



Zambia Lusaka Mission

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Dear Sisters and Elders,

Each of us has the honor and blessing of sharing the very profession of the Savior. We have been called into the full-time ministry to share, by calling and assignment, the mission of the Lord. We teach and testify, however, our purpose goes beyond teaching and testifying. We baptize, and yet, our mission goes beyond baptism. We share the very purpose of God, Our Heavenly Father, has ascribed to His life, "to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man."

Recently, the Brethren have emphasized the evolving scope of our sacred callings. If you will, they have redirected and re-focused the time and attention of this body of 80,000+ men and women to more fully suit the revealed purposes of Our Father in Heaven and the Savior. The phrase they have adopted is "full purpose missionaries", relating to the broader duties needed to bring to pass eternal life among our brothers and sisters. With the added emphasis, the Brethren continue to endow us with their priesthood keys, priesthood rights and privileges, inspiration and guidance. They have also given to us an un-equalled set of tools needed to accomplish our purpose.

Like every profession, be it a plumber, electrician, doctor or accountant, etc. the professional uses a defined set of tools needed to complete a task. The tools are designed to make his or her work more productive, efficient, valuable and complete. We too have tools of our profession. These tools are offered to us in the scriptures, Preach My Gospel, the Missionary Handbook and other mission resources provided for our purpose.

A true professional knows how to use these tools; to get the most out of a particular tool and has the ability to produce a fine, rigorous and qualified product. In our case, the product of our labors is fully prepared, qualified candidates for baptism; candidates who would be integrated into the branch or ward and have a responsibility and friend. They would be "nourished by the good word of God" and prepared to meet the challenges that lay ahead. And, they would be looking forward to the temple and their next covenants. Truly, they would be a fine product made of intricate tools and commensurate skills.

Please pardon the analogy that compares our brothers and sisters to the products of another trade but for purposes of illustration, we, like other serious minded professionals, must be aware of and capable of using the tools of our trade.

My hope and desire is that each of us can personally assess our own abilities and knowledge and set a plan for becoming more capable and skilled in our chosen profession.

Please know this concern for your personal development comes from the deepest sense of love I have for you and the love I sense from your Father in Heaven.

President Erickson

Sisters and Elders,

There are so many things I love about being in the unique calling that I find myself in now as the companion and wife to President Erickson. One thing that I treasure is meeting new converts all around the mission and having them come up to me and say things like.... "Sister Erickson, can you please say hello to Sister Quaye for me? I miss her so much. She taught me and is my dear friend." Or members that ask me "Sister Erickson, please greet Elder Owor for us. Where is he serving now? Our family really loved him." These questions and declarations of love warm my heart and make me keenly aware of the good work you are doing. You elders and sisters get transferred around the mission and will eventually depart for your homes but the impact you leave on the lives of individuals and families is profound. The Lord tells us in DC 18 that the worth of a soul is great in the sight of God. He goes on to say that if you bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father. I like thinking about homecomings in heaven....when we are all reunited in grand assemblies. In Elder Anderson's talk in conference in April he spoke of the Lord's magnificent second coming. He said "There will be unforgettable reunions with the angels of heaven and the Saints upon the earth" (Moses 7:63). How wonderful that we all belong to this grand family of our great God and that we will be invited to that reunion. Will you accept the invitation? Do you plan on being there? I know that by keeping covenants and with the grace and mercy of our Savior, we can All be there. It will be more than great...it will be glorious!

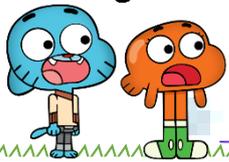
As you genuinely love and nurture your investigators, new converts, members and even your companions --- you are laying a foundation of eternal possibilities for yourself and for them. You are being a disciple of love...a true disciple of Christ. Remember the reunion of Alma the younger and the sons of Mosiah in Alma 17? This is one of the greatest reunions in scriptural history. After 14 years of separation, the joy that Alma feels can only be fully appreciated in light of the gospel which they shared. There is something heavenly about reuniting with a loved one, especially when both have been valiant in the cause of truth. Alma's joy was like unto that which is enjoyed in the eternities, for that same sociality which exists among us here will exist among us there, only it will be coupled with eternal glory... (DC 130:2).

So much to look forward to!

All my love,
Sister Erickson

Happy Birthday

- 9 Sister Stones
- Elder Massey
- 15 Elder Dlamini
- 19 Elder Chola
- Sister Muthengi



ZLM MISSION NEWS

- Interviews with President Erickson*
- Lusaka Zone July 2-3rd
 - Copperbelt Zone July 9-10th
 - Lilongwe Zone July 21-23rd
 - Blantyre Zone July 24th



Unless we lose ourselves in service to others, there is little purpose to our own lives.

Thomas S. Monson

Our Missionary Purpose is to invite others to come unto Christ by helping them receive the restored gospel through faith in Jesus Christ and His Atonement, repentance, baptism, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and enduring to the end. But we must remember the purpose in which we carry out this sacred work is to serve others, and by so doing we come to serve God. It is a joyful prospect when this service of our brothers and sisters gives us greater purpose to all that we do. May we go forward as purposeful missionaries, serving in the way the Master would if he were here himself.

Previous Round of Zone Conferences a Success!!!!

All Zones throughout the mission had the opportunity to watch the film "Meet the Mormons" and discuss the importance of our call to be full-purpose missionaries. Top to Bottom Lusaka, Copperbelt, Lilongwe, and Blantyre Zones, we love our missionaries

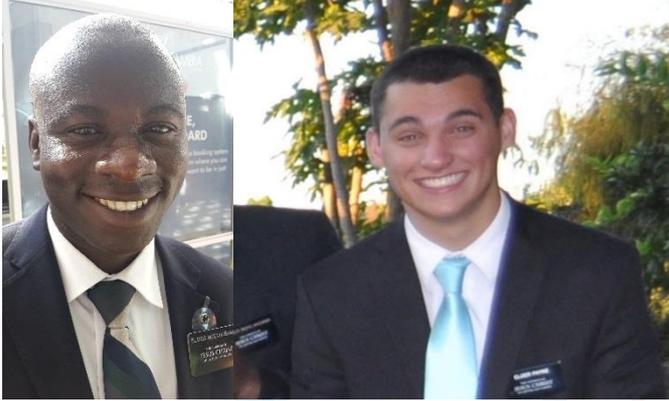
A Note from the Office

Orders will now be placed on Wednesdays, if you are calling concerning a missionary badge if it is past a Wednesday then understand the order will be placed the following week.

As a reminder to the missionaries in Zambia, your airtime from this point forward is coming on a monthly basis. Please plan the use of your airtime wisely, as there will be no top-ups until airtime is replenished the following month

Until we meet again

BAPTISMS



Elders Mwambu, Venter, Daniels, Hill, Shamanga, Ngendabanka, and Payne. We wish you every success upon returning home with honor. We are also grateful for these missionaries and all they have done to build the Lord's kingdom.



Mwalandiridwa (Welcome)



Great Work Elders and Sisters!

Please make sure you turn in your baptismal records in a timely manner; © An idea for district leaders, train and help your district members to fill out the baptismal records.

Warm ZLM welcome to the wonderful Elders and Sisters who've accepted the call to "Come Join the ranks" of missionaries in this mission. We are happy to have your testimonies and talents added to our own to move this work along. Sister Bingham-USA, Sister Owusu-Afriyie - Ghana, Sister Thueson - USA, Elder Tema - South Africa, Elder Essilfie - Ghana.

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