



# Zambia Lusaka Mission

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Dear Elders and Sisters,

The Lord, in his wisdom, has developed a plan for bringing the gospel message to all the inhabitants of the world. This plan, as you know, is carried out by missionaries, under the direction and leadership of the members of the First Presidency and The Quorum of the Twelve. After two and a half years serving as a mission president I continue to be astonished at the wisdom of having missionaries reborn in Christ and molded spiritually and temporally by His tutoring hands while they lose themselves in the work. [Matthew 16:25](#) says, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Missionaries, who seize this opportunity to serve, learn and grow in ways the Lord knows is necessary and largely unavailable anywhere else. They can learn the skills that, if applied in life, make for a life of self-reliance, faithful and devoted church service and the ability to provide appropriately for ones family.

As an example of the influence of serving a mission, I share with you the following regarding LDS members on the Thinkers 50.

The Thinkers50 ranking identifies individuals worldwide, who stand out as the world's foremost thinkers in business, leadership and management. It remains the premier ranking of its kind".

This year, for the first time, 10 percent of those on the Thinkers50 list are LDS — Clayton Christensen at No. 2, Dave Ulrich (27), Liz Wiseman (43), Hal Gregersen (46) and Whitney Johnson (49).

Ulrich said: "Five LDS people on the list is amazing," "I credit the LDS learning system... I don't think the world understands how great missions are for learning; gospel and theology learning, of course, but also social learning, organizational learning, personal management learning. An 18-month or two-year mission is like five years working at one of the world's best consulting firms."

The idea of an outsized Mormon impact in business and business management has been explored before, most famously in [a 2010 Financial Times article](#), which said LDS culture has given birth to "a professional elite." In 2012, Harvard Business Review published an article titled, "[How Mormons Have Shaped Modern Management.](#)"

Lee Perry, dean of BYU's Marriott School of Management, credited what he called the LDS Church's focus on leadership and leadership development. "Mormons don't have a paid clergy but their congregations are highly organized. Girls and boys begin to serve in leadership positions when they turn 12, and those opportunities continue to grow for women and men throughout their lives".

"I think the experiences we have in church help us become more sensitive to leadership and organizational issues," Perry said.

Elders and sisters, I join with you in our desires to bring the saving gospel of Christ to our brothers and sisters. I also know that in becoming bright capable missionaries we are accomplishing another great aim of our Father in Heaven, to prepare us for further growth and development on the road to exaltation. Let us be faithful to all the Father has in store for us is my prayer.

President Erickson

Hello Sisters and Elders,

Is 2016 going to be a great year for you?

I love the optimism of Peter in 1 Peter 3:15...

"Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh ... a reason of the hope that is in you."

Peter presupposes that because we are fellow disciples of Jesus Christ we WILL be filled with Hope! I cherish hope. I cling to it in almost every circumstance in life. Choosing to have hope...instead of choosing to be filled with despair or pessimism or doubt....brightens every day and strengthens every fiber of my being. I know 2016 will be a great year for President and me; not because everything will go our way, but because of the hope we have in and through Christ that all will be well.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me". Philippians 4:13

A few guidelines for a happy life.

Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.

Compliment three people every day.

Be the first to say hello.

Treat everyone like you want to be treated.

Never give up on anybody; miracles happen.

