

LIFE AND DUTIES OF A MISSIONARY COUPLE

BURTON AND PATRICIA SHIELDS

SEPTEMBER 2011 - 2013

The Obligatory Photo at the MTC





CHURCH EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM (CES) Seminary and Institute (S & I)

- called as **“S & I” DIRECTORS** in newly formed **Zambia Lusaka Mission**
- Previous experience  None
- Learning  infinite
- Perpetual Education Fund – 4th year in Zambia





QUALIFICATIONS

- **“The Lord qualifies those whom he calls”**
- Two weeks at the Provo Mission Training Centre
- Week 1 – Missionary focus
- Week 2 – three days S & I training, 2 days Perpetual Education Fund

LOCAL TRAINERS AND SUPERVISORS

- **Tasara Makasi** - our immediate supervisor from Zimbabwe
 - former missionary to Zambia
 - now a Stake President
- **Khumbulani Mdletshe** – S & I supervisor of S & I for Africa
 - Returned missionary (England) and Mission President Counselor

Luke Moyo, Tasara Makasi, Khumbulani Mdletshe, Siphosiso Mkhomo our trainers at Victoria Falls



Seminary and Institute



Our Castle!

Our mission insisted on
**“safe, secure, comfortable and almost like home
accommodations”** for senior missionaries



Transportation



In Lusaka, the Capital of Zambia

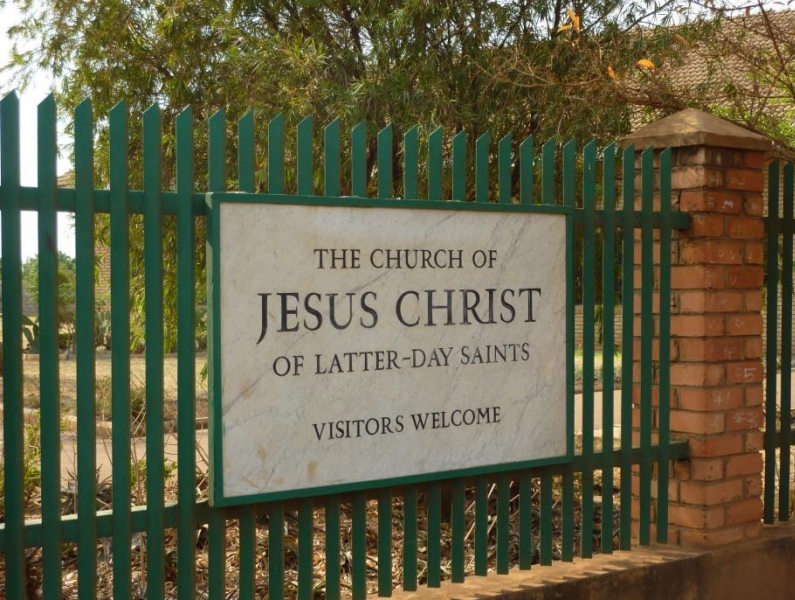
- 2 regular chapels (4 Branches)
- 3 Branches using houses for meetings

- We also covered a second area which was 5 hours north by car called **the Copperbelt**

- Initially had 3 Branches and 2 Groups using houses for meetings
- Some of you know Duane Clark – he was born here (Ndola)

The main chapel in Lusaka, Zambia







The Bauleni Group – discontinued due to the lack of a suitable meeting place



Kawama Branch



Primary



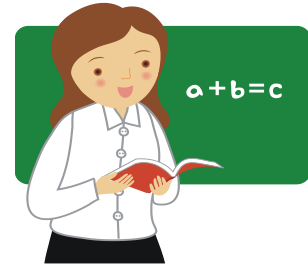
Baptisms were always a big day



OUR ASSIGNMENT (S & I)

- Locate existing seminary and institute classes and teachers
- Attend classes **(and bring treats)**
- Train teachers (inservice lessons)
- Encourage Branch leaders to call teachers and then support the classes
- Provide encouragement to teachers and students
- Order and Deliver classroom materials to teachers and branches
- Obtain monthly attendance records and record on the church computer system

OUR ASSIGNMENT (S & I) CONT.



- Taught classes when needed
- We taught a class on “Preparing For Eternal Marriage” to members of the local Branches
- There have been 12 plus marriages that we know about from those classes



- Set up bank accounts and keep financial records (get reimbursed)



ATTEND LOCAL BRANCHES

- Provide leadership and answers to local members
- Support activities (provide food, materials, and transportation when required)



Can you see Sister Shields doing the chicken dance at the New Years Dance



Elder Lookhart and District President Lumbama



SIDE BENEFITS

- Experience many different cultures
- Meet the wonderful saints
- Assist with public affairs projects
- Assist with **“HELPING HANDS”** projects
- Meet and support full time missionaries
- Encourage and help prospective missionaries



