



Zambia Lusaka Mission

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Dear Elders and Sisters,

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing this, the last of my monthly newsletter messages to you. Yes, we are eager to successfully complete this assignment and look forward to the insights and inspiration of President and Sister Kupu guiding the mission. But, as we look into the calendar and imagine the events already scheduled, and we see the condition of the mission and your good work, we continue to share the enthusiasm and excitement for the ongoing work.

I spoke to President Kupu again this week and they are doing well in their preparations for being with us. He and Sister Kupu meet with Elder Bednar on Friday the 17th of June to be set apart. They then enter the MTC for the New Mission Presidents Seminar on the 22nd of June. They arrive into the mission and assume their duties on the 28th of June. They are also looking forward to getting started.

They will have a full schedule in July and August with three separate transfers, interviews with all of you, district conferences where they will preside, the Africa Southeast Area New Mission President's Seminar and then a mission tour with Elder Stanley G. Ellis of The Seventy, just to name a few.

Sister Erickson and I pray for the Kupu's and this Great Zambia Lusaka Mission. We trust the Lord and have confidence He is guiding the work here. We have all been blessed beyond measure to have been called into this mission and to do this work. I will forever be changed as a result of the call to preside over the mission and work closely with each of you. You must know that I, we, have so much love and respect for each of you.

It has been my experience over three years now that my greatest satisfaction and joy comes from seeing you, the missionaries, individually and collectively overcome your challenges and the difficulties of consecrating yourselves to the work. Especially among those of us who struggle with this assignment, for you to serve as full-time missionaries when it's difficult and to see you re-energize and re-commit and ultimately to successfully complete your missions; this has brought great happiness to my life. More importantly, I know it brings even greater joy to Father in Heaven and to our Savior.

My dear friends, we will have always worked together in this wonderful mission and you will have always been our missionaries. Nothing can take that away. Please be faithful and loyal to President and Sister Kupu. Give them your love and support. Then, when you have completed your mission,

please reach out to us and stay in touch. We will want to know about your lives and how you and your growing families are doing.

We extend to you our love and blessing and pray God's greatest blessings into your lives.

President and Sister Erickson

Elders and Sisters of the GZLM,

President and I are sitting in the Chileka airport in Blantyre, awaiting our flight back to Zambia from Malawi. We had a terrific last trip to Blantyre where President finished up the interviewing of all the missionaries in the mission, and we had our Malawi combined zones conference. We also participated in Blantyre's district conference which was powerful and inspiring. Upon our return to Lusaka we are looking forward to our Zambia combined zones conference.

Farewells are not my favorite thing, I prefer to say... "We shall meet again" and I believe that to be true.

The obvious way to mark a mission is by time and our time here is running out! However, the rich memories, blessings and eternal relationships that have come from our time here in this assignment to preside over the Great Zambia Lusaka Mission for the space of three years is only just beginning. How privileged, even honored, I feel to have served with you all - elders, sisters and senior couples. I have loved teaching with you, learning from your spiritual insights, working side by side and being lifted by your example.

Thank you for who you are, each of you. You are uniquely gifted with talents from our Father in Heaven and we have loved watching you grow and those gifts multiplied as you share them.

I love the reunion of Alma the younger and the sons of Mosiah in Alma 17:

...."Alma did rejoice exceedingly to see his brethren; and what added more to his joy, they were still his brethren in the Lord; yea, and they had waxed strong in the knowledge of the truth; for they were men of a sound understanding and they had searched the scriptures diligently, that they might know the word of God."

Whenever and wherever we shall meet again, may we be like these faithful brethren and feel the joy that true and faithful disciples are given to know.

With much love,
Sister Erickson

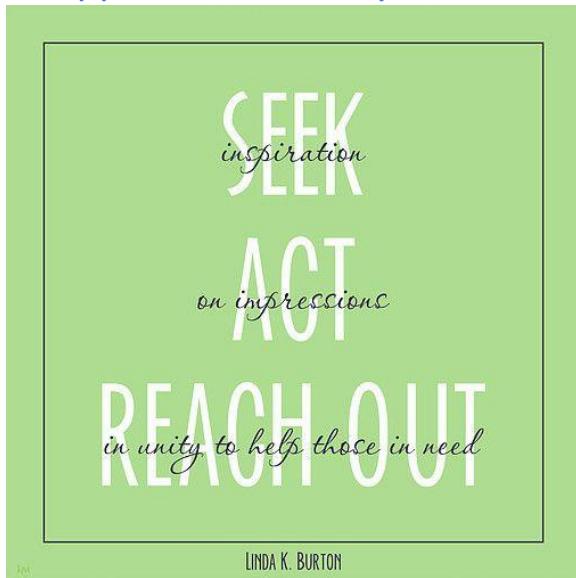


- 3 June Elder Nemakonde**
8 June Elder Ketchum
16 June Elder Tshabalala
19 June Sister Mulomba
20 June Elder Stark
23 June Elder Abisai
24 June Sister Aidoo

A BIG ZAMBIAN Welcome



We give a big Zambian welcome to Elder Komakech, who is serving in **Lilanda** and Elder Jeronimo, who is serving in the Copperbelt--Luanshya South.



