



Zambia Lusaka Mission



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Malo e Lelei Elders and Sisters,

Another great and successful month. Regardless of the many challenges we face, we have a reason to rejoice for a job well done. Every good work you did adds a drop of oil to the great success of our mission.

As we are approaching the Christmas season, we are reminded of a quote that someone saved on Sister Kupu's desktop screen. It's a quote given by our beloved prophet, Thomas S. Monson, as he addressed the members during a First Presidency Christmas Devotional. He said, "WE FIND REAL JOY WHEN WE MAKE THE SAVIOR THE FOCUS OF THE SEASON." We know it's hard being so far away from our loved ones and we mostly focus on them and what we usually do during this holiday. May we suggest that we make Christ our focus by loving, serving and teaching those near us in the Savior's way. Let them know about Christ and how much He loves them. We love and pray for you daily. We wish you a wonderful Christmas season wherever you are serving.

Ofa atu and with warm regards!
President and Sister Kupu

WELCOME TO ZAMBIA

We would like to welcome our new missionaries: Elder Lesu, Elder Merrill, Elder Mani, and Sister Motseko. They bring great strength coupled with their strong testimonies that can lift us all. May we do all we can do make them feel welcomed and loved.



Name: **Elder Jack Merrill**

Country: Canada

Area Serving: Lusaka, Lusaka Zone

Companion: Elder Gova

Name: **Sister Semakaleng Motseko**

Country: South Africa

Area Serving: Munali South, Lusaka Zone

Companion: Elder Maele

Name: **Elder Luthando Mani**

Country: South Africa

Area Serving: Chainama South

Companion: Elder Essilfie

Name: **Elder Ditrick Lesu**

Country: Tanzania

Area Serving: Matero East, Lusaka Zone

Trainer: Elder Maele

Farewell and Best Wishes

We say Good Bye and a BIG thanks to Elder Bennett and Sister Ratema as they return to home. You will be missed!



Sister Ratema and Sister Motseko knew each other before the mission and were lucky enough to meet at the airport before Sister Ratema returned home!

MISSING IN ACTION

Issac Etiang's Message: So it has been adjusting to home life. It has been exciting and a little tempting to relax. But all the things missionaries do have been very helpful. Especially communicating with people who don't understand/don't have similar experiences with you. Lately I had an interesting



experience with the power of persuasion and a power of "the art of a kind/gentle answer" ~from President Hinckley. I have always wanted my family to understand as I do about the Church and what it means to be an RM. My family loves me and they wish the best of me and they have always wanted me to go high with education. They have always been supportive, imperfect as they are. But they've been a little disappointed that I paused school for 2 years. I don't blame them and didn't argue with them because they're speaking from what they understand. I simply said well, I understand how you feel but it is also true that I have learnt a lot more than I would have learnt in college while I have been out for 2 years.

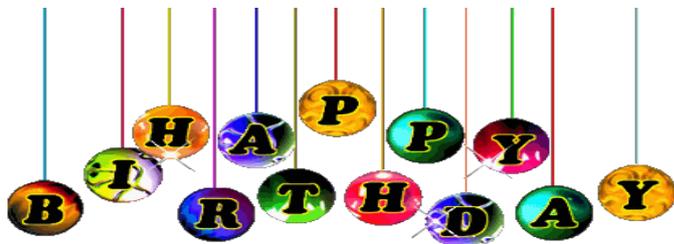
One thing that I am really grateful for is the blessing of a companion. It is much easier to do things when you're two and you find safety in each other. No doubt they encourage RMs to marry ASAP. When I got home, I found my best friend who had returned from his Mission earlier and he was struggling and I was scared how to fit in. We had been close friends even before our mission and it has been a blessing to be with him. Remind the Missionaries to be grateful of company their companions give them. My love to the Missionaries.

John Brewerton's Message: Currently I am enrolled in institute classes and have applied to start school in January. My Mission has helped me not waste time or become complacent with my spiritual and secular progress. I find myself wanting to use time more effectively, which credit I give to my



full time service. Shortly I will be serving locally in my ward as well in a responsibility I am called to perform, which is allowing me to have balance of secular and spiritual work and

learning. My Mission has and still is helping me progress in all aspects of my life.



