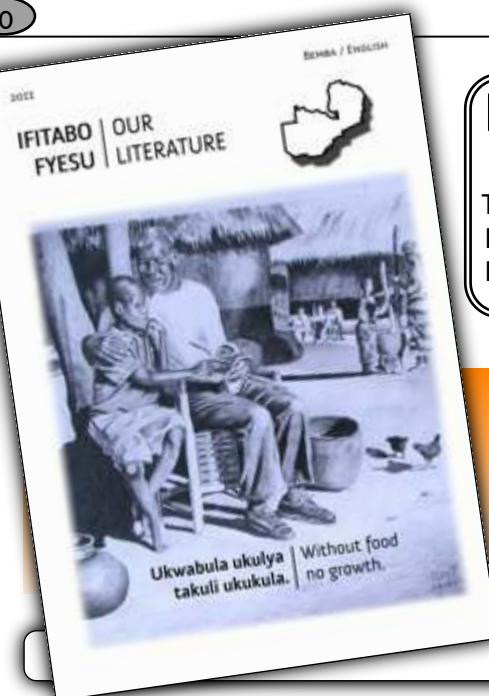
We suggest that there remains a need for godly people to continue helping their contemporaries to understand God's Word. They need to help them to understand how to work through and work out the implications of making Christ Lord of our lives in our cultural setting. Preaching for 45 minutes reaches a limited audience and can be rapidly forgotten. How many remember the theme of last Sunday's preaching?

The value of even detailed written Bible notes was illustrated for me in NE Angola. I had visited there many years earlier and on a return visit found believers with tattered copies of my very inadequate photo-copied notes in Portuguese. They had read and reread them, even using them as the basis for teaching others. I was embarrassed to admit that even I had forgotten what I spoken about on that earlier visit. My own notes were effective to remind me of the words spoken.

May I respectfully suggest that many gifted Zambians accustomed to preach and teach the Word to attentive audiences could be an even greater blessing to their fellow-believers by dedicating themselves to writing carefully researched practical articles that could potentially have an impact long after their voice is silent.

EM, Kitwe





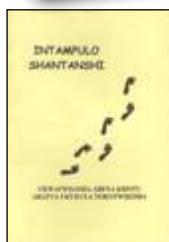
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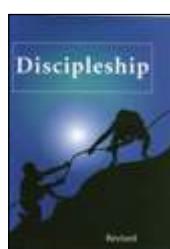
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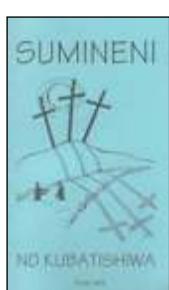
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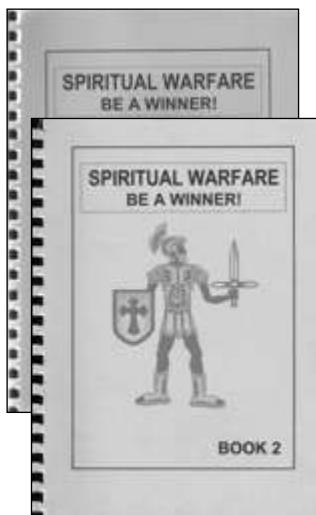
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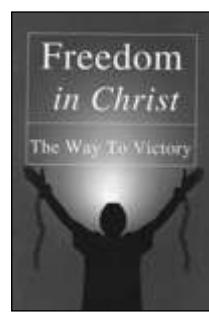
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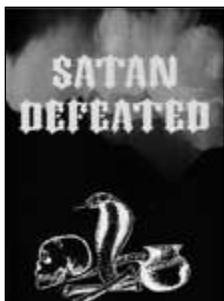


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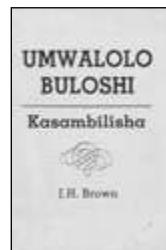
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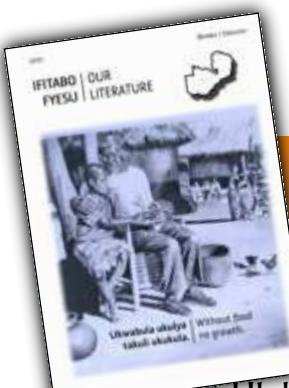
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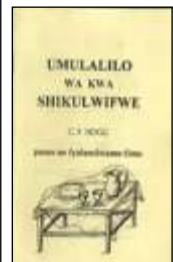
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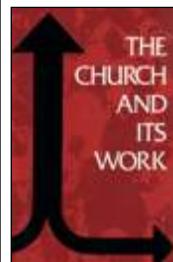


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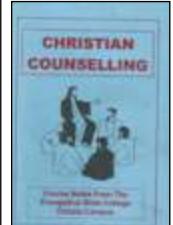
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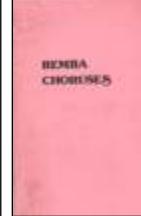
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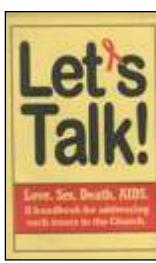
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Workshop:

Foundation Skills for Christian Writers

run by "Kitwe Chapels Christian Writers' Training Institute"

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN WITHIN AND OUTSIDE ZAMBIA THROUGH EFFECTIVE WRITING



Summary

Foundation Skills for Christian Writers Workshop is the first to be sponsored by the six Kitwe Chapels for the purpose of sharpening the writing skills of Church members who desire to share Christ through writing. The idea was suggested to the Elders by Leonard Nyirongo - Author and Human Resource Training Consultant – as a ministry to the members of Kitwe Chapels and beyond.

Twelve participants drawn from all the six Chapels successfully completed the course. All the participants indicated that the course was very beneficial, not only to their ministries, but also to their personal lives. Praise God for this breakthrough.

Pastor Tryson Mtonga of Nkana East Chapel opened and closed the workshop. In his opening remarks he informed the participants that the workshop had come at an appropriate time as the Chapels did not have enough people with writing skills. Because of this challenge a lot of information in the Churches such as heritage, past history and achievements were lost. He challenged the participants why, for instance, most of the tracts used for evangelistic campaigns had to come from the UK when Zambian Christians could write them based on the familiar local situations.

In his closing remarks – presented on behalf of Pastor Geshom Chioni – he thanked the participants for their willingness to learn and urged them to apply the skills with eagerness. He then presented certificates of attendance.

Key Sessions

On day one the participants discussed the following keys to effective Christian writing:

- Establishing a real relationship with Christ and keeping it fresh (the foundation);
- Willingness to learn and work hard;
- Love for the reader;
- Using the Bible wisely;
- Building a richer active vocabulary;
- Using the right words from the rich vocabulary;
- Composing clear, efficient and emphatic sentences (for delivering challenging, punchy writing);

- Writing a thesis statement to provoke or challenge the reader;
- Creating good paragraph unity, coherence and transition;
- Writing attention grabbing introductions and concluding with impact;
- Using an appropriate writing strategy to persuade/convince the reader.

To consolidate understanding, the participants worked through short, enjoyable exercises and examples.

On the second day the participants learnt how to:

- Select a relevant, worthwhile topic /issue to write on;
- Target the right audience and their needs;
- Outline an article for a Chapel Newsletter or Magazine;
- Gather information for the article based on the outline;
- Draft, edit and publish articles.

Comments on the workshop

The following are the participants' comments on the relevance of the workshop to Kitwe Chapels:

"It has been very relevant to what I am doing as a Sunday School Teacher. I will now be able to prepare better Sunday school lessons. High quality; a lot of research has gone into it; very good workshop design" – LMN, Nkana East Chapel

"Very relevant, inspiring and encouraging. The workshop design and administration was very good and the set up comfortable" – SK, Kitwe Chapel

"A very good workshop and a time well spent and many lessons learnt. Well arranged sessions and of good quality" – JC, Chachacha Chapel

"It has been a good workshop. It has revived and built up the desire I have always had for writing. Sessions were well conducted, and the workshop administration well carried out" – MK, Ndeke Village Chapel

"It will help me to become a better writer. Educative and a good start for a young Christian writer like me. The sessions were fully packed and worthwhile. Very good and effective workshop design and administration" – EI, Ndeke Village Chapel

"It was worth attending and need more time. Good sessions and workshop design and administration" – CC, Chimwemwe Chapel

"Very relevant; it has opened up my understanding of the sequences required in writing and the need to follow them through. Good sessions and workshop design and administration" – SM, Chachacha Chapel

"This is a very relevant workshop. In my capacity as governor of Natwange, I need to write various reports and articles for the project. My work also involves a lot of news about the project. Presentation of the sessions was excellent and the materials were professionally prepared" – PK, Riverside Chapel

"The workshop will assist me write better reports at work and help me venture into writing various articles for our Church magazine and perhaps a book soon. Though the time allocated was limited the sessions were comprehensive. The workshop design was professional and serious. The administration was also very good" - MN, Riverside Chapel

Some of the Participants' Personal Commitments after the Workshop

- Write a history of the Chapels
- Write a paper on Church Discipline
- Write a paper on counselling the dying
- Organize a Church magazine and encourage various members write articles and circulate amongst the Chapels
- Write devotional books in future
- Write a business plan for my new business
- Write better Sunday school lessons
- Write better reports for different ministry meetings
- Write better sermons
- Improve my academic assignments

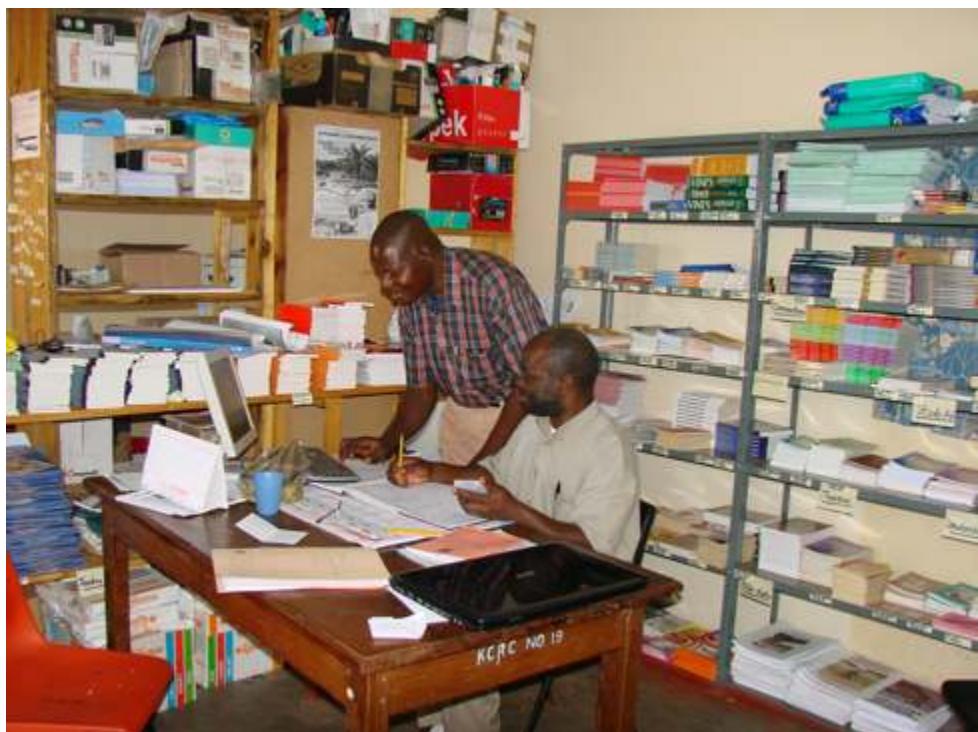
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LITERATURE TEAM

- Northern Province

**A new initiative
to provide
literature that
stimulates growth,
love for God
and service.**



1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Literature Team Northern Province was constituted in December, 2010. The vision of the founding members was to provide affordable Christian literature to every church, community and household in the Northern Province of Zambia with a view to foster spiritual growth and love for God among the people of this Province.

