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SECTION - THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST



Construction of the Zambia Church Building

Chililabombwe Zambia Branch

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The town of Chililabombwe is located in the Copper belt of Zambia, Africa. Zambia was at one time known as the country of Zaire. In 2006, missionaries from The Church of Jesus Christ were invited to introduce the Restored Gospel to the citizens of this village. We met the spiritual leader and a group of people that were not associated with any religion; however, they were holding bible study among themselves. The leader of this group was Malama Chalwe, a man we found to be very spiritual after listening to his testimony and his desire to serve God. After spending a few days

with Malama and another man by the name of Albert Kawama from the town of Chingola, they requested baptism. We felt the Spirit of God prompting us to recommend both of these brothers into the Priesthood. Many days were spent in training these brothers and permission was received to ordain Brother Albert Kawama an Elder for the Chingola Branch and Brother Malama Chalwe an Elder for the Chililabombwe Branch.

The Chingola and Chililabombwe branches have been meeting in school rooms since being established and both branches have grown. Recently the Board of Education in Zambia decided to revoke all rental agreements of their school classrooms to religious organizations. They gave us some time to make other arrangements for holding worship services. With a large and growing

membership, we were compelled to look for a place to rent large enough to accommodate the congregation. After spending considerable time in the town of Chililabombwe looking to rent a room large enough to house the membership, we found there were no adequate buildings or rooms to rent for worship services. We made a request to the Chililabombwe village council requesting that a piece of property be donated for our church and also large enough to build an orphanage. After some negotiations, we were given a large parcel of land free of charge. The Church building which is being built will serve two purposes – worship services and schooling for orphaned children. When the church applied for registration in Zambia, we were required to provide a humanitarian project. There are hundreds of orphaned

children who need schooling, thus the decision to build a building which could also be used as a school room for a number of these unfortunate children. At some future date when funds are provided, we hope to build an orphanage center to care for a number of orphaned children.

Brother Chalwe and many of the young members have evangelized the Gospel in the town and God has shown his miraculous power of healing and providence many times over. During our last visit to this branch, there was a beautiful spirit of preaching, singing and testimony. One by one the members stood and bore testimony of how wonderfully blessed they have been since being baptized into the church and giving their life to Christ. Some testified of receiving a job, others of obtaining a place

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LA PRIMA VOLTA IN ITALIA

(My First Time In Italy)

As Brother John DiBattista and I landed in Rome, I couldn't help but wonder what this trip would hold for me. As the above title states, it was the first time I had ever set foot in this country of my grandparents. We left immediately, heading south toward Calabria and the sleepy hillside community of San Demetrio Corone.

San Demetrio Corone is a charming town, filled with people going about their daily routines, much like many other communities. There are little shops and fruit stands, bakeries and sidewalk cafes. It was as one would expect to find in a European town.

I found the people to be very gregarious. It seemed to be their habit to meet later in the evenings around 9 or 10pm at their favorite café for a cappuccino or gelato and to enjoy the friendship of each other's company. It was like going back fifty years to a generation in America when we had time for one another.

I found the hills of Calabria to be quite beautiful, like much of Italy. My first impression, that which meets the eye, was quite good. But after Brother John and I began walking the hillside village and meeting the people, a deeper and truer understanding of the community became quite evident. We began to see past the smiling faces of the people, deeper into their souls, and saw their needs. I began to see such need, such longing, for something to give their existence meaning.

I heard remarks about the difficulty of life. Some confided in us that they experienced unrest in their minds or souls for no apparent reason. There was something lacking.

My mind wandered back to a time in my life when I experienced this unrest and lack of satisfaction. It was my soul crying out for Christ! I began to look a little deeper into



Brothers and Sisters of San DiMetrio, Italy

the eyes of the people and saw anger, fear, and even bondage. Many were under the control of Satan and didn't realize their need for emancipation from their carnal fallen natures.

Brother John and I began petitioning God with the energy our souls that He would grant us inroads to the homes of the people. We would cry out to God whenever His Holy Spirit would direct on behalf of the precious souls of the people of San Demetrio. We came to understand that they were being held hostage by many years of superstition and fear, the spell of which could only be broken by the power of God! It became evident that we were involved in a great spiritual battle. We labored constantly during the first few weeks of our trip and it seemed like we were being stonewalled, almost to the point of discouragement.

Brother Tony and Sister Lydia Micale joined us for the last 10 days of our trip and, despite our discouraging situation and the constant personal onslaught of Satan upon us, we continued on in faith. Suddenly doors began to open. Brother John was called to bless a child. People began inviting us into their homes. Solid relationships began forming. The seeds that were planted, finally began to shoot from the ground.

We held a social at the church building and invited many of the neighbors who instantly agreed

to not only come but also provide baked goods. The wall of fear was broken! It truly was a successful gathering. The church was actually filled. Brother John welcomed everyone and gave a short history of the San Demetrio

hope and could actually visualize the coming harvest of the entire community.

