



Thank you for your support!

The first PLD Post published in August shared the financial crisis that we were facing at that time. Ministries were in danger of being curtailed. Your response has been a great blessing. It resulted in significant giving that secured the financial support of PLD ministry through the end of the year. Thank you for your prayers and generosity. Zambian pastors are rejoicing in the grace of God in you.



When you invest in ACTION Zambia's Pastoral Leadership Development program, you are supporting pastors like Jotham Siantongole.

What will a pastor sacrifice for training?

*H*arvest for Christ Ministries is a church planting movement in Southern Zambia. In the last ten years through the tireless labor of founder and leader, Albert Muleya, this ministry has planted 250 churches along the 250 miles of Zambian shoreline of Lake Kariba. Albert [pictured above at the far left] came to Christ as a young man in the Northern Province of Zambia. After several years of maturing in character and ministry the Lord put it on his heart to return to his birthplace and share Christ with his native people, the Tongas.

God granted unusual success among a people who were ripe to receive the gospel. Hundreds of Tongas have come to Christ through the labors of his evangelistic team and been formed into fledgling churches. To give pastoral care to these churches the area has been divided up into six districts with "Senior Pastors" over each district and local leaders appointed to care and lead the individual churches. The need for pastoral training is great.

I first met Bishop Albert through missionary friends who established a base and training centre near Sinazongwe. As we shared together about how the Lord has saved us and called us to ministry God was putting in my heart a desire to respond to the needs for training. On his side he asked that I would consider taking in one or two of his key leaders for training at ACTION Pastors College.

In January of this year Albert sent Jotham Siantongole (pictured bottom left), one of his senior pastors to join us at APC. Jotham is married with five children. His wife was six months pregnant when he moved to Lusaka. Their hope and prayer was that he could get settled into a house and after the birth of the child she and the children would be able to join him here in Lusaka.

Jotham stays in regular contact with his family and travels home every 4-6 weeks to be with them. His wife has also visited Lusaka and participated in a four day retreat for the wives of APC students. What they are doing is a hard thing in any cultural setting. The concept of extended family does take off some of the pressure. I have also given him more leeway for absences than our average student so that he can be at home as much as possible. They are hoping for the finances to move the family here before year's end. Your gift to PLD will help make that possible.

Jotham is an excellent student and growing in knowledge, skills, and character. He has a great love for the people that Jesus is forming into his church among the Tongas. He and his wife are making great personal sacrifices so that he can take the training back to his people and teach faithful men who will also be able to teach others.



Pastor Jotham Siantongole

A picture taken of a tree from day to day over a short period of time would not show impressive growth.



But a picture taken over a period of months or years would show change and growth from a seedling to a mature fruit bearing tree. Jesus invested himself over a longer period of time in a few disciples who by God's grace changed the world. Our hope and belief is that following his model for discipleship the Zambian church will be strengthened by a similar investment in a few people for a longer period of time. As we are patient and faithful to water, fertilize, and nurture the tree, we trust that God will cause the fruit to grow.



Pastor Wozifera Ngoma
Coordinator of Discipleship
2:7 Ministry



Discipleship 2:7 Program Graduation

Zambians love to celebrate a graduation. They invite friends and family for singing, messages, certificates, special treats and dancing!

ACTION Zambia's Pastoral Leadership Development team continues to be committed to a discipleship ministry to help leaders and pastors not only grow in their faith but also to have the vision and the resources to help others grow. Discipleship 2:7 is a one year program for up to 10 church leaders who work their way through the Navigators 2:7 discipleship course and then lead church members and fellow leaders through the same program. Recently we graduated our fifth group of church leaders who have completed this program.

We intentionally keep the group small so that we can give them personal attention in and out of class. The facilitator of this ministry for the last three years is Wozifera Ngoma, an evangelist and pastor who is well known among Lusaka churches through an evangelistic weekly radio program in the local language. Pastor Ngoma is a man who commands great respect because of his mature character and knowledge of the faith. The personal and patient attention that he gives to these [mostly] younger men is a powerful model of servanthood to developing

Graduation from a training program like D-2:7—or any program—is a special event for Zambians. One of the rewards of finishing the D-2:7 program is receiving a New Living Translation Application Study Bible. This is a precious gift that will not only be a prized possession but also a valuable resource as they continue their study of Scripture and carry on the work of discipling others.

Tracy Singleton
Coordinator of PLD Ministry

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