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| 2 Dec | Sister Kupu |
| 5 Dec | Elder Kabuba |
| 10 Dec | Elder Lesu |
| 19 Dec | Elder Bobowski |
| 24 Dec | Elder Groesbeck |
| 26 Nov | Elder Chauke |

Baptisms

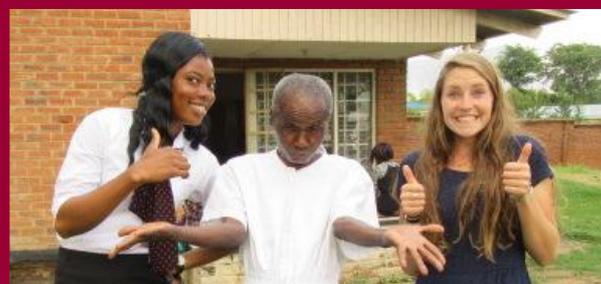
Blantyre



Luanshya



Ndirande



Presidential Way



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

Blantyre



Kalambo



Ndirande



Ndola



Ndola



Missionary Moments

Sister Mukweya: A missionary without reading the Book of Mormon is like life without breath, impossible right? Indeed life is not life without the Liahona {Book of Mormon}. I was one of those people who would testify that the book is true yet I didn't have that inner testimony embedded in my heart. My testimony came last year in October, two elders who were my zone leaders, challenged the whole zone to read the Book of Mormon starting from the beginning. At first I questioned because I didn't really understand why I was supposed to read it. I remember sitting on my study desk the night of the same day, asking GOD if he really exist and if the book was true. That night the power of prayer worked it all out, I felt an inner craving, more desire to feast in the Book of Mormon. The feeling honestly I can't even describe it because it was just too much for me. I read the book starting from the cover page. More learning came as I applied what I was learning. I have learnt many things including true repentance. Alma 30:60 states it clear that the result for sin is death, the devil will never support you in the end, not even so why not start now to prepare to meet GOD and to do that which he wants us to do? I am still working on having 100% mighty change of heart. The Book of Mormon has brought peace and miracles in my life. If you haven't read it start now.

Elder Bobowski: An Experience I have had with the Book of Mormon on my mission is the ability to answer any question that is posed to me or my companion through a verse or a story found within the Book of Mormon. I remember a recent lesson where we asked the woman we were teaching to think of a question she had about life, she had questions about God that she said had bothered her for some time, one of which was why God would allow righteous people to kill the wicked. As soon as this was asked my companion and I flipped open the Book of Mormon and shared two different verses that both taught about the wicked being killed to bring about Gods purposes. Since this experience I have had the trust in the Book of Mormon that it answers all the questions of the soul and try through my teaching to show this to my investigators and members. I know that by reading the Book of Mormon we

can draw closer to our Savior Jesus Christ and have all of our questions answered, I know that God loves us and has given us another testament of Jesus Christ for our benefit and growth and that as we read it we will remain strong and steadfast in the gospel.

MLC

We had a great MLC where we focused on looking for quality investigators who are self-reliant, know our official language and that can read church materials in English, willing to give up cultures that contradicts our standards and beliefs, and who are willing to serve in any capacity and to serve others too. We have received several letters from missionaries who found this to be very difficult. However, as they increase their faith to obey, the Lord leads them to those people the scriptures have instructed to look for as we establish the church here.

They also had a ton of fun!



They ate a ton of good food!



They worked hard, too!





Thank you Elder Ford and mom, for the mini-cereals! They were a great hit for prizes! (Sorry they came after you left for home!)



Elder Chartier, exactly what are you doing?



Medical Corner

Medical Issue: This month we had 19 cases of different sickness. It's a huge decrease from the 43 cases we had last month. Thank you for putting your health as your priority. Thank you for keeping us informed so that we can seek the best medical assistance possible. You must be tired of hearing Sister Kupu telling you to drink a lot of water 😊. Doing so will save you a lot of pain.

