

## VTC ENTERS FINAL TERM FOR 2008

The third and final term for 2008 at the VTC commenced on 8 September. Our student enrolments and commitment have maintained a high level as the year has progressed. Many of our students are however struggling financially. To ensure our courses are affordable for those who need uplifting most, our tuition fees are heavily subsidised through the generosity of many. Students need to clear all outstanding tuition and exam fees to enable them to sit exams in November and graduate on Saturday 29 November. We pray the Lord's provision for those students in need and for our students to remain enthusiastic regardless of financial challenges.

In July our Construction Management students were blessed with the wise and knowledgeable skills of Ivan Gregory from MMM in Australia. He spent a week teaching management skills, a supplementary course provided to assist our students to utilise their construction skills to maximum benefit.

## MISSION AWARENESS TOURS

### OUTGOING MATs

17 more people have been exposed to world missions through MMM Zambia's Mission Awareness Tours this year. In April a team of 5 went to Thailand under the leadership of Florence Kaniki. The team was based at the MMM Thailand centre. From there the team was introduced to various missions in the region and established relationships that will only strengthen as more MAT's from Zambia visit Thailand. The second team consisting of 12 went to Hong Kong and China to hearten disabled orphans, and provide practical assistance and encouragement to various Christian and humanitarian organisations.

As we prayed, this year's teams returned 'wide eyed' and enthusiastic towards missions in both Zambia and internationally. Tours to Hong Kong & China, Thailand, Australia and South Africa are planned for 2009.

### INCOMING MATs

June and July was a busy but blessed time as MMM Zambia hosted a number of MAT's from Australia. In June a team of 13 from North Ringwood Uniting Church (Victoria) came to see and assist in the completion of the Uniting Building, which they have been the sponsoring church (refer to 'Uniting Building Update' above). The centre and staff were then encouraged by a group of students from Swan Christian College in Perth; and in July a group of 12 have visited from various parts of south-east Australia. All of the teams were a great blessing to the ministry of MMM and other organisations around Ndola that they visited and contributed to. But most importantly, all of our visitors have returned to Australia changed; impacted by the culture and character of Zambia and its people.

Contact MMM Australia for further information regarding MAT's to Zambia in 2009.



## UNITING BUILDING UPDATE

*A team from North Ringwood Uniting Church (the sponsoring church for the Uniting Building) visited MMM for two weeks in June. The team worked hard at making the finishing touches to the building, such as painting and ceiling installation. The team participated in the official opening of the building on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Our students are now enjoying the nicely finished classrooms. We continue to wait upon the Lord for finances to connect three phase power to the building. Now that the roof and ceilings are complete, the need for electricity connection is even greater.*



North Ringwood Uniting Church Team Officially Opening the Uniting Building

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## PROJECTS

Recently completed projects:

- Kitchen for Hands of Compassion (community school), Ndola
- Orphanage building for New Beginnings Christian Church, Kafue
- Guesthouse renovation for Bright Hope Ministries (Maplehurst Farm), Kabwe



Installation of ceiling and external painting complete on the orphanage building for New Beginnings, Kafue

Current & Upcoming Projects:

- Houses for local Christian workers in Mitengo, Ndola
- Guest wing at *Zambian Nurses Christian Fellowship*, Northrise, Ndola
- Wood workshop building at *Jabulani Children's Village*, Ndola
- Extension to house for local missionaries, Kansenshi, Ndola
- Church building for *Apostolic Church of Pentecost*, Infill, Ndola

## MMM CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS

### Priority 1 – Completion of Existing Projects

Plastering, roof sheeting, painting and ceiling installation of the Uniting Building is complete. Need still remains for connection to electricity. Estimated cost AUD\$1,800.

### Priority 2 – New Projects

1. Erect a suitable building at George Compound to teach men carpentry and bricklaying skills.
2. Erect a community centre in the Lubuto Compound which will serve six other adjacent communities. The building will encompass a medical centre, library and tailoring and designing, computer studies, bricklaying and carpentry teaching facilities. Estimated budget for 1 and 2, including 2 year operational costs AUD\$240,000.

## WOMEN IN NEED PROGRAM UPDATE

The WIN Program continues to operate this term in three centres around Ndola. Plans are underway for the WIN Program to expand to Kafubu Block in the new year, a village area half an hour drive southwest of Ndola. The women at Kafubu Block are very enthusiastic about the commencement of WIN in their village. The community at large is very supportive, with many local men, women and even children working along side Mission Awareness Tour teams and VTC students as they build the community centre that will house the WIN Program. Finances for sewing machines (10 machines costing approx USD \$100 each is desirable), fabrics, literacy material, and ongoing fuel costs for transporting WIN staff to and from are needed to enable the program to commence in Lubuto.

