Introduction Zambia

The first Wesleyan Missionaries came in the 1930's. Some came from South Africa as they had heard of the need of Zambia and how the people had not heard the good news of Jesus. One of the first missionaries was Rev Reynolds and his wife. They started the work in Zambia by opening the Jembo Mission in 1930. Shortly after that a clinic was opened.

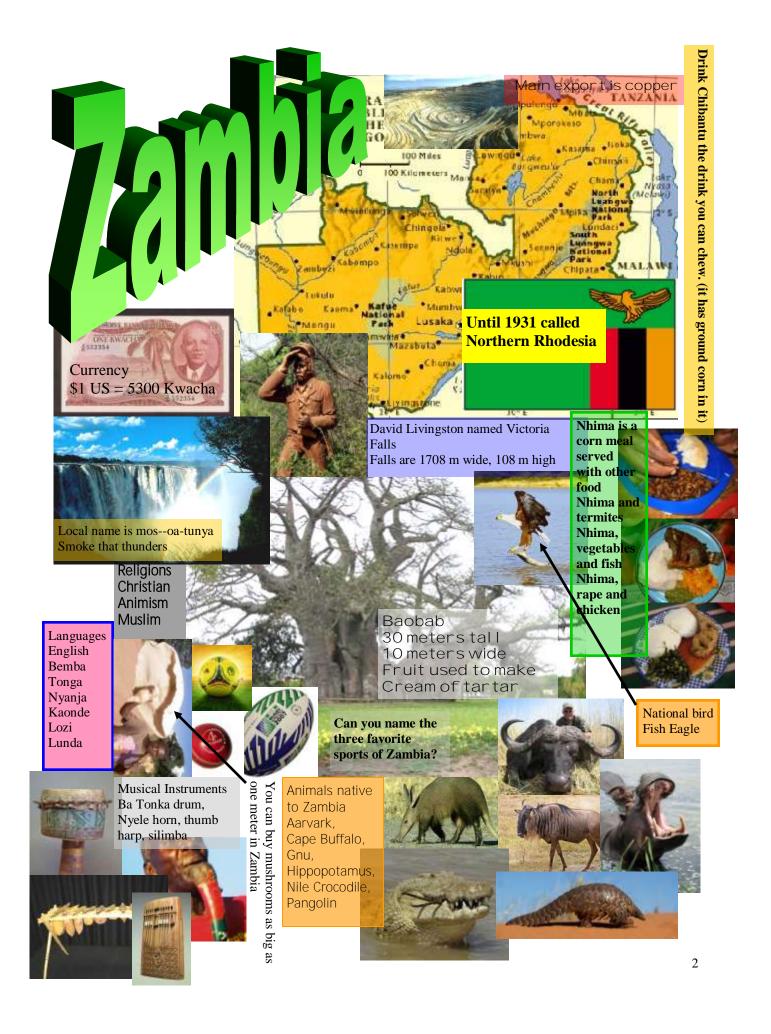
Medical work has always been a critical part of the work in Zambia. Zimba Mission Hospital was started in 1959 and is over 50 years old now. There is a strong evangelism effort at the hospital through the chaplain's program. During the last 50 years, thousands of patients have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. The goal of the hospital is to provide good medical treatment and to help patients with their spiritual needs.

In 1954 there were many people coming to Christ and leaving behind their past fear, witchcraft, and worship of ancestors. There was a

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need to train leaders and pastors to lead churches of these new believers. So a Bible College was started. It has been training pastors since then. But still there is a great need. Zambia, in the last ten years, has planted the most churches in the Wesleyan Church. Many churches are still pastored by people who have not gone to Bible College. So we must pray for more students to come to study.





Owen Mudenda

Owen is a 5 year old boy from Zambia, Africa. He is living in Nyawa village. His village is 40 miles from Zimba Mission Hospital. It takes 2 ½ hours by vehicle to travel from his home in the village to the hospital. The reason it takes so long is that the condition of the road is very bad. The roads going to the village are dirt roads. There is only 1 paved road in the whole country of Zambia. During the rainy season, these gravel roads get very big ruts in them making it difficult to drive.