KEY INDICATORS BY ZONE: NOVEMBER 2016

	Lusaska	Copperbelt	Lilongwe	Blantyre
Inv. Bapt.	10	12	18	27
Inv. Conf.	6	12	11	21
Inv. w/ Bapt.				
Date	149	138	214	162
Sac. Attend	109	136	155	101
MP Lessons	376	268	418	334
Other				
Lessons	197	122	66	129
Progress Inv.	182	148	206	166
Referral Recv'd	36	5	17	7
Referral Cont'd	184	136	106	111
New Inv.	177	105	90	85
RC Lessons	99	53	68	61
LA Lessons	101	66	27	21
My Family				
Lessons	40	47	24	42
F.L.F.	82	38	56	73
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Inspiration from Homeward Bound Missionaries

Sister Bingham: As my mission comes to a close, I have been experiencing a lot of very mixed emotions and to put the past 18 months into a few words is a difficult task. However, as I reflect on my missionary service, two words come to mind....gratitude and joy. I quickly came to learn within my first few days as a missionary that I have countless inadequacies and weaknesses but I was and continue to be humbled to know that the Lord has called me and all of us to labor in His vineyard. To say that I am extremely grateful for my call to serve would be a great understatement. Each and every day I saw the hand of the Lord provide miracles that built my faith and increased my appreciation for the Savior and His Atonement. For this I will give praises of thanksgiving for many blessings seen not just in my life but in the lives of those I taught, loved, and served. We each were promised that "more happiness awaits you than you have ever experienced as you labor among His children." And if there is anything that I can testify of it is that missionary work brings JOY- complete, true and lasting JOY. But it only comes as we serve with our all. The greater we give the greater we receive. I remember a particular trying moment during my mission when I was give the counsel to lay aside my worries, fears, and disappointments and to enjoy this one time in my life where I can completely dedicate myself to building up the Lord's Kingdom. The more I left behind who I was and focused fully on my calling, the more I was blessed with an indescribable

amount of joy and I can honestly say that it has been the happiest 18 months of my life! It will be difficult to leave Zambia and Malawi, to leave the people that have grown so dear to my heart, but I'm excited to continue what has begun here. The work, lessons, and miracles won't be forgotten when I take off my name tag, but will be a strong foundation as I continue in my call to serve, wherever or whatever that may be.

Sister Owusu-Afriyie: Now when our hearts were depressed and we were about to turn back, the Lord comforted us and said; Go amongst thy brethren, the Zambian and the Malawians and bear with patience thine afflictions and I will give unto you success. I am so grateful that I had this wonderful opportunity of serving along side you wonderful sisters and Elders in this part of the vineyard. My time here has been a great privilege of learning, serving, touching lives for eternities as I teach and set goals and now am grateful that I can boldly say just like the Apostle Paul "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith" and now my greatest goal as I go home will be to enter the temple worthily and to not hide the things I have learnt under a bushel but on a candlestick that I can establish Zion in my homeland. Mission has given me friends and people that I will cherish for the rest of my life. The greatest thing that has helped me on my mission is raising the bar and the angels by my side..let your companion and mission leaders be that angel by your side and seek to listen to their counsel in becoming better generation of missionaries...

I LOVE YOU ALL MY DEAR ELDERS AND SISTER (in my language we say me d) wo)

A big shout out to all of you yes I mean you...And a special thank you to all the senior couples YOU ROCK. MUCH LOVE.

Elder Ketchum: Mission is a time of many stresses and trials, but also a time of great growth. And the thing is, if both of these don't go together then we cannot have that growth. So endure the trials and even find joy in them, for as Job said, "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." (Job 23:8-10). Enjoy, endure and grow on your mission and really hearken unto President and Sister Kupu. For, for this cause you were called to this mission to learn from them. Because they are the best Mission President and wife to help you become the person you can be.