Prior to the inception of the Literature Team, Marco Vedder had laboured with other brothers from different assemblies of the Christian Brethren Churches, particularly in the Bemba-speaking provinces of Zambia to promote the reading of Christian literature, in both English and the local language. His untiring effort resulted in the production of the local magazine "Natuleya!".

Although the magazine faced various problems, from composition to production, distribution to promotion, it nevertheless provided invaluable insights into the challenges that were to be anticipated in the realisation of the Literature Team vision. In fact, in considering the history of the Literature Team it would be fair to give credit to the "Natuleya!" magazine as a pioneer of Literature Ministry in Northern Province.

2.0 INCEPTION CHALLENGES

Right from inception, the Literature Team was beset with many challenges, both real and perceived. Not only was it to be the first of its kind in the rural part of this country (meaning there were little experiences to

learn from and therefore systems had to be built from scratch), but more importantly, the Team had to endure a steep learning curve, exacerbated by the threat of a long catalogue of previously failed literature projects.

The following summarise the challenges the Team faced right from infancy:

VISION STATEMENT

To have in every community in Northern Province people who orient and equip individuals and churches by reading and selling understandable and relevant Christian literature on a regular base.

2.1 Human Resource

The question faced by the Literature Team Board (though usually unexpressed) was: who would volunteer to work in a project which was promising little or no remuneration? (Indeed the two officers who volunteered had to work for at least 3 months before they received a little reward. Whatever they get now is a percentage of the profit, not a regular income.)

Right at the beginning of our vision and planning meetings we were reminded that Christian literature work was a ministry, and Ministry was God's work, and God's work had far higher remunerations than we can ever fathom. As soon as this was understood, a

surge of enthusiasm seemed to possess everyone invited to the task.

2.2 Financial Support

Right from the start it was clear that such a ministry would require at least initial financial input from outside for sustainability. Books (even Christian books) are sold for profit. But a ministry that endeavours to distribute such books to such a wide community at affordable prices (in other words, at a very low mark up) must have other sources of finances to offset the overheads, pay logistics and remunerate workers. Moreover, an enormous investment has to be made to build up stocks to ensure continuity in distribution. Suppliers had to be paid cash or assured of payment.

The Team also started thinking about complementary avenues to raise income, for example the production of stationery.

2.3 Obligatory and Legal Challenges

Was the Literature Team to be registered as a business enterprise or as a non-profit organisation? As a business, it would be free to adopt the efficient business systems of procurement, sales, pricing and marketing. The books would then be too dear for the common folk as the organisation would be liable for all obligatory taxes. The mission and vision would have to be altered and the organisation would lose all characteristics of Ministry.

As a non-profit organisation, the Team would have to come up with other sources of income and lobby for financial support. This option was more appealing as it would ensure that the vision was realised. Hence systems had to be developed to meet, rather than avoid, the posed challenges.

In the end, this work will probably be a mixture of both: non-profitable by nature, but implemented along business principles in order to be as self-supporting as possible.

2.4 Geographical/ Logistical Challenges

Northern Province is the country's largest province. This means communities of people are separated by vast distances. In fact the average distance between towns is 200km! This coupled with a poor road network means it is harder to travel from one community to another.

Superimposed on this is the fact that the nearest literature supplier to Kasama is some 900 km away. This makes literature procurement and distribution a very daunting task indeed.

2.5 Cultural and Socio-economic Challenges

It is a well known fact that most people are not reading books, for various reasons. On one hand books are not readily available (and when they are, are not cheap). On the other hand alternatives to books (electronic media, DVD's, internet, etc) are ever getting cheaper and more and more used in urban areas.

For Northern Province however, the main reason might as well be poverty. Most people are either subsistence farmers or hand to mouth traders. Unemployment is as high as 80%.

Moreover, poverty is a nationwide problem and has not spared any sector of the economy. There are few local book publishers. Most have turned into retailers stocking books published abroad. This has resulted in fewer books published (particularly in vernacular) and an increased cost per book.

3.0 SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

The Literature Team is currently supervised by a Board of Directors consisting of members holding leadership positions in the Brethren Churches within the district. The board meets quarterly (although they can meet more regularly on an ad hoc basis).

3.1 Location

The Team is physically located at the Kasama Christian Resource Centre complex (KCRC), where it is renting two rooms. The complex also houses the Kasama Christian Business Centre, Kasama Christian Care Centre (KCCC) and Missions Fellowship Team (MFT).

The rooms are used together with the "Natuleya!"-Team as a literature depot, sales room and for literature production (including this magazine).

3.2 Staffing

Currently there are two part-time employees. One works all week days in the morning, the other for only three days. One staff has a wide experience in managing a Christian Bookshop. The other has some experience in information management from a public institution. Both are entrepreneurs with small-scale stationery businesses.

3.3 Support Partners

The Literature Team has been enjoying material, technical and financial support from CMMI Mission Kasama since inception. The Team also inherited a substantial stock of literature, a copyprinter and various other pieces of equipment which the Mission formerly used to run its literature work.

3.4 Supply Partners

The Literature Team has partnered with major suppliers of Christian literature in the country like the Bible Society of Zambia (BSZ), Opal Trust, Scripture Gift Missions (SGM) and the Copperbelt Christian Publications (CCP). These organisations have been supportive by offering attractive discount regimes to the Team.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to develop and run, in partnership with other like minded people and groups, a long term sustainable system for sourcing, stocking, writing, producing, promoting and selling Christian literature, thus cultivating literacy and reading culture throughout Northern Province in order to stimulate growth, love for God and service.

3.5 Sales Partners

The Team currently uses a system of mobile agents to sell literature products. The agents are given the products at wholesale price (about 15-20% mark-up), which they in turn sell at roughly the same mark-up and keep the difference.

There are 8 such agents working, though only about 4 are very active.

The Team is also looking at the possibility of partnering with store owners to move the products. Two such retail partners are being used.

4.0 WAY FORWARD

The Team intends to roll out its activities to the other districts of the province. Currently all the activities have been concentrated on Kasama. A lot of lessons have been learned and the Team feels confident to take on the other districts.

The Team also hopes to maximise income flows from the use of the Risograph. A pro-

gramme is already in place to market this service. In planning the way forward the Team is however alive to its own strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

4.1 Strengths

The enthusiasm of the Team workers, agents, board members, and all partners is probably the greatest driving force for the Team's success. Systems to ensure accountability of all resources and reliability of performance have also contributed to the achievements so far.

4.2 Weaknesses

Office workers and the Board members alike still lack certain skills vital for the operation of a literature ministry. Lack of incentives and motivation is another inherent weakness.

4.3 Opportunities

The fact that the Northern Province is largely rural with poor infrastructure, it has been mostly shunned by many other ministry workers and has remained impenetrable to regular literature supply. This means the potential is huge as many people and church workers have had no reliable and dedicated source of Christian literature and accessories. In fact it is not uncommon to find an entire assembly using one tattered bible!

Moreover, a growing population, improving infrastructure and the growing number of churches have all created a need for Christian literature which needs to be satisfied.

4.4 Threats

The Literature Team is still not registered, although plans are underway to do so. This inevitably has a negative impression on our partners.

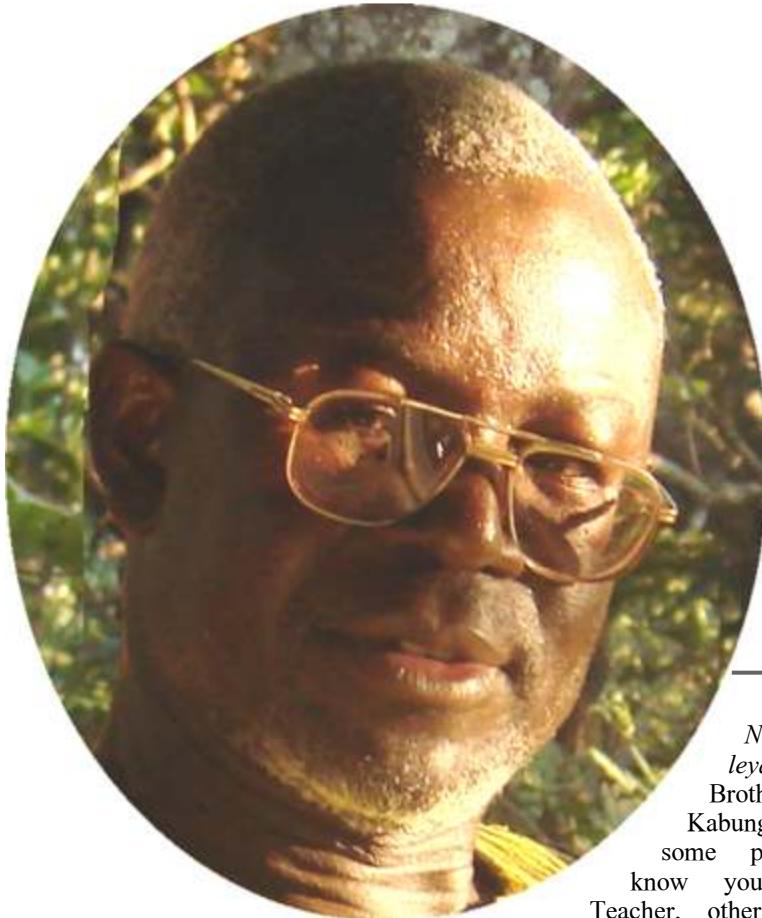
Related to this development is the departure of Marco Vedder from Zambia. He was the Team's main link to the CMMI Missions, which is the main supporting partner.

