

Merry Christmas! I hope you had a happy 2024. I am grateful for our friendship and for what each one of you mean to us as CoLaborers Zambia. I look forward to how we can more greatly serve alongside each other this coming year 2025. **Please let me know your prayer requests.** As I have led CoLaborers Zambia this year, God has been speaking to me through Isaiah 43:19, *where the Bible reminds us "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland"*. I pray that God continues to encourage you in the dreams He has laid in your heart as you continue to serve.

While we are on the subject of the Lord doing a new thing, I want to share that my family and I are transitioning to the USA, and I will be taking up a new role in CoLaborers International serving stateside as Zambia Operations Director. Our faithful staff member Chipo Nambeye will be taking on my previous role as Program Director, and we are in capable hands. I look forward to coordinating with her while stateside. As I reflect on this year and looking forward to what lies ahead, I am grateful for the opportunity to have met and interacted with wonderful people like you. Here below is a review of 2024.



Bless you, Nanyemba Hamahuwa Chirwa

DRUG & ALCOHOL CURRICULUM TRAININGS



On November 8th and 9th we conducted a two day training in the [LITERACY-FREE 12 STEP EXPRESSIVE ARTS THERAPY](#) drug and alcohol curriculum at Ndola Central Teaching Hospital. We had 27 mental health specialist participants who attended and participated on both days of the training. We hope that this will open doors for us to work with Ndola Central Hospital and expand our

reach in substance use intervention. They plan to begin implementing these groups in January. **Special thanks to our friends, Dr. Noah Nguni from Ndola Central Teaching Hospital, Mr. Gabriel Lungu from the Ministry of Health who worked with us to have this training. Thank you to our staff Chipo, Nanyemba, Melissa, and Angel for their logistical efforts.** We have been translating our curriculum into Nyanja. We plan to donate Nyanja versions to previously trained organizations. To donate towards this need, please give here - www.CoLaborers.com/Zambia **Special thank you to Chipo and Nanyemba for their work on translating the curriculum.**

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



We have interns who can serve in a variety of areas, including youth ministry, education, social work/psychology, and more. Our hope is to place more interns in the year 2025 who can serve in these areas!

In July, we received three interns from the US - Abby (social work), Brigid (psychology), and Michael (education and youth ministry). They interned at Chainama, Chisomo Centre and the YouthLife Project. Abby and Brigid were trained prior to arrival in our drug and alcohol curriculum. They were able to observe and lead groups in this. Michael was trained in our education curriculum and taught basic math, science, and literacy lessons as well as did bible studies.

Overall, the interns felt that this experience met their

objective and had really good takeaway from this experience. They also had an opportunity to go to Livingstone to see the Victoria falls to appreciate what Zambia has to offer in terms of tourism. ***Special thanks to Reverend Aaron Chilunjika and Josephine Chilunjika for chaperoning the holiday/ tourism time. Special thanks to our site supervisors - Madam Germana Chileshe, Zen Mbulo, and Josephine Chilunjika.***

COMMUNITY RELIEF/HELP

In February, we donated and distributed 150 bags of mealie meal to a village in Monze central called Mulongaalwiili.

In the fall, we donated 50 bags of mealie meal to Munyuumbwe District in Gwembe through our collaboration with the YouthLife Project, an NGO based in Lusaka.

Through our child sponsorship program, we donated and distributed 30 bags of mealie meal. This brings the total number of bags donated this year to 230 representing 230 families fed! ***Special thanks to Mr. Michael Nkosi and his team from the YouthLife Project, and our staff Chipso, Kelvin, Gibson, and Angel for a great work done.***



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Our child sponsorship program where we are reaching out to orphans and vulnerable children that are based in the rural and hard to reach areas of Zambia has grown. This year we have added 11 new kids to the program. **We now have 41 kids that have been sponsored through this program.**

In our quest to help our children better, we have added a mentorship aspect in our program. Our mentorship program goes beyond traditional child sponsorship. We include phone calls each month, extra tutoring and site visits to meet additional needs of our children on sponsorship. To give to mentoring efforts and cost, please donate at www.CoLaborers.com/Zambia



Our first college sponsored student, Jessy Nachalwe, who was in her final year is now done with her nursing program - receiving a degree and practicing license. We are grateful to the sponsor who funded her education and we wish Jessy well in her career as a health worker. ***Special thanks to Kelvin and Sarah who assist in directing this program. Special thanks also to our teachers who coordinate with us as well as Chipso, a staff member, and Gibson, a volunteer.***

STAFF/VOLUNTEER RETREAT

On the 18th & 19th of May 2024, we had our retreat at Mika Convention Center in Lusaka. Our theme was “a threefold-cord strand not easily broken” taken from the book of Ecclesiastes 4: 12-19 representing the need for God, each other/community, and self care. It was a refreshing time to have staff and volunteers in the same space to pray, dream, and enjoy fun activities together.



STAY IN TOUCH PLEASE!



Let me know how we can be praying for you and your organization as well as if you are interested in collaborating together by receiving interns, training in our drug and alcohol curriculum, or working together to help women and children. If the Lord touches your heart to give, please do so at CoLaborers.com/Zambia Please follow us on Facebook.com/CoLaborersZambia