Owen's father brought him to our pediatric clinic at Zimba Mission Hospital. Owen had not been able to eat properly since birth. Another problem was noted when he turned 2 years old. He was not able to run very well. I examined Owen in the clinic. It was quite obvious that had a large opening in his upper lip. When I looked inside of his mouth, I noted that he had a large hole in the roof of his mouth. This medical condition is known as "cleft lip and cleft palate." On examination of his legs, it was quite obvious that his legs were deformed. He was severely bow-legged. This medical condition is "genu varum."

I gave Owen's father a referral letter with instructions for him to take Owen to the University Teaching Hospital. Owen would need specialized surgery that was not able to be performed at Zimba Mission Hospital. The University Teaching Hospital has surgeons that can perform specialized operations for patients like Owen. This hospital is located in Lusaka which is the capital of Zambia. Lusaka is 6 hours away from Zimba by bus.

About 6 months later, I saw Owen with his father back in our outpatient clinic at Zimba Mission Hospital. Owen's father still had the referral letter. They never made the trip to Lusaka to see the surgeons at the University Teaching Hospital. Owen's father explained that they did not have the money to buy a bus ticket to Lusaka. The cost of a one-way bus ticket from Zimba to Lusaka is \$25. And they have never been to Lusaka. They were afraid that they might get lost in the big city. The population of Lusaka is 1 million people. They did not have any relatives or family members who lived in Lusaka who might be able to help them when they reached there. Also, they would have to bring extra food because the hospitals in Lusaka only feed their patients 1 meal per day.

We had a lot of patients like Owen. They had deformities that could be corrected with surgery but they could not make the trip to Lusaka to see the special surgeons because of the difficulties with travelling there. So, we got the idea to start a surgical outreach program at Zimba Mission Hospital. We invited the surgeons from Lusaka to come and visit us in Zimba. The surgeon would usually stay for 3 days. The first day would be for clinic. About 50 patients would be seen in clinic. The second day would be for surgery. The doctor would usually perform 10 operations. The third day would be for post-op rounds in the surgical ward. Then, the surgeon would go back to



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Lusaka.

The first visit was by an orthopedic surgeon or bone doctor. He came to Zimba Mission Hospital for the first time in November 2008. The plastic surgeon also started coming to Zimba Mission Hospital in February 2010. Also, an anesthesiologist from Lusaka started to join their surgical outreach trip. The anesthesia doctor is very important because his job is to make the patients go to sleep for their operations. In March 2011, we even opened an airstrip near the hospital. Now, the volunteer surgeons from Lusaka can fly in a small airplane to Zimba. The flight is only 1 hour. This is better than the 6 hour drive in a car!

Owen benefitted 4 different times from the surgical outreach visits to Zimba Mission Hospital. The orthopedic surgeon was able to operate on his right leg and his left leg. He is able to run properly now. After that, the plastic surgeon was able to perform an operation to close the opening in his upper lip. Lastly, the hole in the roof of his mouth was surgically repaired by the plastic surgeon in March 2011. Owen can now eat properly. Thank the Lord that Owen finally had his medical problems treated successfully at Zimba Mission Hospital.

Because of support from churches in the USA, children like Owen can find the help that they need to overcome disabilities and go on to lead a normal life like most kids. The surgeries that Owen had done made all the difference for him. Prayer and financial donations for mission hospitals are making a big impact on children in African countries like Zambia where the government hospitals are usually in very poor condition.

Paulet Sinabanza

I grew up not going to Sunday School or to church. I didn't know about Jesus as a child. I lived near the big lake called Kariba in Zambia where I fished and saw hippos and crocodiles. I did some bad things. I stole things from other people. I was a thief. I stole and got some things but I was not happy. I did other bad things as well.

Then one day I went to church and I heard about Jesus. I was tired of the way I was living and believed in Jesus. I felt such joy, and peace. I didn't want to steal any longer and I stopped stealing, Jesus was in my heart now!

I worked in my church and grew up. I felt that God was calling me to Bible College to be a pastor. At first I didn't think I could do it. But then God kept speaking to me and finally I agreed and came to Bible College. I have been studying now for almost 3 years and will graduate soon and become a pastor. God has been good to me!