### WIN ENCOURAGING TO 'FISH FOR LIFE'

An account from Janice Johnson's time with MMM's Women In Need Program ...

*Most are familiar with the quote, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime". This saying became true during my recent trip to MMM Zambia. I had been working with the Coordinator of the Women in Need project.*

*From the start, there was one Zambian lady who made an impression on me at the Mapalo WIN program. Everess was motivated and committed. When I asked her why she had come to learn English, she replied, "Madam, I want to help my children with their school work".*

*Four days before I was to return home to Australia, Everess said to me, "Madam, have you seen my fish?" Her fish was moulded from mud, painted grey with a red eye. It stood on a cardboard base, and its gills, fins, and tail were cardboard insets. Everess wanted to sell her fish for Eight thousand kwacha. This was less than three*

*Australian dollars. The following day I asked Everess if she had sold her fish. "No Madam". "I would like to buy your fish", I said. Her eyes lit up as I told her to bring it tomorrow. I knew I could not take it home, but I could assist her to make more fish if I bought this one, and provide food for her family. Tomorrow came, and so did Everess with her fish. That day, during the English class, Everess reluctantly told her story about the fish.*

*Some time ago she had gone to visit her mother in a town nearby. She was starving, there was no food in her family's home so she decided to go to the markets. While she was walking through the lanes she came upon a little boy making a fish from the mud. She went over to the little boy and said to him, "Would you teach me to make a fish?" "Yes," the boy said, "I will teach you to make a fish".*

*During the telling of her story, I could see the pain on this dear lady's face as she relived her experience. Everess knows what it is to have nothing to eat, and to trust God for her food, and all her other needs. That day, she learnt to make a fish and has now sold three. She will make more fish.*

*This true and touching story is told to encourage the staff at MMM Zambia Vocational Training Centre, and the Women in Need Project in particular, to continue their commitment to train Zambian women in the skills that will fit them "to fish for life", through the English, Tailoring, and other programs. Let us continue to pray and share our resources with our Zambian brothers and sisters so that by God's grace many more will learn how to "fish for life".*

Jan worked with Grace Mubunga at the WIN centres in Mapalo and George during April, May and June this year. We thank Jan for her valuable contribution and encouragement to the tailoring and literacy classes.



Fish made by Everess of clay and cardboard

## WIN BLESSED WITH NEW VEHICLE

Thanks to the generosity of Tamworth Baptist Church the WIN program now has its own vehicle. The new 4WD van will allow the WIN coordinator and tutors to travel to the program locations with greater ease and independence.

**Praise the Lord for  
His abundant provisions!**



The new WIN 4WD Van at George Centre

## WELCOME TO THE NESTOR FAMILY

John Nestor is setting up the new Steel Roll Form Machine Project, which will train people in building steel framed housing.



John, Annette, Joshua & Benjamin Nestor arrived in August from Perth, Australia

## PRAISE POINTS

We welcome you to join us in praying for the various ministries of MMM in Zambia.

- Praise the Lord for the general good health and safety granted to staff and students in recent times.
- Praise God for the land allocation at Lubuto for a new MMM Community Centre.
- Praise God for the arrival of the Nestor family from Perth in Australia and for the steel framed housing project they are managing. Praise God for the excitement and great response from Government officials and local leaders over the steel framed housing project.
- Praise God for the return of VTC students for their final term at school and for their great enthusiasm and anticipation for final year exams and graduation.
- Praise God for the great time of fellowship at the recent staff retreat. It was a good time of refreshing and relationship building.
- Praise God for the successful and safe times the various teams from Australia experienced in Zambia in June and July.

**Donations:** If you would like to contribute towards the work of MMM in Zambia, non-tax deductible donations can be made directly to MMM International Zambia Account, NAB BSB 083 363 Acc No 589607533. Tax deductible donations can be processed through World Relief Overseas Aid, who deduct 10% for administration. Please contact MMM International in Australia for further information. Ph. 03 5786 5432 Email [intladmin@mmminternational.org](mailto:intladmin@mmminternational.org)

## PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for our staff who are in need of finances to complete their loans for their plots of land at Lubuto and for the provision of materials to commence building their houses.
- Pray for Leonard Mutono and Felix Muchimba as they travel to the MMM International Council meeting in Thailand at the end of September.
- Pray for the staff and students as we prepare for exams coming up at the end of the term.
- Pray for God's provision for students to pay their outstanding tuition and exam fees to allow them to sit the exams and graduate in November.
- Pray for the ongoing progress and safety of projects and their timely completion.
- Pray for wisdom and direction for setting up next year's activity Plan.