Other threats include the logistical challenges in distributing products due to the vastness of the Province. Also the availability of certain products from the suppliers is not assured as they are often out of stock. Lack of finances to build up stock levels and poor remunerations for office workers are other factors that threaten the survival of the Team.

5.0 CONCLUSION

All in all, the future of the Team looks bright provided all stakeholders play their part. If support partners fulfil their pledges and the Team builds upon its achievements, addresses its weaknesses and takes advantage of its strengths and existing opportunities, the Literature Team Northern Province may be positioned to become the first sustainable literature ministry project run by Zambians in rural Zambia.

SP, Kasama



*The new Associate Editor
of "Natuleya!"
Brother Peter Kabungo / Lusaka
Below: his wife Patience
with two of their children*



Natuleya!:
Brother
Kabungo,
some people
know you as
Teacher, others as
Elder, others as Pro-
gramme Manager, Executive Direc-
tor, as Church Planter or as Shop
Keeper. Tell us - who is Peter Ka-
bungo?

I am simply a Christian who loves the Lord Jesus Christ to do His will. I became a missionary to various groups of people and I became known to them according to the work I served them with. God called me in these fields for different reasons and at specified times.

As a teacher God took me to Nchelenge Secondary School to teach Christian Education even though I was trained as a Commercial teacher. The Head saw in me the love of God and I

was in charge of Christian education, SU and the work among Christian Brethren Churches. Many pupils came to know Christ during the first ten years of my ministry there and also at other Schools. Many of them are still standing today and hold very important positions in the Church and the Government. As a Bible Teacher, God used me at that time to support and build the Christian Communities. As a Patron I had a passion for Church Leadership Development in Africa. This is what took me to TCCA for in-depth Bible training so that I became better suited to train others. Since then I have been involved in Leadership seminars and Bible School training within the Brethren churches and other assemblies.

I became teacher when I was just an ordinary member of the church, training and teaching elders in Kalobwa assemblies. It was during that time that I was appointed as an Elder. As a church planter, we have planted assemblies together with other local believers where they were available. We have also planted assemblies where there were no evangelical Churches. This was done in Kalobwa,

Mbala, Mpulungu, along the Mbala-Nakonde road, Southern, Western and Lusaka provinces.

As a Program Manager, I became a missionary to the poor people in rural areas under World Vision by providing spiritual, physical and economic development. It was during my work with World Vision that many leadership trainings were conducted in various churches. We also undertook massive crusades. As Executive Director for Zambia Community Schools I provided resources for community Schools supporting the education for vulnerable and orphan pupils. As a Shop-keeper I have been running Christian Bookshops since 1989 in our house with my wife dating way back in Nchelenge up to date 2011. These books were supplied by Brother Mark Davies as our first contact missionary from UK. He was very young at that time.

In my work for the Lord I have been supported by my lovely wife Patience and my four children, namely: Priscilla at Lusaka Technical School, Joy at Evelyn, Peter jnr in Grade 10 and our last daughter Gracious writing grade 7. We are a family united for God's work and we love the Lord. We would appreciate your prayers as we serve the Lord in the final phase of our life.

Natuleya!: You have been following the Lord Jesus for many years now. How did it start?

It began with a little book which I bought from Scripture Union in Kitwe. This little book was called "*This Faith Works*". At that time I was a student at Mpatamatu Secondary School, in Luanshya. As members of the Jehovah's witnesses we were not allowed to associate ourselves with any religious group. But somehow I found myself in Scripture Union. One of the leaders of Scripture Union took time to tell me about the love of Christ but my repentance was not immediate. For five years (1972-1977) I was not able to give up my beliefs from the Jehovah's Witnesses. But the testimony of that young Christian in that book led me to go and ask this leader of the SU to explain salvation to me. So on Wednesday 1st May 1977 at 18:00 hours I bowed down to Christ and received Him in my Heart as my Lord and Saviour. This was done at the home of the Patron for Scripture Union, a missionary teacher from Denmark, Mr. Petersen. The joy and peace that filled my soul that day was beyond what I can explain. From that day onwards I have not looked back. I have been a soldier for Jesus in thin and thick



times. Jesus is real to my Life. It is beyond description of what he has done for me and now with my family.

Natuleya!: You have lived in eleven towns in several provinces over the last 54 years. What made you to be so mobile?

I was born and grew up in Luanshya where I lived up to the time when I completed my form 5 and left for Kabwe to train as a teacher. When I graduated in 1981 I was posted on my first appointment to Nchelenge Secondary School as a Commercial and Christian education teacher. I left teaching to join World Vision Zambia as an Evangelism Coordinator soon after graduating from Theological College of Central Africa with a BA Degree. I moved to Mansa on my appointment and worked there only for eight months. My position was changed to Projects coordinator and moved to Mbala / Northern Province to manage ten projects there. In my work I focused on Church Leadership Training and Community Development. Five Years later I was promoted to Program Manager and moved to Gwembe where I stayed for only eight months and moved to Monze in Southern Province under the same position but was changed to ADP Manager. This meant that I was to manage a bigger Area of Development Program hence my position in Monze. In 2002 we were transferred to Mongu to document and start another Area Development Program in Western Province.. By 2003 the Program was funded by Canada and again was transferred to Kalabo. We made a decision to resign and go and start the work in Lusaka to plant a mission oriented church to support the rural ministry. As we were praying about this God opened another door for me to work as an Executive Director at Zambia Community Schools Secretariat in Lusaka. So we felt that it was God answering our prayer. I left World Vision in March 2004 and joined ZCSS. We moved to Lusaka in 2004.

The nature of the work I was doing made me to get to all these towns and one city where I am currently. I sensed that the Lord gave me these jobs as tent making process to plant assemblies in all these towns I worked. In some cases I found churches collapsing, the Lord used us to strengthen that which remained, especially in Mbala and Mongu. To this we give God the Glory.

Natuleya!: In most places you were running a Christian Bookshop, currently you have one in Chilenge, Lusaka. Why is literature so important for you?

Literature is important to me, first of all, because it is important to God the author of literature. God used Literature to teach Israel A BC of the Ten Commandments in Israel's infancy. Moses wrote down thou shall not.... For me that is literature. In Revelation 1:3 we read.. "Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near...". The bible is literature. You can only ready where there is literature.

I came to know the Lord through reading that small book I referred to in question 1. Early when I was six years my grandfather used to read from the Gospel of Mathew under the Mango tree back in the village. I remember one day he was reading from the Gospel of Matthew in chapter 26 and 27 on the crucifixion of Jesus. I shed the tears as I asked my Pa whether it was a true story about the death of Christ. He said yes. That story has remained with me up to now. I got interested and got to know about the Work of World Vision through a pamphlet. Successful people read much and find their knowledge through reading literature. From these examples you can see how God has guided me and used literature to shape my Christian life. To me the importance of literature cannot be re-emphasized. It is one of

the cardinal principles for Christians to read other books. Of course this does not mean that we have to replace the Bible.

Natuleya!: You have accepted to work with this magazine in the capacity of "Associate Editor". What made you accept the request of the Natuleya Team?

I accepted the invitation to work as an Associate Editor after much prayers. In the 1980's we started a Magazine with Brother John Bwalya called **Growth Magazine**, which served the body of Christ in Kalobwa Assemblies for about five years. We did not continue with the magazine because the Brothers who took over, when Brother John Bwalya went to Mporokoso as a Missionary and I went to Mbala under World Vision, did not cope up with the demands of what was involved in writing a magazine, though it was not advanced like this magazine. The Magazine did not continue. At that time we were not exposed to emails and the use of IT. So the invitation to work with the Natuleya Team was an assurance from God to continue where we ended with the Growth Magazine. Secondly, I also I saw it as an opportunity for me to continue the teaching ministry which was the original idea of the founders to teach and instruct churches with the Word of God which is also my passion.

Finally but not the least, I wanted to contribute to the long time vision which is to inspire the Brethren assemblies to be reading literature and to use it as a tool to bless others through the magazine just like God used it to bring me to himself.

In a nutshell, I saw it as a ministry to spread the Word of God through this magazine and an opportunity to raise up young people to carry on the work on which the future depends, stand by them, encourage them and move with them.

The new Natuleya Team



from left to right:

Gabriel Kabela, Resters Chileshe, Frank Kalombe, John Bwalya, Isaiah Chalwe, Wathabu Simfukwe, Levy Chibu, Peter Kabungo, Marco Vedder
Missing on the picture: Royd Chishimba, Charles Chitondo, Susha Mwanza

Natuleya!: What is your vision for the Natuleya Magazine and literature in general for the Zambian Churches?

ANSWER:

Great men have been known by reading the bible and many complementary books. Talk of our forefathers, who were founders of the Christian movement, they were known by reading literature. Darby is a good example who read widely many theological books. Coffee and tea is generally accepted in Zambia as a nice beverage and is found in every home and is used by every member of the family.

Therefor I want to see literature appreciated and read by every Christian in their homes. To get tea and coffee into their homes costs money but because they know the value of that beverage, they do not mind how much it will cost but they are ready to pay for its value.

Therefore, I want to see that the magazine is found in every home. I want to see that it is read by the whole family and sought for when it is not readily available. This they will do when they realize the value that is found in reading books. How will this be achieved? This is

another idea but we have to get our Leaders involved in the process. Introduce literature classes in churches and spark the fire of reading in our assemblies.

In a nutshell, the magazine must be in possession of every Christian and must be found in every home and read. Secondly, the magazine or any other literature must also be read to people who cannot read by those who can read. This is my prayer and vision. And I hope that it will be done by the help of God, and in partnership between many of us in this country.



Camp No 3 ...

This year's camp meeting was attended by 30 young people from four CMML churches in Mbala, Mpulungu, Senga Hill and Makola. Five teachers and two chefs from the same area gave their time and skills to work with them, this year under the overall topic of "The book of Nehemiah".

Difficult beginning

The camp started on a rather slow and sad note when our fellow youths traveling from Kasama had a problem with the vehicle they were traveling in and had to go back. Much worse, a team of facilitators coming from the Copperbelt were involved in a terrible road accident in which one person died

and three were badly injured. Despite this disastrous event, it was decided that the camp should go on.

On Wednesday we were divided into five groups. The groups, being John, Psalms, Joshua, Jerusalem and Nehemia, each had six members. This really helped especially when it came to doing chores and in mobilizing the whole group.

Early in the morning we were having "Rise and Shine" (sports) followed by the Morning Devotion. This year it was encouraged that the youths should be involved in sharing the Word of God.