Memory Activity

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified...for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you or forsake you.

Divide the verse into five sections:

Be strong and courageous
Do not be afraid or terrified
For the Lord your God goes with you
He will never leave you or forsake you
Deuteronomy 31:6

The leader will recite each phrase and the children will repeat and mimic what the leader says. Speak weakly and timidly after the phrase about being afraid or terrified. The rest of the phrases speak boldly and with confidence. Emphasize the words "strong," "courageous," "never leave you", etc.

Have the children take turns being the leader. Encourage them to be bold and confident, using a variety of hand motions when they lead.

Bible Lesson

David and Goliath

I Samuel 17:20-50

David was a shepherd boy. His father sent him to bring some supplies to his brothers, who were in the Israelite army. David found them, his brothers and the rest of the army, afraid and worried. The great giant Goliath from the Philistine army was challenging them, just as he had done every day. He was asking for just one man to fight him. If an Israelite soldier won, the Philistines would serve them. But, if Goliath won, the Israelites would serve the Philistines. Who could fight against Goliath and win? He was too big and too strong. The Israelites did not know what to do.

But, David did. He went to King Saul. "I'll fight Goliath," he said. "I'm not afraid. I killed a lion and a bear when they attacked my sheep. I have God on my side. He will help me."

So, King Saul agreed. He gave David his heavy armor and helmet to protect him. But, it was too big and uncomfortable for David. "No thank you," David said. "I'll fight Goliath the way that I fight those animals - with my sling and stones."

And so, David went out to meet Goliath. What do you think Goliath thought when he saw a boy coming at him? Maybe he laughed and thought that the Israelites would very soon be his new servants. But, David was bold and said to him, "...I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel..." David didn't only have stones in his pocket; he had God on his side! And he was ready to fight this evil giant.

As Goliath approached, David ran toward him. He grabbed a stone from his pouch; put it in his sling, and...whizzzzz....the stone flew and hit Goliath right on the forehead. Down he went! David had killed the fearful giant!

David wasn't as big as Goliath. David wasn't as strong as Goliath. David didn't have the fighting weapons that Goliath had. But, David had something that Goliath did not. David had the Lord God on his side, and it was God who helped David to not be afraid and to shoot his one stone hard and straight so that the enemy was defeated. When you have big problems, don't forget that you have the Lord God on your side to help you. Do not be afraid, but be strong and brave. God will help you to get through those problems because He is always with you.

Nalyako

2-6 participants can play Nalyako either indoors or outdoors on a plain flat ground. Sand is heaped in a mountain shape on an agreed spot on the ground and a stick is inserted in the sand from the top of the heap; The stick is put upright in the middle of the heap of sand with about 1/3 of it protruding and the rest covered under sand. Participants then sit around the heap in such positions that they are able to reach the heap with their arms. In an agreed sequence, participants take turns one after the other pulling out the sand supporting the stick. The amount of sand pulled out by a participant is not limited. The pulling out of sand continues, on child at a time until the stick drops down from its upright position.









Each participant pulling the sand says "nalyako"

while pulling the sand. The participant who drops the stick is required to run with the stick to an agreed object (like a tree) and touch it. The object will be fixed at an agreed distance relative to the immediate environment and according to the abilities of participants. Other participants try to touch him/her before s/he touches the agreed object. If the participant who dropped the stick touches the object before s/he is touched by any of the others running after him/her, s/he comes back and rejoins to participate in the next contest. Consequently, if s/he is touched before touching the object, s/he is out until the game is finished. The game continues until there is a winner.





- Pray for the children who are sick because of HIV/AIDS
- Pray for the children that have become orphans because their parents have died of AIDS
- Pray for continued improvements with the medical facilities at Zimba Mission Hospital
- Pray that the Wesleyan Church in Zambia can continue to grow stronger and that new believers can grow stronger in their faith through discipleship programs
- Pray that the Bible College in Jembo can continue to graduate new pastors so that they can begin to serve at Wesleyan Churches that do not have a trained pastor
- Pray that the chaplain program at ZMH can continue to win many more patients to Christ through their evangelism efforts

Activity

