



# Zambia Trip Special Newsletter

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## Trip to Solwezi October 2015

We left Bristol for Heathrow at around 14:00 on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October** for our first flight at 20:00 to Nairobi, Kenya landing at around 06:30 **20<sup>th</sup> October** where at 08:20 we took to the skies to head towards Lusaka. However we had to have a stopover for around 40/45 minutes in Harare Zimbabwe before getting airborne again for the final leg to Lusaka, Zambia landing at 12:15 local time. Once through customs we were greeted by Evan Luwi and a few members from the Lusaka Church. We collected the hire car and made our way to the Taj Pamodzi Hotel where we were staying overnight. The following morning **21<sup>st</sup> October** at 05:00 we left the hotel and started the 665km drive to Solwezi following the T2 road north from Lusaka, joining the T3 at Ndola. From Chingola through to Solwezi around 180km the road turn from a tarred surface to large potholes and on occasions no road at all just dirt track making this part of the drive very interesting.



THE CHOICE  
YOU MAKE  
TODAY WILL  
MAKE THEIR  
TOMORROW

Avoiding potholes, and trying to see where we were going.



After the 12 hour journey we arrived at the Royal Sowezi hotel, on the old Chingola Road where we were staying for the next 7 days.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** the first day of the Cave Gathering Annual Conference.

A promotional poster for the 'Path of Life Ministries Int'l' conference. The poster features a blue background with white and red text. At the top, it says 'PATH OF LIFE MINISTRIES INT'L' and 'Presents THE CAVE GATHERING ANNUAL CONFERENCE (CAGACO)'. Below this, it highlights '4 DAYS OF INTENSIVE REVELATION & IMPARTATION'. The theme is 'DEVELOPING A FRUITFULL CHURCH/WALK WITH GOD'. The dates are '22<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015' and the hours are '09:00 HOURS-16:00 HOURS'. The host is 'SNR PASTOR & MRS LUWI'. Other speakers listed include Dr. David Summerhill (UK), Pst. Richard Brown (UK), Pst. Samu Abraham, Pst. Obrian Mayambu LSK, and Pst. Joseph Kapaso LSK. Contact information includes a phone number 'CALL: 0977701511' and a WhatsApp number 'WHATSAPP: 0977528338'. There are also logos for 'MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT' and 'HIGH IMPACT, PRAISE, PRAISE'.

Pastor Richard preached on The Parable of the Talents in the two morning sessions and after lunch Pastor Evans preached the afternoon Session.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** David Summerhill preached the first morning session on Make a Spiritual Noise. Pastor Richard took the second morning session and the afternoon on the Parable of the Sower.



**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October** marks 51 years of independences from British colonial rule. We were given shirts by Evans and Maureen and we wore them with pride which when down well with everyone.

David opened the first session and preached on Faith Without Borders. Pastor Richard preached the second and third session in the afternoon on The Parable of the Ten Virgins.



**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October** was last day of the conference and it is now very full. David preached the opening session on the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Pastor Richard preached on Coming Down the Mountain and the last session was open for people to share what God had said to them during the conference. At the end of the session Pastor Richard and David prayed and blessed everyone. Pastor Evans closed the conference.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October** today we visited two sites: the land that Pastor Evans had purchased to build their own school, and also a piece of land close by for a Church building. This will free up rent that is currently be paid and give more freedom to meet the needs of both the school and Church.



Site for School

Site for Church



We turned up in the middle of classes where children were learning English and about English weather.



Trench ready for Church foundations



After an initial look around we gave out the gift bags that members of New Life Church Bristol had sent out to the children.

After looking at the land at the two sites we moved onto the School.



The Beacon Of Hope Community School

A typical school day starts at 08:00 and runs to 10:40 where there is a 20 minutes break, then 11:00 to 13:00 where lunch is served. On the day of our visit lunch was chicken, spinach and nshima. After lunch classes start again at 14:00 through to 15:45.

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## THIS IS FOR THAT



With donations we received earlier in the year when Ed and myself cooked breakfast, at the Church camp, we were able to obtain and give each family of children that attend the school a bag 25kg of Mealie Meal (Maize), cooking oil, washing powder and a bar of soap. This will hold back starvations from these families for the next couple of months. Thank you all for your gifts and donations that made this possible; the children and families were very grateful.



**Families with gifts**



**After the visit to the school we were able to visit some of the children's home that were near by.**





### Family Homes

This was a great day to be able to see and spend some quality time with the children and their families.

