

ZAMBIA UPDATE



VTC GRADUATION 2007

The VTC academic year ended in November 2007 with the Graduation Ceremony on Saturday the 24th. 68 students graduated, consisting of:

- 11 Carpentry & Joinery
- 8 Cutting & Tailoring
- 17 Construction Management
- 32 WIN Project (9 Mapalo, 23 George)

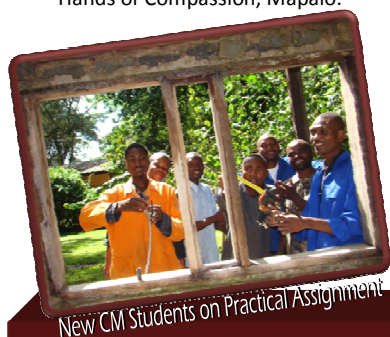
Graduates and their guests were blessed with the words of guest speaker Richard Parker from Travel With a Cause, Australia.

Three of our Construction Management graduates are now volunteering on an MMM building project being undertaken for *Love International* in Mozambique. MMM Zambia's Project Manager, Michael Mbewe, is currently in Mozambique leading our graduates as they build a new school. The school is in a rural area and will provide an education to disadvantaged children who would otherwise not have access to schooling due to their family, geographic or economic situation.

VTC IN 2008 – STUDENT NUMBERS INCREASING

The VTC resumed on 7 January with enrolments accepted for all courses this year. We have a total of 207 students enrolled this year, consisting of:

- 10 in Carpentry & Joinery
- 14 in Cutting & Tailoring
- 33 in Construction Management
- 16 in Bricklaying 1st year
- 25 in Bricklaying 2nd year
- 109 in the WIN program – 55 first year, 33 second year and 21 in a new class at Hands of Compassion, Mapalo.



WIN IN 2008 (WOMEN IN NEED)

The WIN program has expanded further this year, with many of last year's graduates enrolling in a second year course that will further their skills in tailoring, literacy, biblical studies and other life skills.

Another WIN centre has commenced this year in Mapalo Compound. The new program is being run in partnership with 'Hands of Compassion' a local mission running a community school and other education programs. MMM has become involved to expand the ministries of Hands of Compassion to include training of local women in sewing and tailoring. The program is being coordinated by Mrs Grace Mubanga and run jointly by MMM tailoring tutor Miss Jane Banda and Hands of Compassion staff.

PROJECTS

Our MMM Zambia Project Team is busy this term with the following projects:

- School building for *Love International* in Nampula, Mozambique
- Orphanage building for *New Beginnings Christian Church* in Kafue, Zambia
- Housing units for *Baluba Valley Farm*, Kaniki, Ndola
- Wood workshop building at *Jabulani Children's Village*, Ndola
- House slab for a local Christian work's home in Mitengo, Ndola
- Renovations of housing unit for Bright Hope Ministries (Maplehurst Farms), Kabwe, Zambia

FEBRUARY 2008

Welcome to MMM Zambia's new look update for 2008.

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NEW STAFF IN 2008

MR TITUS NSULULU – Full time Carpentry Tutor



AN MMM SUCCESS STORY AND BLESSING IN ONE

Titus graduated from our first carpentry course in 2001. Over the past four and a half years he has set up and run his own carpentry company building a wide range of furniture, cabinetry and roof trusses. He runs a majority of his company, 'Titons Furnishing Fountain', from the MMM VTC workshops, which provides students with increased exposure to a range of carpentry work. Titus' company now financially supports him as he tutors our carpentry students.

MATs (MISSION AWARENESS TOURS)

Following the success of the first MAT to Hong Kong and China last year, MMM Zambia is sending out more teams this year to experience 'Missions' around the world. This year two MAT's are planned; the first going to Thailand in April and the second to Hong Kong & China in May. It has been encouraging for MMM staff and local Churches to see people enthusiastic to participate in and support mission ventures outside of Zambia. We pray this year's teams come back as wide eyed, enthusiastic and appreciative of the various ways in which the Church is working around the world as last year's team.

FROM THE STREETS WITH LITTLE TO MMMVTC WITH POTENTIAL

Introducing second year Bricklaying students ...



Francis & Thomas have a brighter future ahead thanks to MMMVTC and FSC

Francis Tembo & Thomas Kachusha

Both Francis and Thomas have had difficult backgrounds, coming from broken and disadvantaged families. Francis, having only reached grade 9 in school, once sold chitenges (material) on the streets, while Thomas only reached grade 7. They joined a local football/ soccer team in 2006 run by 'Friends of Street Children' (FSC), a local mission who works with street kids. FSC saw potential in Francis and Thomas and their desire to improve their education and life styles, and sponsored them to come to MMM VTC. They are now in their second year of our Bricklaying course. They both particularly enjoy the practical hands-on experience they receive though working on MMM projects. They look forward to graduating in November this year with Trade Certificates; after which they will be employed full time as bricklayers by FSC at one of their house development sites.

MMM CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS - PRIORITY NEEDS

PRIORITY 1 – COMPLETION OF EXISTING PROJECTS

Plastering and roof sheeting of the Uniting Building is nearing completion. Need still remains for connection to electricity and painting. Estimated cost AUD\$3,700. Our need for roof sheeting for 2 housing units under construction remains. Estimated cost AUD\$4,375.



Uniting Building—RoofSheeting & External Plastering nearing completion

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.

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- Thank God for the way projects are running this year in conjunction with the practical teaching of the students and the new staff to assist this to happen.
- Pray for those students who are struggling to meet their tuition fees and to settle into school life and studies this year.
- Pray for continued good health, safety, strength and protection for the Mozambique team and our students and staff on projects throughout Zambia.
- Pray for MAT team members to be prepared spiritually, socially, financially and physically for the outreach activities.

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

NEW STAFF IN 2008

Mrs Elizabeth Lama – Part time WIN Tutor. Elizabeth is working with Grace Mubanga in the running of the WIN Program in George Compound. She is concentrating on tailoring tuition.



Mr Amos Fweka – Part time Tailoring Tutor. Assisting with tutoring of the full time VTC Cutting & Tailoring students. In addition to cutting and tailoring skills Mr Fweka has brought much needed sewing machine maintenance skills to MMM.



Mr Fordson Chiteta & Mr Victor Kaumba

Full time Project Coordinators. Both graduates from our Bricklaying (2004) and Construction Management (2005) courses, Fordson and Victor are working alongside Michael Mbewe overseeing MMM building projects. Both Fordson and Victor obtained practical experience since graduating; working on a range of building projects, which have included site foreman roles. Their training and experience in the construction industry is assisting the projects department in delivering building projects in a timely and skilled manner.

Mr Cyril Bwacha – Part time Carpentry Tutor for Construction Management course



Mr John Mutale – Part time Electrical Theory Tutor for our Construction Management students