

Problems & prayer

- ❑ While there has been much growth in numbers, we need to grow in depth by the knowledge of God's word
- ❑ Resistance to change, which has sadly led to many church splits.
- ❑ Difficulty in getting good Christian literature into the hands of the people who need it. We have publishing houses like Copperbelt Christian Publications, Africa Christian Books and Scripture Gift Mission Zambia. Philip and Valerie Grove operate a printing press at Musenga, Chingola that caters for printing needs for Zambia and the Southern Democratic Republic of Congo. The economy is still struggling and many people find it very difficult to buy Christian books. It is sad that Jehovah's Witnesses literature is so readily available everywhere in Zambia, so the challenge is for us to get good literature into people's hands.
- ❑ Support for local Christian workers in ministry is a real challenge.
- ❑ Many churches are still struggling with the issue of commendation for those desiring to go into full time Christian service.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

Brethren Missionary Trust of Zambia (BMTZ) serves Christian Brethren Assemblies in Zambia and Christian workers commended by them to full-time service for Christ. These commended workers (missionaries) go forth with faith in God "to the uttermost parts of the earth," for the sole purpose of fulfilling Christ's great commission.

BMTZ is an important avenue of communication between the Christian worker ('missionary') on the field and Christians in assemblies. As a service agency, BMTZ does not send, support, or superintend Christian workers ('missionaries'), but serves them. However, between the Christian worker ('missionary') on the field and the assemblies a bridge is helpful—a bridge to channel information, to channel assistance, and to provide services that may be difficult for missionaries or their commending assemblies individually to do.

Therefore, BMTZ is a bridge of service.

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*2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
Stimulating Prayer Support
For The Lords Workers
in Zambia*



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BRETHREN MISSIONARY TRUST OF ZAMBIA (BMTZ)

“...Pray that the message of the Lord may spread fast...” (2 Thess. 3:1)

ZAMBIA - Population 12 million.

Assembly work in Zambia first started in 1898 at Mambilima in Luapula province and not long after in the North Western Province. After independence the assemblies spread throughout the country to the present total of over 1,200 assemblies. There are Training centres such as at GLO Ndola, in the North Western province there are Bible camps and also Nyangombe Training Centre and in the Luapula Province there are Bible Schools at Samfya, Kashikishi and Kalobwa.

Evangelism and church planting continues, with indigenous people at the forefront of new outreaches. Help from groups such as Sowers International, Child Evangelism Fellowship and local ones like “Fishers of Men” enable much growth in evangelism.

In the last 10 years an interest in world missions has developed. This has been helped by the ProChristo Global Missions Training College at Kabwe, which is giving training in cross-cultural missions, which has helped deepen interest in missions. There are a number of Zambian believers who live near Angola and Congo and who work across the borders. Also we have two couples working in Mozambique and a brother in Tanzania.

The Church has realised the need for being involved in social concern so we have orphan care, HIV/AIDS care groups in many local churches. And as a result of the HIV/AIDS problem, many children are now ending up on the streets.

This Service Agency was started at a workshop on how to support Christian workers serving in ministry, which was at a conference of Brethren workers organised by GLO Zambia held at Chengelo School in Mkushi, Zambia, with the support of Bright Hope, in August 1999. We saw the need for working out how best to disseminate news of God’s work in world missions throughout Zambia. A newsletters is produced bi-annually and distributed within Zambia and to some people overseas. Many of the Lord’s servants are serving God because they love him, not because of being specifically commended and supported by their assemblies. There is a great need to educate the assemblies about mission work, commendation and support of missionaries and prayer for missions. BMTZ is working in partnership with other service agencies like Echoes of Service, MSC Canada, Partnership UK, Australia Missionary Tidings, Global Connections in Missions (NZ) and many others for the common good of the Lord’s work.

And so BMTZ is an avenue of communication between the workers and the Christian assemblies. We give help where there is a need for official letters for Governments.

Transmitting gifts: We transmit gifts given for individuals serving the Lord within and outside Zambia. In Africa communication is difficult. And to transfer small amounts of funds from one country to the other becomes an expensive business, as money is lost through exchange commissions and bank charges. Gifts transmitted have certainly continued to be of great encouragement to the servants of the Lord, who are often working with little or no support from those they serve. But the Lord knows what is done and will reward each one according to the work done truly in His name.

Newsletter: We produce a newsletter, which advertises what is happening in various parts of Zambia for prayer interest. We are helping to develop an interest in Missions and cooperate with Missions Fellowship Team; ProChristo Global Missions College and also with some of the mission support agencies such as Echoes, MSC, AMT, Global Connections in Mission, Interlink, CMML, and many others of like mind. So we continue to pray for the Lord’s work to spread across Africa and beyond to the glory of God.

Challenges: Most Zambians who are in fulltime Christian service often are working with little or no support from those they serve. But the Lord knows what is done and will reward each one according to the work done truly in His name.

Trustees: The current Trustees of BMTZ are: Dr Godwin Beene, Oliver Mulenga, Isaiah Chalwe, Felix Muchimba, Geshom Chioni, Kelvin Samwata, Philip Grove, Alan Park and Harry Konstantinou (the expatriate missionaries on the BMTZ board serve as advisors).

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