Accommodation

Accommodation was very fair. The boys' quarters had concrete built beds where we were sleeping. There were no mattresses but it was fine because we felt like that was the essence of coming to the camp. The girls were a bit lucky as most of them had mattresses which resulted in them having problems waking up in the mornings.

Meals

We really thank the people at the kitchen (Aunty Rose, Mrs Lukwesa, Mrs Mwewa) for the job well done. The meals were nicely cooked and in time which helped in the smooth running of the programs. We enjoyed the variety of dishes which were prepared.

Leisure time and sports

We had more than enough time to have fun, it was nice to mix with our teachers during this time. We enjoyed swimming and boat canoeing. The games were filled with so much fun though we didn't have enough time to do sports. It was really nice to see all the youths taking part in this exercise.

Camp discipline

Camp discipline was fair. The only complaint was that most of the youths did not want to take part in cleaning. The other issue was that youths didn't observe time which resulted in some missing meals and some coming late for programs. There was no form of misunderstanding amongst the youths or teachers.

Teachings and workshops

A lot was learnt from the various teachings and workshops we had. We were taught from the book of Nehemiah about faith in God, rebuilding of one's life, family and church, God's Word in a Christian's life, me and the Word of God etc. This book was an encouragement to many of us youths who felt that this word was meant for us. We were really blessed by the word of God. On the other hand, the workshops taught us so much. All the topics we discussed affected us in one way or the other. We discussed the issues of marriage and courtship, HIV/AIDS, male

circumcision and the importance of youths in a church.

Presentations

Presentations were mainly held in the evenings. Each group was given a task in relation to what was taught in the mornings during lesson time. The groups would make poems, songs, sketches etc. we also had to compete against each other during a quiz. The night before departure, we had a talent show where each one of us had to demonstrate our various talents.



Praise and worship

This was conducted in the evenings. This was time to draw ourselves nearer to God, to talk to him and present our burdens. We prayed for our churches, families, ourselves and the nation at large. It's during this time that we saw many lives being touched.



The baptism service

We had a baptism service on Saturday afternoon which was conducted by Pastor Kasongo with the help of the elders present. We saw three of our brothers and one sister being baptized in the lake after going through some teachings. This was a great experience and meant a lot to the youths who were baptized.



Conclusion

The camp was a success which saw many lives of the youths being transformed. If you were not transformed then you were encouraged in some way or you were taught something new. It would have been even better if all those who were supposed to come would have made it to the camp. The only thing we really lacked was enough lighting in the evenings. Otherwise we really enjoyed our stay at the camp, the environment was conducive and the climate was favorable. The availability of water made life easier.

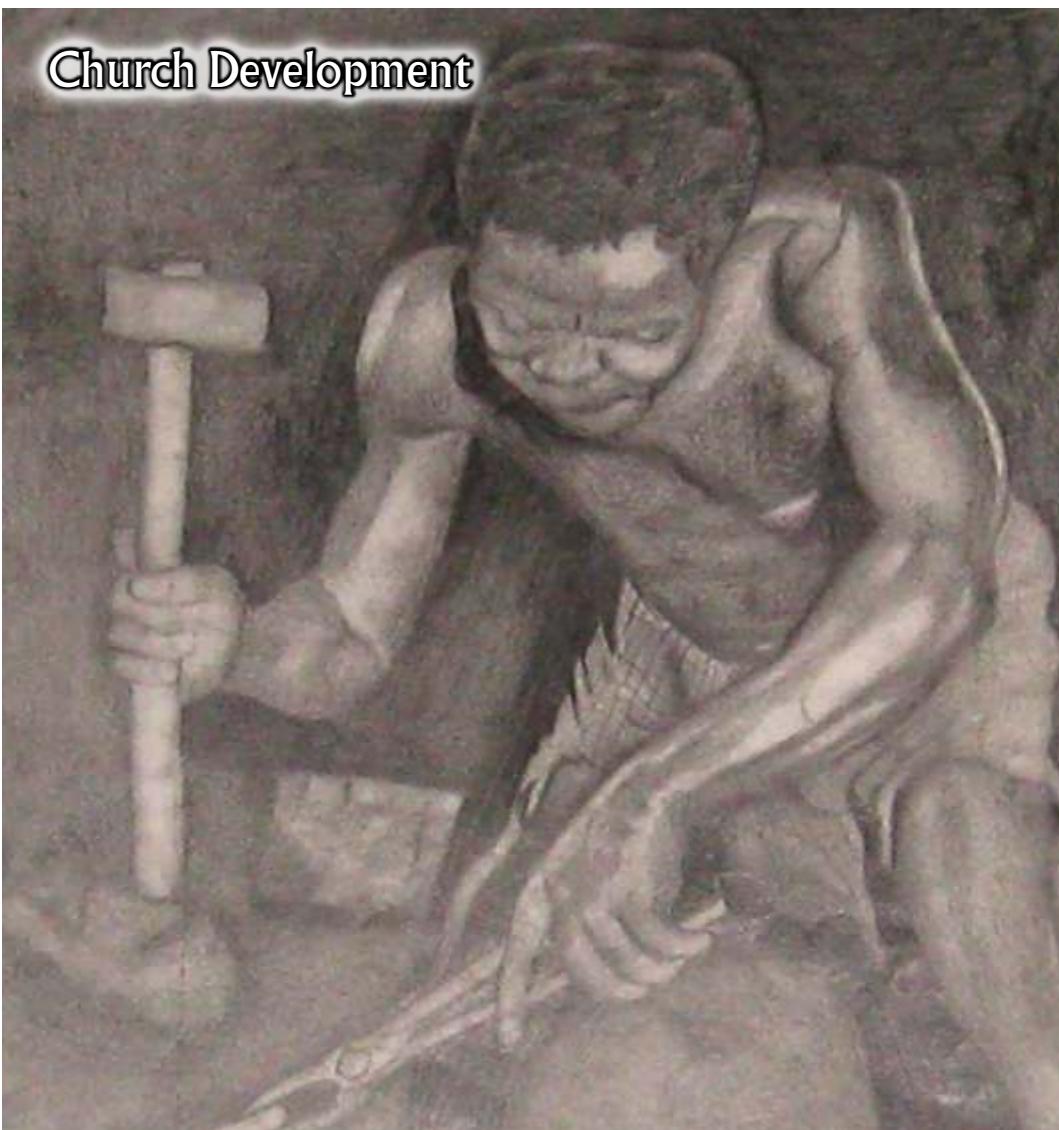


CS, Mbala

One of the church leaders of these young people recently commented:

"We are so happy about these annual Youth Camps. Some of our young people really have seen changes in their lives. Before this work started, you would rarely see them during normal Church activities. Nowadays, many of them participate actively and help with various tasks. It does pay to work with the youth - for themselves and for others!"

Church Development



In this lesson you will learn how the Church and its members should live in the community. You shall also learn how somebody who does not follow Christ can respect Christians.

You will learn what Christians must do in order to win the community for God and his Church.

HOW CHRISTIANS INFLUENCE THEIR COMMUNITY

Part 3

G-Banda
25/03/07

Nobody can see God. Therefore God decided to reveal himself to this world through His Son. From the time he went back to heaven, God has been using the growing crowd of his disciples to show people around them who He is and what He thinks. They are God's hands, God's feet and God's mouth in their communities. Therefore it depends largely on the reputation of God's children, the Church, whether God is respected in their towns and villages, or not. If not, then the Scriptures say, "*the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you*" (Romans 2:24). Usually Christians are to be blamed when other people have a negative opinion about God.

That is the reason why God has to start working on the Church first. As we see in Acts 5:11-16, "*great fear came upon all the church and (then) upon all who heard these things.*" Sin, as we read in verses 1-10, had to be punished to bring back a sound fear of God in the Christians them-

selves. They started to serve the community around them, and they had unity amongst themselves. The result was that "*the people esteemed them highly*" (v.13). It is true: we as Christians have to get our minds changed (Romans 12:1-2). And then also the community must and will change its mind about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church and the believers - even about our work.

The Bible about our testimony in the community

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus speaks about us being "*the salt of the earth*", then "*the light of the world*". We must not hide our lamp under the bed. But rather we should let it shine so that all may see our good works and praise God our heavenly father. We are to help change the attitude of the people, their mind, their thinking, perspectives, and view of things when they see us doing right. Fear, honour, respect

and reverence for God will fill their hearts and they will be softened for the gospel for their salvation.

1John 5:9-10: Every person who has Christ in his or her heart knows God's testimony about His Son and can pass it on to others. If this is the case with you, then something somehow must be special about you! How can you be the same like everybody else, although you know such a great reality?

Job1:8-2:3 Despite a lot of pressure and disasters, Job maintained his integrity and testimony in such a way that even God could boast about him before the devil. Difficult circumstances are no excuse not to remain faithful to God.

John 12:9-12 Lazarus was a living testimony who made many people trust in Jesus. Real changes in our lives point our neighbours to God.

People of Integrity

Sometimes we are tempted to display outwardly a friendly face, while in our heart there is jealousy, lack of love and selfishness. There are three people we can not cheat: God, Satan and ourselves. They know anyway. But let us be reminded: It will not take long before also others in Church and Community will find out about our real motivation and character. If we want to influence other people in a godly way, then our own life must be godly.

Prayer

If Christians commit themselves to prayer, they shall influence the community in which those prayers are given. Often we as leaders have not encouraged our people to pray seriously, or to fast. We only pray when we are given to preach. Read what the Scriptures say in Ephesians 6:18 and 1Thesalonians 5:16-18. Study the prayer pattern of Jesus, Paul, Daniel and David. You will be amazed how low our standards are compared to their prayer lives. Even the reformers and our founding fathers, like George Muller - the way they maintained their testimonies and how they prayed is far beyond our standards. Brethren, if we are to see greater things for God, let us begin to pray scripturally (Matthew 6:5-8)!

The Word of God

Hebrews 4:12 - We have watered down the word of God for our own philosophies and ideas. The Bible exalts us to speak it, confess it, have it and declare it, Deuteronomy 32:47. They are not just idle words for us - they are our life (Deuteronomy 31:11-13)!

Progress in life

Genesis 26:25-33 Look at the story of Isaac. As Christians we also must be seen to progress in all areas of life. The more we progress the greater influence we have. In Africa basic needs are a very big challenge to most Christians in rural areas, e.g.:

I. **Education:** We are not a good model in the community if our children, from Christian homes, drop out of school at an early stage.

II. **Career:** Some of us as employees have bad working habits, for example when we cause unnecessary delays. On the other hand, some Christian employers make their workers knock off late and do not treat them fairly. Both does not give a good testimony in the community.

