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## Update...since we wrote in the UK Summer.

Chipo & Luyando continued in first year secondary at the beginning September with half term in October.

It will soon be time to travel the 331km....passing many heavy lorries to collect them from boarding school. Thankfully some work is being done to improve the road surface and fill potholes... but the rain has come so is a constant challenge!

Malcolm's daughter Judy is arriving in a few days... She is excited to see us all, not least Chipo and Luyando. It will be one of those special moments as they meet at Chengelo... a few days later we all get on the same plane and wend our way to Heathrow and onto Northampton for the whole of December. The twins are so excited to be spending

Christmas in the UK. They want some snow!

Gina continues to be busy administering and visiting an increasing number of UCZ supported hospitals and clinics. Another three attached to churches came under UCZ governance in the last few months. At the beginning of November Gina travelled up to Jagaimo for a board meeting. The most cost effective way is to fly... so a journey of around 650km by road made in less than an hour by plane. Malcolm wanted to see that part of the country so tagged along... paying for himself.

At the end of half term Malcolm took the twins back to school and was away for a week in the the north part of Luapula province.. thanks to the kindness of a friend and

support of the UCZ Synod, he was able to buy, deliver and install two air conditioning units in the operating theatres at Mbereshi Mission Hospital. He travelled with his electrician/refrigeration engineer brother in law...It took over two days to travel the 1200km. Parts of the journey at 100km/hour.. others km after km of mud, potholes and driving off road. Some magnificent scenery, waterfalls and a lake that is like a sea!

Back in Lusaka the weather remains hot normally around 34C.. sometimes higher. But that is normal for this time of year. We need the rains to arrive!

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## Water into wine???. Well not quite, but an interesting story!

A couple of months ago, Malcolm visited Masuku Mission in Southern Province. Many years ago he was the minister there and also in Choma Consistory. He got used to travelling the 60km down a very bad gravel road almost weekly. The Road is still bad.. but, praise God, at least some work has been done recently.. we will see what happens after the rains!

Water has always been a problem.. Made worse in recent years by the breach of the 15 metre high dam wall. The school and clinic rely on a few boreholes. The most recent one sunk a few years ago, produces a limited amount of water, but the school have always said its quality is very poor and is muddy!

The borehole has recently been equipped with high quality solar/ mains equipment. Malcolm was involved in installing this.. and so went down to check. He was delighted to find clear water flowing.... **NOW FOR THE TRUTH!** The staff kept saying this water is not good.. To prove it was alright he drank half a two litre bottle.. It did taste a bit 'metallic'.. but had no ill effects. He said he would get it checked out at a laboratory in Choma or Lusaka.

Having arrived back in Choma, he was shocked! The crystal clear water had become cloudy with a sediment at the bottom! He was convinced somebody had changed the bottle.. UNTIL Gina searched on 'Google' . We found the answer, later confirmed by the provincial water engineer: The water when reaching the atmosphere oxidises and the cloudiness and brown sediment... Iron Oxide. Hopefully the problem can be resolved in the not too distant future by filtration and

processing... but more expense which the school cannot afford. Such are the challenges!



*The well wall behind where Malcolm is standing used to be sunk into the ground.. until the dam wall breached. It is about a kilometre from the school and could have provided water... but not now!*



*Malcolm had the privilege of preaching at the Baptism/ Confirmation of these Girls at Njase Girls Secondary School.*



*some old and broken theatre lights to use LED bulbs.*

*Discussion with the Technical Advisor at CHAZ (Churches Health Association of Zambia) about refurbishing*

## For Prayer

On the 7th day of each month in the UK Methodist handbook, people are invited to hold us in their prayers

**Thanksgiving:**

As you may remember from last news letter Mbereshi Hospital held a fund raising dinner and dance. They have now used the money raised to relay the two operating theatres, and all other parts of the unit. The air conditioning has been installed. The £2000 given by Methodists (Methodists for World Mission (MWM)) has enabled the blocks to be purchased and the materials for the foundation purchased to rebuild the condemned laundry at the hospital

2. At Lubwa Mission: That the vision of rebuilding much of the existing structure may be developed into a viable long term plan. That the existing structure which seems to have had its foundations undermined by termites, may continue to serve its purpose until funding for a new structure can be secured.