Since our return we have had this from Evans

### BLESSING THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY

It was awesome to see the practical love for Christ demonstrated as the children, the staff members, and the mothers of the children in the community received a gift each to the excitement of everyone. Thank you so much. Indeed we have entered a new season with a new vision. I pray that the Lord will bless every sponsor for putting a smile on a Zambian child and parent. Your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

### School Staff

- Maureen Luwi – School Director
- Bernard Luambula – Head Teacher
- Dorothy Kalosa – Teacher
- Stella Masumba – Teacher
- Stanley Katoka – Teacher
- Fridah Mulenga – Maid

### School dates

The school will be open until the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 then closes for four weeks and reopens on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016.

Leaving the school was emotional. However we had to leave as we were heading off to see Evans house.



Road to Evans House



Evans house



Brick kiln



**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October** drive back to Lusaka – Left the Royal Sowezi hotel at 05:00 and went to pick up Pastor Evans from his house before starting the 665km drive to Lusaka.





Travelling from Sowezi on the roads we came to love was as the journey there exciting at times when you didn't know what was coming or if the road would suddenly disappear.

After Chingola the roads improve and were at least tarred even though on occasions a pothole would appear from nowhere.



Here you can see how the road can change with the grooves and potholes at this Police check area.

Passing through small towns and villages on the journey back to Lusaka, it was interesting to see how these humble people of Zambia lived their lives on a daily basis which is a very moving experience. They sell right up close to the road, setting up market stalls where you can buy fresh fruit, vegetables, nuts and many other things.



Market stalls



The photo above shows children trying to sell different things such as fruit, nuts or vegetables to passing motorists on this fast road with speeds exceeding the 100kmh speed limit.

After the 12 hour return journey to Lusaka, we hit rush hour as we entered the city centre. We dropped Pastor Evans off at his hotel then went to check ours, before heading off for an evening meal.





Pastor Joseph welcomes Richard to the Lusaka Church.



After a goodbye from the Lusaka Church we head off to pick up our luggage and around 13:00 we set off to the airport to start our flights back to the UK.



Pastor Richard preached on Gideon.



The trip was an incredible experience and no matter what our circumstances in the developed world, where we have access to so much that we take for granted, it is hard to imagine how these people live such basic but happy lives, I believe that you have to experience it at first hand to get an true insight. I know that I will be changed by my first visit and I would encourage everyone to get involved by sponsoring a child and if you get an opportunity to see this work first hand please give a serious consideration it will change you.

**Currently we have 15 children available to be sponsored on the web site with some new ones to add soon. Please consider sponsoring a child today.**

## Zambia raises interest rates

**Zambia raises interest rates to 15.5% in inflation busting effort.**

Zambia's central bank has pushed up interest rates from 12.5% to 15.5% in an effort to curb soaring inflation.

Consumer prices nearly doubled in October to 14.35 FROM 7.7% in September as Zambia's currency weakened sharply. Zambia's kwacha has halved in value against the dollar this year as lower copper prices have hit Africa's second-biggest producer of the metal.

In October the country held a national day of prayer to try to counteract its economic crisis.

The increase in Zambia's benchmark lending rate was the first by the southern African nation since November 2014

"In arriving at our decision the committee took into account the inflationary outturn. Keeping inflation expectations anchored in single digits is critical," central bank governor Denny Kalyalya said.

The kwacha rose around 0.6% against the dollar following the announcement.

Globally, copper prices hit a six-year low in August. Growth in demand for the metal has slowed as China looks to reposition its economy towards consumer-led growth and away from exports and investments.

Zambia's kwacha has been hit in the past year, falling more than 50% against the dollar, and around the same against the pound.

Food prices have soared in the country, and power shortages have also been triggered by low water-levels in Lake Kariba, where hydropower plants supply much of the country's electricity.

## Some General Information about Zambia

**Location:** Landlocked in southern Africa, Surrounded by Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe.

**Total Area:** 752,614 square kilometres, of which 740,724 square kilometres are land and 11,890 square kilometres are lakes and rivers.

**Highest Point:** Mafinga Hills (2,301 Metres)

**Population:** 13,092,666 (2010 National Census)

**Capital:** Lusaka

**Other Main Towns:** Kitwe, Ndola, Kabwe, Livingstone.

**Economy:** Minerals (Copper and Cobalt), agriculture, hydro-electric power, tourism.

**Flag:** Bright green background; panel lower right of three vertical bands of red, black and orange, surrounded by orange eagle in flight.

**Motto:** 'One Zambia, One Nation'

**Time:** GMT +2:00

**Currency:** Zambia's currency, the Zambian Kwacha (ZMK), was re-based in 2013. Kwacha notes denominations are K100, K50, K20, K10, K2, while coins are in denominations of K1 and 50, 10 and 5 Ngwee.



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