Baptisms



Lilongwe



Libala



Libala



Ndirande South

Want to see yourself in the baptisms section of the monthly newsletter? Email us your pictures at the office at 1461788@ldschurch.org



Matera



Lilongwe

Medical Corner



Dear Elders and Sisters:

1,000,000 to 3,000,000 people die each year from Malaria, across the world. We have had two missionaries, with Malaria this year, so far, one had to be hospitalized. We don't want you to be

next in line. Remember when the children of Israel were being bitten by the fiery serpents, and Moses placed one on a staff and raised it, and to be healed all they had to do was look, but because of the "easiness of the way, many would not look and perished". To prevent Malaria, you have been given a little capsule called Doxycycline. Tiny, easy to swallow, and if you can't swallow a pill because of a hyperactive gag reflex, you can open it and sprinkle it on your food. Just don't take it at bedtime, and be sure to take it with a meal. Easy right? Just like looking at the raised staff. Is it 100% fool proof, NO, it's medicine, not magic, but if you don't take it or the other preventive medicine that you may have been given instead, you not only have no assurance of protection, but you are also disobeying Mission rules. Part of being an effective missionary, is remaining strong and healthy, and taking care of ourselves physically, as well as spiritually, and being obedient. The Church is now also covering the cost of Insect Repellent, so you really have no excuse not to protect yourselves. The Sisters can also wear slacks, while out and about, giving more protection to them. In future, for those of you not protecting yourselves, let us as the scriptures say, be "more wise."

Elder Birrell MMA

RECIPE CORNER

NO BAKE COOKIES

Ingredients

2 cups sugar

1/2 cup milk

1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats

1 cup smooth peanut butter

1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

Large pinch kosher salt

Directions

Line a baking sheet with wax paper or grease the sheet.

Bring the sugar, milk, butter and cocoa to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally, then let boil for 1 minute. Remove from the heat. Add the oats, peanut butter, vanilla and salt, and stir to combine. Drop teaspoonfuls of the mixture onto the prepared baking sheet, and let sit at room temperature until cooled and hardened, about 30 minutes.

Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies

1 tsp soda

½ tsp salt

1-1/4 cup packed brown sugar

1 cup butter

½ cup white sugar

2 large eggs

T Tbs. milk

2 tsp vanilla

2-1/2 cups oats

2 cups chocolate chips

Directions

Combine flour, soda and salt in a small bowl. In a large bowl, beat brown and white sugar and butter until creamy. Beat in eggs, milk and vanilla. Gradually add flour mixture and mix. Stir in oats and chocolate chips. Mix well. Drop teaspoon size portions on a cookie sheet. Bake 9-10 minutes at 375F or 180 C. Cool on cookie sheet for 1 minute. Remove to wire rack to continue cooling.

REQUEST

If you have a favorite recipe, please send it to Sister Groesbeck and she will feature it in the next newsletter! Or if you have something you would like to make and don't know how, send a request and we'll find someone who knows, or I will "ask google."

Malawi Combined Zone Conference

Our wonderful missionaries from Blantyre and Lilongwe. A really hard working group, and....



a really fun group too! What a great mix!



The last zone conference for these three wonderful missionaries serving in Malawi-- Elder Sagers, Elder Owor and Elder Collins.



Zambia Combined Zone Conference

Our wonderful missionaries from Copperbelt and Lusaka. Such a hard working and spiritually guided group, and.....



also a pretty silly group! What great missionaries we have!



Last zone conference for these four wonderful missionaries! President and Sister Erickson, Elder Tayembi and Elder Cunningham. Thanks for all your good work!



At these conferences we were reminded to keep the doctrine of Christ engraved on our hearts and rooted deeply in the marrow of our bones. We were also instructed in obedience, sacrifice and consecration. What inspiring messages urging us all to go forward in the work here with renewed faith and dedication!

NOTICE!!!

We no longer have office elders! They are full-time proselyting missionaries now! So with questions about vehicles, call Elder Salmon. Problems with the flat--please contact Elder Groesbeck. Please continue to weekly text your zone leaders with your electric meter reading.

NOTICE!!!

NOTE: Elder Salmon has taken over the responsibility of Vehicle Coordinator. His phone number is +260 972 907 071. Please remember to turn in the Daily Vehicle report by the 5th of each month, as in the past. Also, please text Elder Salmon every time you use your TOM card and give him the balance on the card.

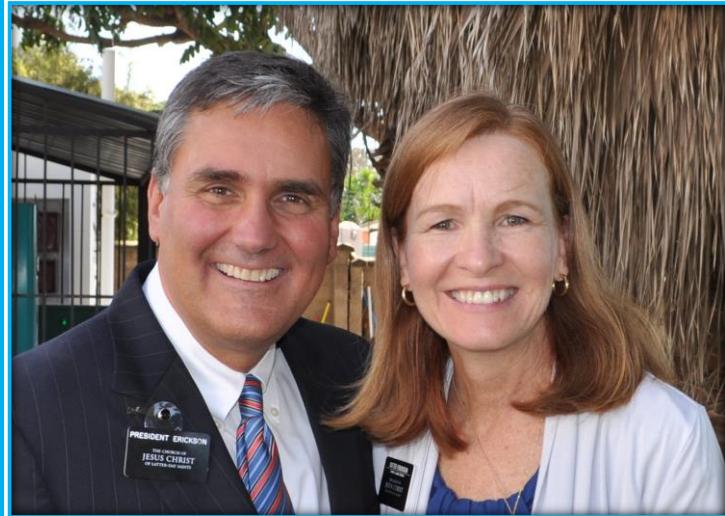
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Elder Tayembu for scoring so well on his English Proficiency test. Can you tell he's just a little excited about it?



LAST BUT NOT LEAST.....

THANK YOU PRESIDENT AND SISTER ERICKSON FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LORD AND YOUR MISSIONARIES FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS! May God bless you in all your future endeavors! WE LOVE YOU!



As a small token of the love and appreciation we all feel for the Ericksons, they were given a table runner with the names and years of past and current missionaries with whom they have served over the last three years! GO WELL BELOVED PRESIDENT AND SISTER ERICKSON!



Changes in the mission over the last three years:

The mission went from 3 mission districts to a stake in Lusaka and 4 mission districts.

The mission grew from 58 missionaries to a high of 104 and to a number now of 70!