Let me end this article with a great feeling that the four of us share....Molto lavoro essere fatto in San Demetrio Corone!....There is much work to be done in San Demetrio Corone! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Brother Ronald Mazzeo

As you can see, the work in Italy is progressing. We thank God for the help that we are receiving to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One of the tools that we need in Italy is the Book of Mormon in Italian. The typesetting of the book has been completed which includes the index and footnotes of our New Version English Book of Mormon. The final proofreading is in progress and soon we will be ready for print.

The Italian Committee would

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Church. He talked about Brothers Buonfiglio, an ordained evangelist, and Oiliva, an ordained elder, who labored much there before going on to their reward. Many of their unbaptized relatives were in the audience. Italian songs were sung and several of our hymns were also sung in Italian. One of the neighbors actually invited Brother Tony and Sister Lydia to stay at her home on the next trip. Brother John, Brother Tony, Sister Lydia and I began to be filled with

appreciate any donation that you can afford to help complete this project. The brothers and sisters are very excited about the printing of this book.

We want to thank Brother Rosario Scragliari for translating the body of the book and Sister Dolores Thomas for her work in translating the footnotes and the index. It took several years for them to complete their work.

Brother Alex Gentile



A Visayan Book of Mormon

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."
(Romans 10:17 & 18)

The scriptures tell us that the sound of The Gospel of Jesus Christ shall go out to the four corners of the world and to the islands of the sea. Two years ago, we sat in a humble block building in Bohol (a Philippines island) and listened to the plea of one of our sisters. She asked us, "How can I tell my friends about my Church and our beliefs when I cannot give them a Book of Mormon to read? How can I tell them when I have never read it myself?"

Our hearts were broken as these words echoed through our minds; but their truth was resounding. Almost immediately, the Philippines IMOC Team began to plan for the translation of The Book of Mormon into the Visayan language. We consulted with a few young Filipino brothers and sisters and together, they began the arduous task of translating the entire book complete with the references and footnotes. Within two years, The Book of Mormon was translated and is now ready for the final modifications that would have it ready for publishing.


We take for granted being able to pick up a Book of Mormon during our quiet times and being able to read the "plain and precious" words of The Gospel of Jesus Christ. We read of God's dealings with the remnant of the Seed of Joseph and the covenants that will be fulfilled in the latter days. We read of prophecies for the Gentiles and every nation, kindred, tongue and people that would serve the risen savior, Jesus Christ. (II Nephi 10:7-8) We know that the scriptures tell us that one day

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soon, the words contained in the restoration scriptures will be read from the rooftops, in the ears of all nations. (II Nephi 27:11)

Let us realize that with the efforts of translating these words into

many different languages, we are fast approaching the day when these prophecies will be fulfilled. The great work of The Lord has taken The Pure and Unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ and His

gift of salvation to many nations throughout the globe. We praise and thank God for the many who have accepted the pearl of great price and have dedicated their lives to taking it to their people. 

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The Church in Zambia

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to live, and some of healings. There were several requests for anointing of those who were ill. I recall a young mother carrying her child forward to be anointed. We were told by the mother, with tears coming down her cheeks, that the child had no use of his legs and could not walk. She appealed to the Priesthood to pray for her child that God would heal her son and that he would have full use of his legs to walk and play with other children. This proved to be a serious test for us as the Ministry of the Church. Would our prayer reach the throne of God? We took the child up in our arms, anointed him with a drop of blessed oil and began to plead with God to see the faith of this child's mother fulfilled. We poured out our hearts to God


asking that He would heal the little boy so he could have full use of his legs, that a miracle would be performed, and that the parents and the Branch membership would have reason to praise and magnify the name of God.

In a recent e-mail received from Brother Chalwe, he asked me if I remembered the little boy that was anointed who had no use of his legs. As I read his message, with tears in my eyes, news of the miracle for which we prayed was fulfilled. My heart was filled with joy because the little boy's legs were touched by the hand of God and he has been healed. This child has complete use of both legs; he is walking and playing with other children. The parents of this child, along with the branch membership, have received encouragement and are raising their voices towards heaven praising God for this wonderful blessing. News of

this miracle has reached the village of Solwezi some 90 miles away where Brother Chalwe has been preaching the Restored Gospel and recently opened a branch of the Church in this village. On April 2nd there were 18 baptisms performed with 57 persons in attendance.

To the readers of this HFF Newsletter, please pray for the missionary field of Zambia as well as all the efforts being made in various countries to spread the glorious news of Jesus Christ and his Salvation - offered to all who repent and are baptized, giving their lives to Christ.

A photo of the Church building being constructed in Chililabombwe shows the progress being made. Soon the roof will be installed; however, the borrowed funds have been exhausted because of the cost of materials has increased. The installation of bath rooms, the pouring of the concrete floor, the

purchase of seating and plastering of the walls must be completed before an occupancy permit can be issued by the village. If any reader is touched to make a contribution to help with the financial needs of completing the construction of this church building, please send your donation to the HFF earmarked for the Chililabombwe, Zambia Church construction. We will gratefully accept your donation of any amount. Thank you and may God bless each of you and your families. 

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