3. Jagiamo Clinic

The clinic receives many expectant mothers from far and wide.. Not least due to the Christian ethos and love shown by hospital staff and management. There is no running water. We pray that a generous donor may assist in providing a borehole which can be run on solar power.

3. Masuku Mission School

We give thanks for the former headteacher Mrs Rita Tembo. In her many years of service, she built infrastructure, improved academic attainment and most importantly built a loving community of students based in her deep faith in Jesus as Lord



# Zambia:

Zambia is centrally placed with the only access to the coastal ports being via road and rail connections. Everything reaching Zambia, with has to come via Road, Rail or Air.



The roads are often damaged by huge and heavy trucks (often with trailers) which is the most common way of transport within Zambia.

There is a rail line constructed in Colonial times on a 3ft gauge (much smaller than UK or European standard). This runs from South Africa to the Copperbelt in the North of Zambia. There is also a railway constructed by the Chinese to the Port of Dar-Es Salam in Tanzania. All rolling stock is in need of refurbishing/replacing and the rail lines likewise. There is now talk of a rail line passing through Angola and the DRC.

The population of Zambia is growing rapidly. It is now over 20 million. In the 1990's it was around 8 Million.

English is widely spoken and is the national lounge used in government. However there are over 70 local languages of the heart. Several of these are spoken widely.



## All in a days work!

It's not everybody that leaves home at 6.00hours, travels to the airport to travel for a meeting in a very rural part of Zambia, where there is no power or running water. Arriving at Solwezi airport, Travels the 80km in the Bishops car to attend a meeting of local community leaders and inspects the facility.. then returns back in time to catch the plane back home. A day of contrasts. It was good for Gina to again see the nurse in charge whom she had met a few weeks before in Lusaka at CHAZ for their annual conference. The lady was not as fortunate as Gina and had to travel each way on the 20 hour bus journey!



*Job done and refurbished lights delivered to Mbereshi Hospital. Elias the Technician will now refurbish a second set with the LED's taken from Lusaka..... and work begins on installing air conditioning*







Keith and Ida Waddell...our friends and Mission Partner Colleagues attending the farewell of the Head Teacher at Masuku Secondary



School. AND Noel... Gina's brother and Malcolm exploring waterfall near Mbereshi Hospital.



A visit to the annual agricultural show in Lusaka. Chipembi UCZ Secondary school won a top award for their livestock...competing against commercial farmers.

## Christmas is coming!

It has been a privilege to be living and working in Zambia. As we said in our last newsletter. We are profoundly grateful to the Methodist Church for this opportunity to be partners in God's Mission. We are only sad that the Methodist Church have decided that the chapter of sending Mission Partners who are not Ministers has come to an end. We find this decision difficult to understand.

We continue to live by faith as a door closes, knowing that God is good and wonderful... all the time.

The girls are looking forward to 'lots of presents' in the country of their birth.. although they now, like Gina, have dual citizenship. I am hoping to be given status to be in Zambia as Gina's husband. Over Christmas we will be exploring UK school places.

The pictures of the girls were taken at half term. They performed in 'iChengelo' .. a musical production about the history of the school. On the way home we stayed over at a lodge and Luyando enjoyed slaughtering daddy at Chess! Then mummy and daddy had the joy of telling the twins that they were going to spend a day and night with their cousins at Njase Girls Secondary School where mummy did her education. They were not impressed.. but rose to the occasion... as they always do. They are stars!

May God's blessing be with you as this year draws to the close and we once again celebrate the incarnation of God in Christ on Christmas Day.



Congratulations Andrew on being awarded the highest food hygiene rating... maybe you would like to pay Andrew a visit in Malvern!