III. **Occupation:** Some Christians do have a paid job but accomplish their work half-heartedly.

IV. **Productivity:** Laziness brings some Christians to fail to extend their farm or their business to full productivity. Success is dependent on our faithfulness!

V. **Skills:** Another problem we often observe is a failure in production because somebody is unable or not interested to further develop and market his or her skills.

VI. **Investment:** Many Christians do not have a plan of investment at all. Consequently they do not make progress.

VIII. **Influence:** And so many brothers and sisters are taken in their communities just like any other common man or woman. They do not make a difference at all!

Unity

Read Psalms 133:1-6. We need to be united in order to complement one another. We can not work as a body if we do not meet together. We can not be united if we do not come together to know each other and our potentials and abilities, gifts and ministries. In fact the world "will know that we are his disciples if we love one another" and live in unity (John 13:35).

Conclusion

In this lesson we have looked at influence. How much influence do our evangelical churches have in the areas where we operate, in the nations where we exist and in the communities where we live? Remember, Jesus said we are the salt and the light of the world. Indeed we are if the Word of God and prayer become part of our lifestyle. With this commitment the community will see in us unity among ourselves and integrity before them. What a challenge for any Christian today who is following Jesus Christ closely to be the light of this world.

IC, Kasama

Which books would you like to read?

The new "Brethren Literature Team" that tries to encourage and coordinate publishing activities within the Christian Brethren churches in Zambia would like to hear your opinion:

What would the readers in the various churches and communities in our provinces like to read about? What are the challenges and problems that they should get more information about? What would be helpful for our children and our young people? Which books maybe should get translated into Bemba? Or

maybe you know somebody who has written a book and does not know where to get it printed?

Let us work together and write them as many ideas as we have! Many people in our communities do not read. YOU DO! So your opinion is important!

Please share your ideas with

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YOUTH CORNER



As a member of my church, does it mean that I should get married to a member of the same church or can I marry one from a different congregation or a non-Christian?

To answer this question, let us begin by looking into the Word of God and see what God who initiated marriage (a home) has said. After all it is He who said "*It is not good for a man to be alone*", Genesis 2:18-24.

God instructed the Israelites on who to marry.

In Exodus 34:12-16 God warns them "*not to make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land*" where they were going. He wanted them to marry within the people of God. This was because He did not want His people to worship idols and any other gods apart from Him. He did not want His people to copy evil practices and behaviour from other nations. God did not want His people to dishonour Him in their way of life.

God was very serious with this commandment. He repeated it several times, e.g. again in Deuteronomy 7:3 "*Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.*"

How we marry should go hand in hand with what God has said in His Word. Unfortunately the Israelites did not always follow God's commandment. Later in their history, in Ezra 9:1-3,12, we read that quite a number of people had to be punished when it was discovered that even the priests together with others from God's people were not following what God had set for them. Even the leader after Ezra, Nehemia, had to fight the same bad development. In Nehemia 10:30 the people had just renewed their covenant with

God, promising "*We would not give our daughters as wives to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons.*" And in chapter 13 already it had happened again. Nehemia had to remind them in verse 26: "*Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved of his God; and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless pagan women caused even him to sin. Should we then hear of your doing all this great evil, transgressing against our God by marrying pagan women?*"

What about us then?

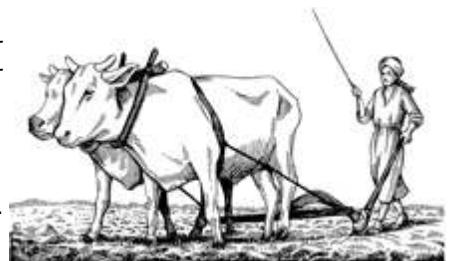
Now, some people today might think that this commandment was only given for the people of Israel. So let us look at the teaching of the apostle Paul which he writes not to Jews but to a Christian church like ours today. Read the whole text printed in the box on the left side.

Paul starts by encouraging his readers to be open-minded.

Do not be limited and influenced by your affections, your emotions, he says. This is important, when we ask this question about whom to marry. Many people just follow their feelings and they do not care what God thinks about it.

Paul then explains that somebody who lives in the light as a follower of Christ should not be bound (or yoked) together with an unbeliever who lives in the darkness. There is no fellowship, communion, accord, agreement, but these two parties should be kept separate. Paul does not only speak about marriage here, but this being the closest form of a human covenant, marriage is certainly included.

Here we see how light and darkness cannot mix together. If two animals of different attitude were bound together



they would pull in two different directions, and that would hurt them and the work would not be done. Such partners will not work together well in life. It is as if the kingdom of God and Satan's want to become one, the family of the devil and the family of God together. This one is doing things according to where he comes from and the other one where she comes from. In their home, there will be a great deal of conflict and no happiness.

According to what God has said in His word, let us marry somebody who also follows Christ. Only then we know their stance in Christ, their spiritual growth, their way of living their background and their beliefs. What is needed is to marry somebody who is a Christian and a worshipper. We can not marry a person who is not a Christian, no.

What if he/she does not congregate with us?

We need to know where he/she congregates and if in that church they believe in salvation by faith alone, the doctrine of the trinity and generally the fundamental teachings of the Bible. This is usually the case in what is called "evangelical churches". From these churches people can be like one family in Christ even if we do not fellowship together at the same congregation. Not so with those who follow beliefs and basic values which are seriously different from ours. Those should look for partners in churches similar to theirs. Since we do not know their stance in Christ we must not allow our children to marry them according to the Bible. On this issue we should be careful and understand what God is saying.

As the body of Christ we must help as soon as possible all those who plan to enter into marriage so that they can make the right choices before they face problems in their lives

Summary

This is the explanation we can give on this matter. Those who follow Christ are not allowed to enter into a partnership with a non-Christian. They ought to marry other Christians so that when they have a problem, as one family it will be easy for us to help them because we have common beliefs and we value and understand the word of God the same way.

JB, Kasama

GLO - IMPACT III

Reunion of Past Students

The GLO Zambia's past students' reunion was held in April, 2011 from Monday 11th to Friday 15th April. The gathering on the college premises was very well attended as past students from all parts of Zambia and outside were in attendance. It was overwhelming to meet with some people we only read about in newsletters and updates. The number was about 300 past students.

The first morning devotion was taken by the second GLO principal, Murray Grindlay who spoke on God's Building with reference from 1 Cor 3:9. The following days the devotions were taken by Simon Banda (lecturer) and Kaluba Kapapula (past student- currently Kaniki Bible College principal) who spoke on Conviction from Philemon: 1-7 and Keys for effective ministry from 1 Samuel 9:1-27 respectively.

On the teachers we had Pastor I Chalwe speaking the first day on God's pattern of work. He was followed by F Muchimba (current GLO principal) talking about leadership development on the second day. We had D Lukama taking the third day on Youth ministry. Finally F Muchimba continued the last session on leadership development.

The afternoons and evenings were characterized by workshops on various topics and testimonies from GLO past students. Some of the infill programs were advertisements from different ministries which were fixed in between sessions. The gathering was a success and may I take this opportunity to thank all people who were involved in putting logistics in place.

KKM / Lusaka



Some people think writing is an art that only very few people can learn.
Others say everybody can write. The truth is somewhere in between.



Lessons for Writers

The Churches in Zambia need brothers and sisters who are able to express themselves in writing. The Natuleya Magazine decided to offer some lessons that can help anybody anywhere in our communities to develop some writing skills. If you are interested to learn, please write us! We will send you the first lesson with some assignments which you can work on and return in your own time.

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HIV / AIDS

MY QUESTIONS

"You say that the virus cannot cross the skin unless there is a wound. But if that is true, how does it pass from a woman to a man, or the other way around?"

This is another area where, if I am honest, I have to say we don't really know. The skin on the penis of a man, and inside a woman, is certainly sensitive, thin and delicate. It seems likely many totally painless, harmless, minute cracks appear in the skin of both partners when they make love. These are how the virus enters. As we have seen, any other sex diseases will make the skin much more likely to bleed.

"Can God heal someone with AIDS?"

Yes! God is God and does what he wills. He is giver of life and the Great Healer. He is just as likely to heal someone of AIDS as he is of cancer or anything else. No one understands why God chooses to heal one and not another. He heals far fewer than we who pray would wish. I have heard many reports of people being healed with HIV or AIDS, usually in the poorest nations where it seems the experience of the supernatural is often most developed, but no one I know personally has been healed. However a countless number of people with HIV illness have reported improved general health and well-being following prayer even though they have continued to test HIV positive. It is easy to pray for healing out of fear rather than with faith. We sometimes pray for healing because we feel mistakenly that it is a bad thing for someone to die. But the bible teaches us that for the believer death is not the end. There is no disaster in death for a follower of Jesus but only hope for eternal life. The apostle Paul said that for him to live was Christ but to die was his gain. So when we pray for healing we also pray that God's will be done. Paul's thorn in his side was not healed. Timothy went on having problems with his digestion. And Jesus himself was allowed by his father to be crucified for our sake just as God allows people to be martyred for the sake of the Gospel today.

"If the virus comes out in urine, will our rivers and water supply become contaminated?"

The danger is from germs which live in sewage and cause diarrhea, not from HIV.

"I have heard that mosquitoes have spread AIDS in Africa. Is this true and could I get AIDS from being bitten in this country?"

Millions of people all over the world are worried about this question, and whenever I am in Africa it is one of the commonest things I am asked about. We are sure that the answer is "no" in Africa and "no" anywhere else. If AIDS was being spread by this route, then all the areas of Africa worst affected by malaria would be worst affected by AIDS too, because malaria is carried by the mosquito. We would also see that all the different age groups were developing AIDS. All ages, after all, get bitten by mosquitoes. In fact, only young children from their mothers and sexually-active young people, in the main, have been affected by AIDS, so we

are sure that mosquitoes are not the cause. There may be a small connection between AIDS and malaria, but that is because if you are ill from one thing already, then when AIDS strikes, you are hit twice as hard. The only insect that we think could possibly transmit HIV is the bed bug, because when they grow big and fat they eat and carry a lot of blood, and some of this can be injected into the next victim. However, the amount of blood is still so small that someone has calculated that you would have to be bitten an average of 15,000 times to be infected!

"Can I get HIV from a Barber's blade when shaving me?"

The blade of a barber can transmit HIV if it contains blood which is drawn from one person with AIDS. If then the same blade is used on another person who is not infected and cuts him/her then that person can be infected. You have to disinfect it to be safe. You cannot disinfect the blade just by washing. You have to use bleach or other strong disinfectants or heat to a very high temperature.

"How accurate is the HIV test?"