Clean up day in Lusaka, visited by City Officials



EVEN MORE SIDE BENEFITS

- Travel by car/airplane to new places
- Attend training conferences in Harare and Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and Johannesburg South Africa
- Attend the Johannesburg Temple
- Visit game reserves/parks
- Go on Safaris and visit Victoria Falls
- Meet local law enforcement personnel



March 2012 – A visit to the Johannesburg Temple



New assignment in Malawi

- The Church hired a local member (Joseph Kaluba) to replace us as S & I Coordinators in Zambia
- We were assigned to go to Malawi to provide Member Leadership Support (MLS)
- IN REALITY...most of the time was spent serving as the office couple in Blantyre, Malawi looking after the missionaries and supporting the members

A favourite couple, the Kaluba's
He was our replacement S & I Director



SOME DUTIES OF “OFFICE COUPLES”

- Financial matters (pay bills, utilities, advance \$)
- Manage apartments, find, fix, repair
- Baptismal clothing (secure, launder, deliver)
- Distribution Store (order, sell, supply)
- Vehicles –repairs, insurance, safety issues, fuel
- Manage the office –supplies, internet, telephones
- Magazines –order, receive and distribute
- Submit baptismal records
- What ever the Mission needs done
- Keep the missionaries happy 😊 (fed enough food)

Taking care of the baptismal clothing





RESERVE BANK
OF MALAWI
500
KWACHA
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1500
500
KWACHA

Some photos



I ONLY EAT WHITE GUYS



HIPPOPOTAMUS (your big mouth friend)



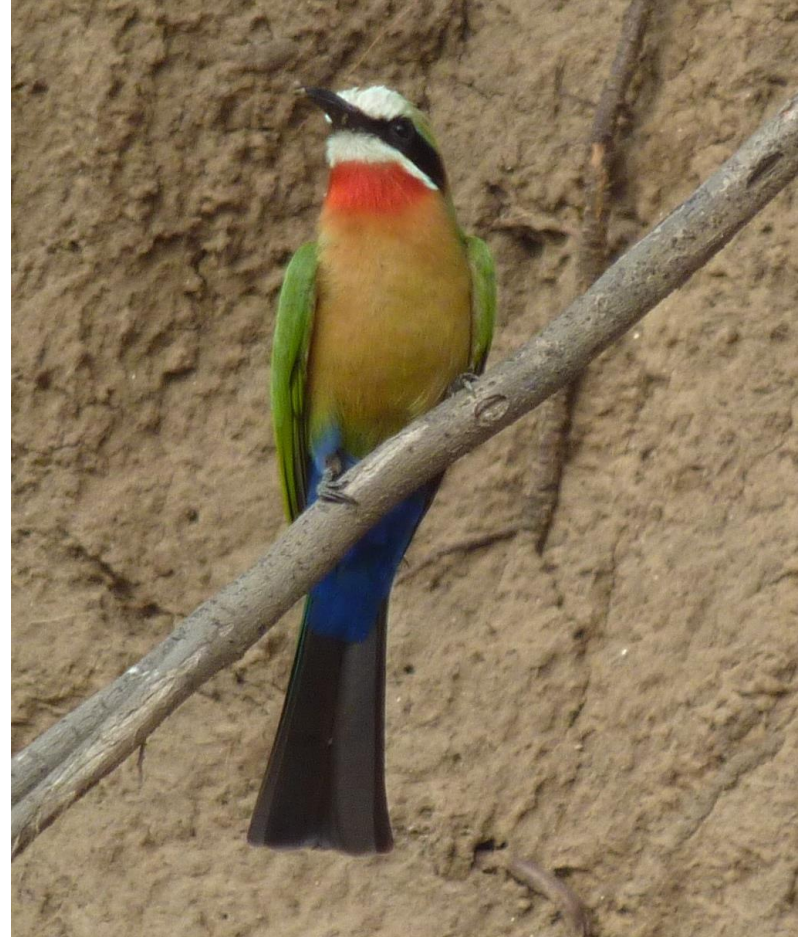


How many crocs can you count?



Anyone for a crocodile burger?





**Would you
try this?**



Yes, they do really swim here.



MAP OF THE RAINFOREST

Livingstone Falls – Zambia side



LUSAKA, ZAMBIA City of rock crushers



The Jacaranda tree blooms in September and October



Who can remember why this is significant?



Yes, the Chinese built this in Ndola



Put your foot in to see what happens



Do you love a good Wart Hog?



The day the Zambia National Soccer team won a major international tournament. They were walking 10 miles to the airport.



Not our favourite kind of highway scene



OH! OH!



Need a truck?



You do not need
much gasoline



Roadside Safeway



Our meeting place at Satima Village, the Cottage-with Elder Fairbanks



Christopher Sitolo, returned missionary and 2nd Counselor in the Blantyre 2nd Branch (pretending to be Mr. Suave)



Christopher Sitolo's Seminary class Blantyre, Malawi (ready for an outing)



Not to bad a spread for the seminary
outing (Sister Lifa came to help)



Do you want to bring him home?









