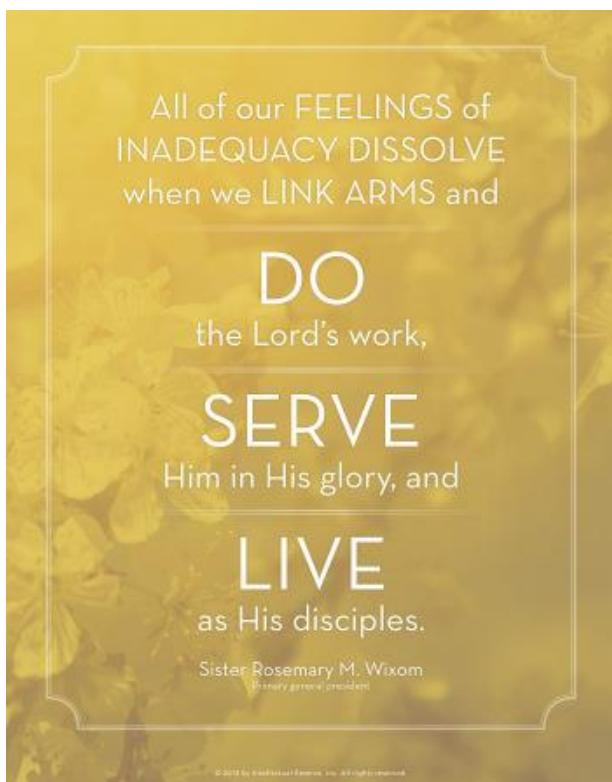
Never deprive someone of hope; it may be all they have.  
 Be tough-minded, but tenderhearted.  
 Be kinder than necessary.  
 Keep your promises.  
 Learn to show cheerfulness, even if you don't feel like it.  
 Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

Sister Erickson

## A BIG ZAMBIAN Welcome!!



Welcome to Elder Stark, Elder Chartier and Sister Kinikini.



## Farewell and Best Wishes



Elder Chanza, Elder Gangire, Elder Kapalanga. These elders from Malawi have served in Malawi for about 5 months and recently went to Ghana for the MTC. We thank them so much for their desire to serve in their native country until their visas were approved. Our love and prayers go with them on their new assignments.



Sister Quaye, Sister Natsala, Sister Dlamini, Sister Falco, Sister Proctor, and Sister Rasband.

### NOTE ON ELECTRICITY and PHONES

President Erickson has approved the following items:

Lusaka Missionaries – Please text your Zesco electric meter reading **and the last four digits of your meter number** on Monday to the finance office. +260 9750 51847. On Wednesday you will receive the code for more units if you are below 400. Thanks for your help.

Phone update. If you damage your phone you are responsible for the repair costs. If the phone is lost, contact the mission office to purchase a new phone. If it is truly stolen, it will be replaced.

## HEALTH CORNER.

Dear Elders and Sisters. With the New Year comes the setting of goals. One of those should be your health. Just as you are concerned about your spiritual wellbeing, you should be equally concerned about good physical and mental health.



Arise early, exercise body and mind. Eat well prepared, wholesome foods. Be clean; that includes your body. Wash your hands often, especially after shaking lots of hands, after using the bathroom, and before preparing food. Keep your living quarters clean and tidy, especially your kitchen and sleeping area, and use a net to protect you while you sleep. Take your Doxycycline. Be faithful to her. Malaria is not going away, any time soon. As the Lord has said, "use wisdom in all things", that especially applies to Missionary Health. Success to each of you.

Elder Birrell MMA



16 January Sister Bingham  
17 January Elder Knobloch  
25 January Elder Birrell  
30 January Sister Salmon  
*(We need more birthdays this month! Somebody else hurry up and have one.)*

## ZONE CONFERENCES

All missionaries serving in Zambia



All missionaries serving in Malawi.



Everyone had a great time as our spirits were fed and nourished by the good word of God, our bodies were fed with the good food of Pizza Hut and Hungry Lion, and our "silly sides" was charged up by the gift exchange.

We were reminded that our purpose here at this time is to serve the people and bring them to our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.





## Baptisms



Want to see yourself in the baptisms section of the monthly newsletter? Email us your pictures at the office at [1461788@ldschurch.org](mailto:1461788@ldschurch.org)



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- ★ A new goal might seem overwhelming. Work on it a little at a time instead of all at once.
- ★ Make a calendar or a chart to check off the time you work on your goal.
- ★ Tell your family and friends about your goal. They can help support you as you work on it.
- ★ Heavenly Father wants you to develop your talents and learn as much as you can. Ask for help with your goal in your daily prayers.