There are many different methods of testing, almost all of which are indirect, looking for antibodies which form as a reaction to the virus. It can take up to 6 months for the antibodies to develop after someone has been infected so someone who takes a risk in January can go on testing negative until July in some cases even though they are infectious. In most cases the most advanced testing systems detect infection around 6 weeks after infection, sometimes earlier. Occasionally the test result can be wrong, and this happens more often with instant testing kits. The testing processes can be complex, and results are sometimes difficult to interpret, and can sometimes be confused by other illnesses. These are reasons why doctors in many countries like to do two tests, just to make sure, a few weeks apart, using two different methods. There are direct tests for the virus of various kinds but these are very expensive and difficult to do.

"My baby has tested positive for HIV – is he infected?"

Firstly any test can be incorrect in a small number of cases which is why doctors usually like to repeat it just to make sure. Secondly when a baby is born the test does not work correctly. The test we use is for anti-bodies – which are the body reaction to HIV. But a newborn baby is carrying antibodies from the mother so all babies of an infected mother will test positive for HIV, whether or not they are actually infected themselves. You have to wait for the mother's antibodies to be used up and for the baby to have time to make its own. Around a year after birth the baby can be tested again. In most cases it will test negative, and if the mother was treated with anti-HIV medication during pregnancy then the risk of a positive test a year after birth will be even less. In 90% of cases the baby is not infected before labour begins. Most infection from mother to child occurs during birth itself. The sicker the mother during pregnancy, the higher the virus levels and the more likely her baby will get infected. Without treatment, around one in four babies will be infected after birth, but this can be as low as 8 in 100 when drugs like AZT (Zidovudine) or HIV protease inhibitors are given to the mother from around 14 weeks of pregnan-

cy until birth and to the infant for 6 weeks afterwards. When drugs are used and the baby is delivered by Caesarean section, the infection rates can be as low as one baby in 50.

"I have heard some say HIV does not cause AIDS"

In a free world of 6 billion people you will always find a small number with very strange ideas on any issue and AIDS is no different. Despite overwhelming scientific research over twenty years, there are a very small number of doctors, scientists and journalists who say things like: "There's no proof HIV causes AIDS." This is a very stupid and dangerous comment. They get publicity because the media like people with extreme views – they make news. The trouble is that they don't understand medical science.

You see, nor is there any "proof" in the way they want, that smoking causes lung cancer, yet the evidence is strong enough to convict in a court of law. I say again. You cannot prove that smoking causes cancer. However almost everyone believes this to be a fact, as indeed do I, based on the research. For example we see tobacco causes cancer changes in cells in the laboratory. We see smokers are far more likely to get lung cancer than non-smokers. But I cannot prove that the reason a particular person is dying of lung cancer is because they smoked. And smoking itself does not kill: it is the effects of smoking on the tissues of the body that create diseases which then go on to kill.

The smoking argument also applies to HIV. We see the effects of HIV on cells in the laboratory, killing white cells. We know why people get illnesses like TB: it is because these soldier cells are damaged. People do not "die" of HIV any more than people "die" of smoking. They die because of what happens when HIV damages cells in the body. In fact the commonest cause of HIV-related death is TB but I cannot prove to you that the reason someone is dying of TB is because they also have HIV. Some people die of TB anyway and HIV

may not be the reason in a particular person even if they are infected. But we do know that people with HIV have a limited life-expectancy compared to those who are uninfected, and can predict the range of problems they will have. Wherever HIV goes, TB usually follows, in a form that is hard to treat and often causes rapid death.

Even a small child understands that a man is given a pint of infected blood and then a few years later becomes ill. He tests positive for HIV, as does his wife, and their young child. All become ill and die. Another man given an uninfected pint of blood is still well twenty years later. He, his wife and child all test negative and remain well, not developing the classic illness associated with AIDS. This is my challenge to people who say HIV does not cause AIDS: if you are sure, go and inject yourself with blood from someone with HIV. None of them do, because deep down they are worried. Yet they seem very happy to encourage everyone to ignore health messages, putting people's lives at risk, and as a result even more people may die.

I believe this is irresponsible. In Africa some of these open-air questions and answers sessions last several hours with hundreds of people. At the end what I say is this: At the moment people are terrified about all the ways they might get infected without having sex. I do not wish people to be any less terrified of getting AIDS. I just wish they were as terrified of the things they really ought to be terrified about, and not afraid at all of the things which are quite safe. I wish people would be afraid of sleeping around as they are at the moment of actually setting foot inside the home of someone with AIDS. Almost all the questions I am asked by people concern these same areas of non-sexual spread. I hope you have seen that the vast majority of these risks are very, very small and you do not need to alter what you are doing, whereas **now is the time, if you have not already done so, to make some radical changes in your sexual behavior and expectations and to be very careful about anything which pierces the skin.**

From: AIDS and You, Patrick Dixon

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Obituary on the life of Brother Obed Mwape / Luanshya

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DADDY'S TRIBUTE FROM THE CHILDREN

By Mirriam Bwalya Luswili Mwape

Best Father in the World

Today the 26th October, 2010 we celebrate the life of our beloved father Mr. Obed Mwape, born on 29th April, 1953, with honour, respect and longing feelings. Dad was a pillar of strength, a source of joy and our pointer to walking in the right direction.

Lover of God's Word and Work

Dad was very passionate about the Word of God and he taught us his children to always regard God as Supreme and to ensure that we give reverence and respect to Him at all times. Daddy was also passionate about ministerial work. It is because of this that today we remember Daddy as a lover of the Word of God and an evangelist.

Lover of Education

Dad always emphasized to us that without education, we can never have any recognition in this world and for this reason Dad made all the necessary sacrifices to ensure that we all got educated and so as we celebrate our fathers' life we take pride in remembering him as the great educator.

Lover of his Children

For Daddy every special occasion, be it birthdays, Christmas celebrations or success in Exams by any member were an opportunity to get all his children together and share ideas. This brought the family closer and closer to each other. And for this we will remember Daddy as an exciting father with a lot of love for his children.

Father of Laughter

In times of pain and suffering Daddy always said that we had to first pray and then ensure that we overcome the challenges with laughter and this always resulted in the experiences being easier and bearable. As such we will remember Daddy as the father of laughter.

Devoted Grandpa

The day would be incomplete if we did not mention the attribute of Daddy being a devoted grandfather. Daddy always regarded his grand children as the jewels of his life, Mwai and Melody Chama. On behalf of the two special babies we hereby celebrate Dad's life by recognizing how devoted he was as a granddad.

It was a very sad day, when several hundred brothers and sisters gathered on 26th October, 2010 at the CMML Chapel in Luanshya to support our Sister Rosemary C.Mwape, her eight children and the other family members during the funeral of their beloved husband, father, brother, uncle and grandfather **Brother Obed Mwape**. People from several provinces and different church backgrounds had come. Some knew him from his work in the mines, others from his extended labouring in the churches throughout the Copperbelt. All had in common that they respected him for what God had made him to be: a **leader who had bridged many gaps in his life time**.

Born in Chembe (Kolwe) as the first child in a family of 13, he grew up and went to school in Luanshya on the Copperbelt. After finishing his school education he trained in Metal Fabrication. Over more than twenty years he worked at ZCCM in various positions. Having reached an advanced age he still dared to further his studies with a Diploma Course in Methodology and started lecturing at Mufulira Trades for several years. Unfortunately, from our human point of view, it was then, in 2007, that the unpredictable and deadly disease "cancer" hit him. Carefully supported by his dear wife and children, he underwent a strong line of treatment which by God's grace helped him to recover to some extent. Regrettably the cancer came back two years later, and on 23rd October, 2010, after long months of growing weakness, our brother went to see the One whom he had trusted in pleasant and difficult days during his life on earth.

At a very young age Brother Obed Mwape had followed the example of his mother and had given his life to the Lord Jesus Christ. Ever since, the loyalty to his heavenly Master determined the choices and priorities in his life. This gave him a measure of love for God's people that astonished many of those surrounding him. It was this love that reconciled differences and gaps which others thought to be unsurmountable.

Various leaders remember our brother among many others for the following observations:

- Although he was holding responsible positions at his place of work, he devoted many hours per week to the work of God. He had been open for years to enter into fulltime ministry, and he thought that his time had come now - that's when God opened the door into eternity for him instead.
- Despite of his involvement both at ZCCM and at church, our brother with the help of his dear wife took great care in

developing their eight children. Their contribution during the funeral service (see box) testifies to the fact that he had been a real father.

- Brother Mwape had firm convictions. But that did not hinder him to enjoy and foster friendly relationships with brothers and sisters from the different wings of his church movement. He felt very bad whenever he heard about conflicts or a church split. Several times he helped to make peace, and each time this was a source of great joy for him.
- Our brother had one foot in the Vernacular speaking assemblies and one in the English speaking churches. We do not have enough and urgently need more men of God who have a burden for bridging this gap. On both sides he was respected as a man of integrity and wisdom.
- Another fence which he refused to erect in his thinking was the common distinction between missionaries and church leaders. He was ready to learn from both, and he spent much time helping both, regardless of skin colour.
- Having grown up in a predominantly oral culture Brother Obed Mwape contributed heavily to the spreading of written biblical material. Over many years he had helped to translate Bible courses and booklets published through various Christian publishers. Many years he was one of the external translators of the "Bemba Bible Translation Project". This way, although he himself is no longer with us, his gifts and devotion are still serving us.

I
know your
works. See, I
have set before you
an open door, and no
one can shut it; for
you have a little
strength, have kept
My word, and have
not denied My
name.
Rev 3:8

Maybe this ability and willingness to love and work with people on both sides of our usual little fences was what made both church leaders and missionaries alike point to our brother when the question came up who would be the right person from the Copperbelt to help develop a new Christian magazine. There was no name, no budget and no titles in sight, just a dream and a challenge. When this young missionary from Kasama phoned him in November 2008, our brother spontaneously invited him for a coke and listened to his ideas. Then he answered: "You know, I think this is God's providence. I have been very sick with cancer and have not yet regained all my strength. I have been praying with my wife that God may open a way how I can stop my lecturing work and serve Him more from home. I'll pray over it with my wife and let you know what we decide." Four days later, his younger brother from Northern Province had his answer: "Yes, I'm in!" Although he had only left "a little strength" - he used the "open door" which God had set before him for the remaining two years of his life. Tirelessly he travelled around the Copperbelt, meeting with elders, distributors and Sales Agents in order to see this new work of what was then given the name "Natuleya! - Let's go!" firmly established.

May his life continue to serve as a model and motivation for many of us to put God's Kingdom first. Although we are sad, we are also very grateful - we have been blessed richly through our Brother Obed Mwape!