Sister Thueson: Thinking about my mission and all the things I've learned, Alma 26:16 comes in to my head. ". . . Behold who can glory too much in the Lord?" Yea, who can say too much of his great power, and of his mercy, and of his long-sufferings towards the children of men? Behold I say unto you, I cannot say the smallest part which I feel." But what I have learned in a few words is that obedience truly is greater than sacrifice, and that if we do our best the Lord will do the rest. If I could go back and change anything about my mission, it would be how much I compared myself to others. There is no need to compare when we are doing the Lord's work. The

only person to compare yourself to is who you once were and who you are now, and we'll all become better, so we need to rejoice! Just remember to live the gospel, love the Lord, build His kingdom...and take your doxy :)

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

Sister Power!



Copperbelt Zone Activity





Elder Gova and Elder Merrill ready for a rainy or sunny day!



Lusaka Zone Activity



Decorating the office for Christmas!



Lusaka District Meeting



A Visit from Sister French

Great Zambia Lusaka Sisters



Sister French played some fun games and built a "Rameumptom" reminding us all to keep our lives in balance.

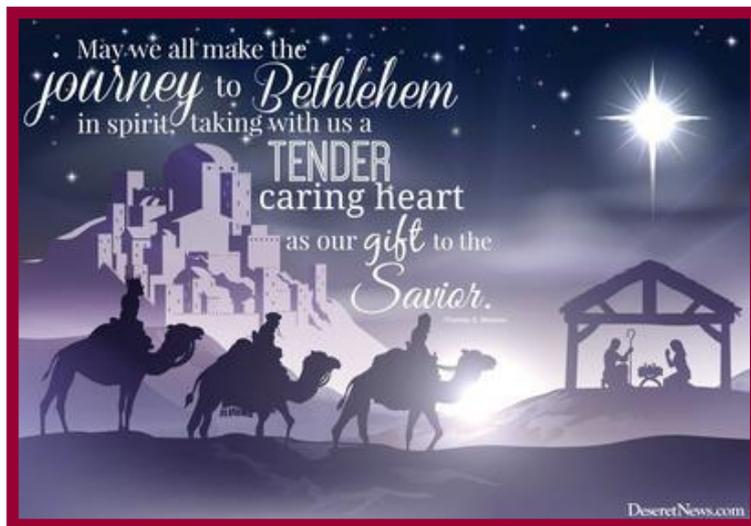


Mission President Seminar

Sister Kupu and Sister Ellis - - - - -Elder Christofferson



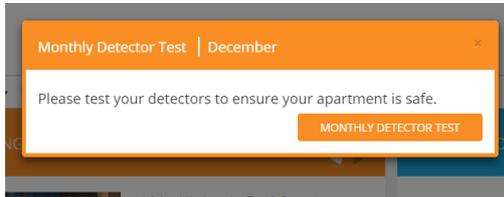
Elder and Sister Hamilton - - -President and Sister Kupu with MTC
President - - - - - President and Sister Ashton.



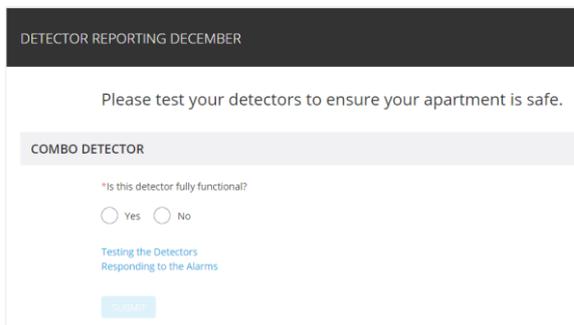
MONTHLY DETECTOR TEST

When you go to the missionary portal (missionary.lds.org) to check your mail or write to the president, you may see this message pop up. **DO NOT BYPASS IT!**

Please click on “MONTHLY DETECTOR TEST.”



Then check the “yes” or “no” circles as a response to the test you conducted, as instructed below.



To perform the Smoke/CO Alarm monthly test:



Press and hold the Test silence button located under First Alert for 3-5 seconds until unit starts to alarm.

During testing, you will see and hear the following sequence:

The Horn will sound 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps.

The LED flashes Red.

Next the Horn will sound 4 beeps, pause, 4 beeps.

The LED flashes Red.

If the unit does not alarm, make sure it has been activated correctly, and test again. If the unit still does not alarm, replace it immediately.