MV, Editor

Psalm 23 - A psalm of David.

- 1 *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.*
- 2 *He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,*
- 3 *he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*
- 4 *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*
- 5 *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*
- 6 *Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Would you sell the Son of God?

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston , Texas . Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a coin too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, 'You'd better give the coin back. It would be wrong to keep it.' Then he thought, 'Oh, forget it, it's only a coin. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.'

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the coin to the driver and said, 'Here,you gave me too much change.'

The driver, with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new preacher in town?'

'Yes' he replied.

'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.'



When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, 'Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a coin!' -----

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christian.'

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TALKTIME with God!



Joshua how was the report of the spies assuring him of victory for their enemies?

3) Joshua 3:1-17:

In chapter 1, we saw the weakness of Joshua. But here we see that he loves the Lord and his law. What does this teach us as Christians today?

4) Joshua 4:1-24:

Verses 8 says that the people did as Joshua commanded them. What does this teach us about Christian obedience today? How did the Lord exalt Joshua as we see it in verses 14?

5) Joshua 5:1-15:

How was the circumcision at Gilgal important for the conquest of the promised land? Is there any resemblance between the physical circumcision and the spiritual circumcision? Please explain relating to the New Testament teaching.

6) Joshua 6:1-14:

Israel obeyed God and captured Jericho by God's word. They walked round and blew the trumpet as commanded. The walls of Jericho fell down. How important is our faith in God? Cf Hebrews 11:1-40

7) Joshua 6:15-27:

On the seventh day they marched seven times and blew the trumpet. Everything was put to destruction. What is the seventh day a picture of? cf. Hebrew 4:1-16

8) Joshua 7:1-15:

What sin did Achan commit which resulted in the defeat of Israel? How can we prevent sin in our lives?

9) Joshua 7:16-26:

The story of Achan teaches us that sin is terrible in the eyes of God and that

1) Joshua 1:1-18:

How often do the words: "Strong and Courageous" appear in this passage? What does this tell us about Joshua as a Leader? Where does true success come from?

2) Joshua 2:1-24:

How did the prostitute save her life and her relatives? Talking about

He punishes sin. What should be the attitude of a Christian when he sins? Cf 1John 1:8-9

10) Joshua 8:1-23:

Sin can be an hindrance to our Christian work. How can we be victorious in our walk with God?

11) Joshua 8:24-35:

In verses 30-35, Joshua as a leader reads the law of God to the congregation. What should this teach church leaders and even individual Christians?

12) Joshua 9:1-15:

As Christians and leaders it is possible to be cheated, just like Joshua and other leaders were cheated, verses 3-10 and 15. What does this teach us?

13) Joshua 9:16-27:

What do we learn here about honouring our promises? Which ones do you still have to fulfill?

14) Joshua 10:1-21:

Here we see the intensity, conquest and capture of the Amorite territory and its Kings and Cities. How was Joshua able to subdue such great powers in those days? How can we tap that power too? John 15:1-10

15) Joshua 10:22-43:

Gilgal was the army headquarters of Israel. How important was Gilgal in the conquest of Canaan? How is it important to Christians today? What does it symbolise?

16) Joshua 11:1-23:

In this chapter we find another key unlocked for Joshua's successful defeats of Jabin and his allies. What was it – refer to verses 12,15,6,9. What interesting feature do we see in verses 15 and 23?

17) Joshua 12:1-24:

Verses 1-6 reveal a story before Joshua took over. Up to now Joshua has no title but verse 6 refers to Moses as Lord's servants. What does this show us about Moses' leadership?

18) Joshua 13:1-14:

Joshua now is old but there is still enough land to conquer. What does it show us about some habits that still cling to us when we are old? List what sins are holding you down. How can you overcome them?

19) Joshua 13:15-33:

List down the land assigned to Reuben, Gad and Manasseh. Why was the Levites not assigned any land by Moses, the servant of God? Verses 33.

20) Joshua 14:1-15:

What lessons can we learn from this chapter about the promise that was fulfilled 45 years after it was made?

21) Joshua 18:1-10:

What do we learn about Joshua as a leader in fulfilling the promises of God through Moses? In the Old Testament a lot was cast to determine the will of God in any matter. How do we understand God's will in the NT today?

22) Joshua 20:1-9:

Whose idea was the cities of Refuge? What does this tell us about God?

23) Joshua 22:1-20:

The tribes of Reuben, Gad and half the tribe of Manasseh did something which the other tribes misunderstood. What were their concerns?

24) Joshua 22:21-34:

What does the outcome of this story teaches us about how to solve conflicts?

25) Joshua 23:1-16:

When Joshua knew that he was advancing in years, what did he do, v.2? Any lesson for the time when we grow old in our walk with God?

26) Joshua 24:1-18:

What was the key factor in Joshua's address to the congregation, v.2-13? How did he conclude it, v.14-18?

27) Joshua 24:19-33:

In his closing address, Joshua reminded the people that they cannot serve God and pray to other gods. What was their answer? What does this mean to us as Christians?

We commend Joshua for his faithfulness in keeping the laws of God wholly and teaching them. But can you note any missing element in his leadership that spilled over to Judges?

28) Judges 1:1-36:

Note in v.2: The Israelites asked themselves who would go to fight for them. What does this tell us about Joshua in relation to succession? How can we balance doctrine and discipleship to avoid a leadership vacuum as noted in this chapter?

29) Judges 2:1-23:

What lessons can we learn from the leadership of Joshua in v.6-7? Why did the people turn away from God after the elders who outlived Joshua died? What lessons can we learn from their experience?

30) Judges 3:1-11:

The Lord allowed some nations to remain and Israel lived among them. Give two reasons for Gods action!

31) Judges 3:12-31:

Who was called a hero from the tribe of Benjamin who delivered Israel from the Moabites? Sometimes the call of God is clear and sometimes it is not as we see in the case of Ehud. What lessons can we learn from him?

32) Judges 4:1-24:

Yet again as soon as Ehud died, Israel sinned against God. As soon as Israel cried to God He raised up a deliverer, a woman. What lessons can we draw from both Israel and God?

33) Judges 5:1-18:

The song highlights 7 themes, list them down. How can this guide us when we are singing to God?

34) Judges 5:19-31:

Israel acknowledges the mighty nations who were defeated by Sesera. What did Israel believe in which aided them in their defeat of their enemy? God finally put Sisera in his place. Was the praise misplaced? Who in the end received the glory? V.31

35) Judges 6:1-24:

The conversation between Gideon and the angel of God is very interesting. How and when did Gideon recognise the presence of God? In verse 15 we note what type of a person Gideon was. Notice the similarities to Moses and Jeremiah's reaction to God's call. What does this show about the people God calls and uses?

36) Judges 6:25-40:

What was the first idol of Gideon before he defeated the Midianites? Examine your life and see if you have some idols in your life that you treasure more than God. Take moments to confess and ask God to forgive you.

37) Judges 7:1-25:

How did God help Gideon to move forward despite reducing the army from 20,000 to 300 soldiers? Verses 9-15. The defeat of medianites was without doubt the work of God. How can we trust God in every situation?

38) Judges 8:1-21:

Is there any lesson that you can learn from this passage? Where is the key verse where that lesson is coming from?

39) Judges 8:22-35:

Compare Gideon's faithfulness to God in verse 23 with his unfaithfulness in verse 27. What can we learn from the end of his life?

40) Judges 9:1-21:

What lesson can we learn from this passage about our behaviour to try to get things that do not belong to us? Do we have any specific teaching for those who want to usurp authority? Roman 13:1-7

41) Judges 9:22-41:

In this passage how is God bringing justice on Alimelech? How can we align our actions with the will of God?

42) Judges 9:42-57:

Justice is done swiftly when it seems to delay. What should be our attitude when we feel that justice is delayed to ourselves or our friends?

43) Judges 10:1-18:

State the weaknesses and strengths of each of the following Judges who ruled Israel: Tula, Jair, and Jephthah and draw some lessons from them.

44) Judges 11:1-22:

How did Jephthah secure the recognition of the leadership from the elders of Gilead? Note one of the strengths of Jephthah in verse 14. What lesson can we learn from his courageous character as Christians when we face the Devil?

45) Judges 11:23-40:

We rise by obeying God. We fall by disobeying God. The sacrifice of his daughter was that an act of obedience to God or not? What is the danger of disobeying God's commandments?

46) Judges 12:1-15:

Jephthah fought and defeated Ephraim. Do you think they would have found a better solution to end their dispute other than going to war, vs 6-10? The story of succession and deaths of judges is worrying. What will be your legacy?

47) Judges 13:1-25:

God continued to show love to Israel despite their lack of faithfulness. How did God show His love and care to Israel?

48) Judges 14:1-20:

What type of people does God use to accomplish his purpose? Any lesson from this passage?

49) Judges 15:1-20:

Samson was handed over to their enemies the Philistines. How is God accomplishing his purpose through Samson?

50) Judges 16:1-14:

Can we condemn or criticise Samson the chosen one to deliver Israel for the things he did especially his love for foreign women? Can you think of another man who loved foreign women? What lesson can you learn from this passage?

51) Judges 16:15-31:

What led to the down fall of Samson? This has led to the down fall of many Christians in the service of God. How should we protect ourselves against this sin?

52) Judges 17:1-13:

St Augustine said: "Man is restless until he finds

rest in God." What are the results of man neglecting the Word of God? Vs 4-6. How does this agree with the prayer of St Augustine?

53) Judges 18:1-13:

In Joshua 19:41-46, the Danites were allocated their inheritance to occupy. Why do you think the tribe of Dan had failed to occupy their land? Draw the lesson for yourself.

54) Judges 18:14-31:

Laish was conquered by the tribe of Dan. What does this teach us about the faithfulness of God about his promise?

55) Judges 19:1-15:

The story of the Levite and the Concubine is very striking and interesting too. How did the breakdown in morals at that time affect the Levites who were a priestly chosen tribe? How much of God do you discover in this story?

56) Judges 19:16-30:

This passage reminds us of the homosexual lust displayed by the men in Sodom (Gen 19:4f). But how do you look at the Levite's behaviour? How should you as Christian husband have reacted (Eph 5:25)?

57) Judges 20:1-23:

The war between Israel and Benjamin, was it justified? Give your own understanding.

58) Judges 20:24-48:

Give an account of the war how it progressed between the two sister tribes. At first it appeared as if Israel was going to lose. What does this show about God's promise and faithfulness?

59) Judges 21:1-25:

The annihilation of Benjamin is evident except for the remaining 400 men who escaped. How did God provide for the continuity of the offspring of Benjamin?

60) Jude 1-25:

Which attitudes and behaviour does Jude describe of those who bring division into our churches? How should we behave instead (v.20-23)?

Recharge Instructions:

1. Pepeni / Pray!
2. Belengeni / Read!
3. Tontonkanyeni / Think!
4. Lembeni / Write!
5. Asukeni / Answer!

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Stories around Writing and Reading

Lazarus of Congo

After leading in a literature training in Brazzaville, Congo, Tony Collins of Lion Hudson plc visited the offices of a monthly Christian newspaper called *Le Chemin* ("The Way"). Despite civil war, it has persevered in publication for 20 years. How? As Tony told, the editor pointed to an old computer and said, "That's Lazarus."

When the militia swept through in 1997, they pillaged as they went. His colleague wrapped Lazarus in a plastic sheet and buried it in his garden before he fled. Six months later, he dug it up when it was safe to return. Restored to health, Lazarus enabled the staff to restart publication quickly.

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Poor yet Rich

Before Edgar Allan Poe was three he became an orphan and stayed with strangers. He could not go far in his studies in the school due to utter poverty. At seventeen he had heart trouble and became weak physically. He died at a young age of forty.

Only after his death the world came to know of the real worth of this invalid. Within a span of twenty years, he wrote a number of articles, essays, poetry, and stories which are widely read. One of his poems is on exhibit at the world-famous Huntington Library, at San Marino, California and is worth \$ 50,000. He was a great literary genius.

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From soldier to bookworm

Lafayette Roberts left school at fifteen, after only two years in high school. No one could make him go back. He wanted to become a soldier, to fight in the rebel war. It took two years of doing odd jobs around the barracks before he was conscripted. It took another year to get to the war front.

"Once there I did all the things that young soldiers do: some good, some bad." Five years later, wounded, he was discharged. Except for forms he had had to fill, he had not read anything for nearly ten years.

He left for Ivory Coast where he stayed with an aunt who made him go to school – and to church. There, he found what he had been searching for. In time, he became a committed, born-again Christian. Wanting to learn more about Christ, he enrolled in a month-long Bible school where he discovered the joy of reading the Bible and other Christian literature.

Because the French language posed a challenge, he left for Ghana. There his voracious appetite for the Bible and Christian literature was satisfied. He borrowed books and read avidly. Then he found work in a Christian bookshop!

"In my spare time, I read every book that I could and bought some at discount prices to build my personal library. The hidden things are in books, and I was enlightened. I read about great Christian reformers and learnt about leadership, counseling, preaching, teaching, relationships and being an intercessor. Reading takes you into new experiences."

A fast reader, Lafayette spends most his money on Christian books. He has a prodigious memory, seldom forgetting what he reads. His discussions are interspersed with biblical quotations or references to something he has read. "Christian literature can change Sierra Leone, if only people are willing to read."

Esme James / Sierre Leone
on www.littworldonline.org

Last but not least Remember our Sales Policy: CASH ONLY!

I'll bring you the money on Sunday!

That's fine. Then I'll give you the magazine on Sunday!

But I would like to read it today!

I'm sorry, but they said that the magazine is going to die if we continue to sell on credit. So I'm not allowed to hand it out before I have not received the payment.

Okay, well, see you on Sunday. Make sure you reserve a copy for me!

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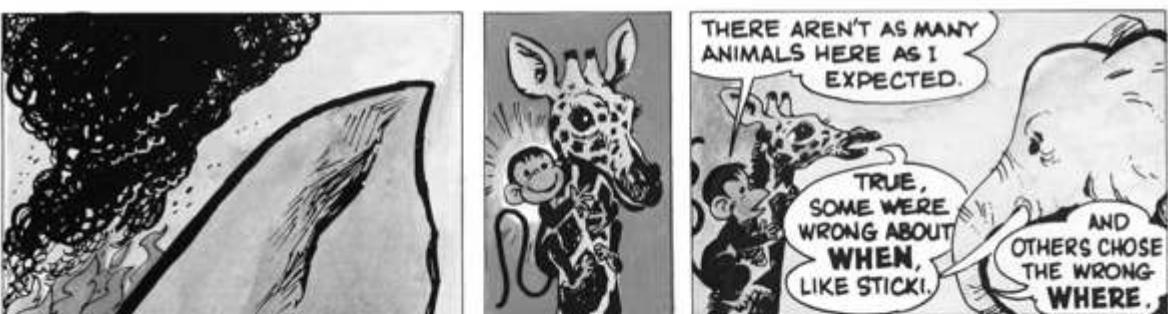
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Those who take no notice of GOD are in DANGER
for in the long run SIN MEANS DEATH!

GOD wants to rescue US and keep us safe
from SIN'S DESTRUCTIVE POWER.

GOD sent His Son, JESUS CHRIST,
to be our Rock, our Defence.

People who trust in Him and obey Him
are never disappointed.



What matters for you is to know:
you are in God's safe place!
So run for God's rock -
JESUS CHRIST!

RUN NOW!

And Sin,
when it is finished,
brings forth Death.

James 1:15

Some however did receive Him
and believed in Him. So He gave them
the right to become God's children.

John 1:12

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THE CHRISTIAN WRITER: HARD-WORKING AND EAGER TO LEARN

WRITERS SEMINAR, LUSAKA

Introduction

Once again Woodlands Mission Chapel was a hive of activities when it hosted the Writers Seminar on 26 June and 3 December 2011 at which 10 interested writers from six Christian Brethren Assemblies attended. The purpose of the two seminars was to review the distribution system of Natuleya Magazine in Lusaka and start writing effective magazine articles and effective distribution other than focusing on the few people available.

Before the presentation of the lectures on effective writing of magazine articles, the seminar participants looked at the distribution strategy in Lusaka and resolved that existing Lusaka Brethren Zones will serve as distribution channels for NATULEYA Magazine. Consequently, far fetched assemblies within Lusaka Province (Chongwe and Kafue) would be added to NATULEYA magazine distribution map. It was also unanimously resolved that the existing active distribution points serve as hosts to the pilot phase to be identified around the Eastern and Southern Zones of the province.

Further it was agreed that a directory of distribution Centers be developed in order to enhance communication and delivery of magazines in good time. Two members were tasked to research and prepare the directory before the end of the year under the guidance of Brother Kaunda the Advisory committee Chairperson.

1. The Christian Writer

Having completed the practical aspect of the magazine distribution, the facilitators turned to presentation of the writers materials. The first one was done by brother Kabungo who taught on **The Christian Writer**: His focus was on the characteristic and the personality of the Christian writer. In his presentation of the qualities of a Christian writer the following were some of the attributes highlighted by him:-

1. A writer should have a heart to heart relationship with God.
2. That the message content should be clear, accurate and reliable. The writer's article should be treated with great importance by the writer.
3. He stated that Christian writers must be eager to learn and improve both in terms of knowledge and writing skills.
4. That Christian writers must be willing to work hard. They must be organized in their work especially in writing and filing of articles. He stressed that writers should allocate a specific file or organizer for their write-ups.
5. That a Christian writer must love the reader – putting into consideration potential reader weakness, strengths, prejudices and interests.

6. He emphasizes that a Christian writer must use the Bible wisely – adding or subtracting nothing.

7. That a Christian writer must be willing to practice what he preaches.



2. Understanding how to Communicate:

Bro Chanda gave a presentation on how Christian writers should communicate. In his remarks, he noted the following:

1. That communication in writing should carry language that is reader-friendly in terms of understanding and retention.
2. That communication should aim at striking common understanding between the sender and the receiver.
3. That communicators need to understand the nature and coverage of recipients. Communicators must ensure that receiver needs are considered in the communication process in order to arrive at mutual understanding.

3. Finding and refining Great Ideas:

Brother Kaunda, the Natuleya Lusaka Advisory Committee Chairman presented the last lecture on **how Christian writers could find and refine ideas**. The following points were covered :-

1. That writers should draw their ideas from God and that those ideas are like a gift from Him.
2. That such ideas are refined by referring to practical circumstances of one's life; from nature to politics, economics to technology and all spheres of life.
3. That ideas come from the newspapers, friends, relatives and by conducting interviews with different people.

This is a nutshell of the first seminar on writing articles that was ever conducted in Lusaka. As a result it brought a lot of excitement and joy.

KC, Lusaka

The final article on the Constitution will be printed in Natuleya No 9.

“Natuleya!” in 2011 and 2012

A word to our Church leaders

Serious questions

Many leaders from Christian Brethren churches in Northern, Luapula, Copperbelt, Muchinga, Central and Lusaka will have questions about the future of this magazine. Why is it that it took a whole year for this edition to appear? And how will it continue?

Some answers

As we wrote in the “Editorial” on page 3, there are various reasons why we have had such a huge delay. Challenges on the side of the Editor included his shifting to Germany, followed by development and start of a new Church leaders training program there and at the same time a life-threatening illness of his wife since several months. As the editorial work of “Natuleya!” will be spread over more shoulders in future, such problems should not be an obstacle again.

Some of the more technical problems have been taken care off during a short visit of the Editor to Zambia in November, so that communication and work process between editors, translators and printers are reestablished.

The biggest challenge continues to be our Sales Department. As we have mentioned in our annual financial reports, both in 2009 and 2010 only about 30% of the magazines delivered to the sales network in our

churches have been paid for by these churches. As a result the system had to be changed in 2011: now copies of the magazine have to be ordered and paid for in advance. Unfortunately it took a lot of time for the churches to act upon this change. But we are glad to be able to announce that by now we have received orders and payment for about 1,400 copies of “Natuleya!”, which makes it possible to prepare the material needed for printing this new edition.

A second sales system

In order to increase the sales figures for more stability of this magazine, the Natuleya Advisory Team decided to start working with “Power Sellers”. Coordinators and Distributors in various towns should identify motivated young people who would be trained and equipped in order to sell at least 50-100 copies of this magazine each time it appears. The selling in our churches continues as before, but these young people are to go out into the streets, to market places, busses and wherever else they can find people in order to offer this magazine to whoever is interested to read it.

The Associate Editor Brother Peter Kabungo, with the help of the respective Provincial Coordinators, has started with the training of these people in some provinces. We are target-

ing 400 copies for each province to be sold initially by these “Power Sellers” (on top of what is sold through the churches), but expect this figure to rise soon.

We need your help!

We would like to ask you as leaders to encourage those who are involved in this ministry. Remind those who sell in your church and in neighbouring churches to be quick and faithful, and to make sure that the sales proceeds are sent to Kasama immediately and without delay. If they would fail, your church would have cut itself off from this magazine, and nobody would like this to happen. Also if you know a person who is serving as “Power Seller”, please encourage him or her to do this work to the best of his/her abilities.

By God’s grace it will continue!

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MV, Editor

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