TOTAL MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT:
SHEPHERDESSSES WIN 90 TO CHRIST

REAPING THE HARVEST IN EASTERN PROVINCE
YIELDS CLOSE TO 1200 SOULS
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It is now a year and some months since Southern Zambia Union Conference was established. The actual organisation of this great union conference happened on 21st September 2015 at Government complex in Lusaka. As a union conference we can only say the Lord has been so gracious to us through His providential readings to the advancement of His kingdom.

Of course it is expedient to acknowledge that we have indeed been faced with challenges of divers magnitudes in various spheres as a church body. Admittedly, our journey has not been that smooth to this far. However, we are truly grateful to the Lord for the uncountable blessings and manifestations of His eternal love that are so vividly displayed to us from all corners of this mighty union. The church is on the move.

The four main entities that make up Southern Zambia Union Conference, namely East Zambia Field, West Zambia Field, Lusaka Conference and South Zambia Conference are all progressively moving forward with clear visions for growth and development. It is interesting to note that the growth of the new union is already remarkable. For instance, at the time of the realignment from the former Zambia Union Conference into two, our membership as the Southern Zambia Union Conference alone only stood at 570,681. But within 12 months down the line the statistics that was rendered by the Union Secretariat during the 2016 year-end meetings in Lusaka shows that we have already hit the 601,063 mark - a growth of over 30,000 members in a single year.

The church is on the move, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, who is the Head of the church, is on the steering wheel. Through the various strategies and initiatives we are seeing God’s mighty hand moving upon His people and bidding them to move forward. Total Membership Involvement is the call that is ringing everywhere in our union conference. Youth Ministries has embraced it and adapted it as Total Youth Involvement (TYI). Likewise, Children’s Ministries chants about Total Child Involvement (TCI). And this is the way. That is the spirit. All ministries and members need to get involved and be active in service for the Lord as His true disciples.

Southern Zambia Union Conference can only soar to higher heights if each of its stakeholders (members) plays an active role in fulfilling the Lord’s business that is designated to them. The Spirit of Prophecy makes this appeal clear through God’s servant, Ellen White, who states thus, “The work of God in this earth [Southern Zambia] can never be finished until the men and women comprising our membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers” (Christian Service p. 68). May each one of us find a role to play in the advancement of the church of God that is indisputably on the move.
The Seventh-day Adventist Church was first introduced in what we now call the Republic of Zambia in 1905 when American missionary Harry Anderson, in the company of 10 natives (2 local and the rest from Bulawayo) started a mission station on a 12,000 acre piece of land given to him by Chief Monze in Monze. By 1972 when the work had grown to where it was deemed necessary to organize the work north of the Zambezi River into a Union, membership had grown to 8,000. At the time of organization into a Union the Zambia Union had only 3 Fields. Fourteen years later, in 1988, the membership had grown 10 times to over 80,000 and the Fields were realigned into six. In 2004, the Zambia Union was reorganized into a Conference. By 2008 the membership had grown to over 800,000 and the process of realigning the Union into two Unions was embarked upon. That dream of realignment into two Unions was finally approved by the GC EXCOM of April 2015 and the realignment into Northern and Southern Zambia Union Conferences effected on 21-22 September 2015. Thus, the Southern Zambia Union Conference (SZBU) was born on the 21st of September 2015.

At its birth its membership was just slightly above 500,000; a few thousands bigger than its twin sister the Northern Zambia Union Conference whose membership was about 470,000. We would like to praise the Lord that as at September 30, 2016 membership had gone over 560,000 while the NZBU had already crossed 600,000!

But, as big as the two Zambia Unions may be, compared to other Unions and even some Divisions (there are Unions with less than 10,000 members and Divisions with less than 100,000 members), the mission of the two Unions in Zambia like all other Unions remain the same: To preach the everlasting Gospel to all people in the context of the three Angels’ messages of Revelation 14:6-12 and to nurture and prepare them for the soon return of the Lord Jesus. Size therefore does not make any difference except perhaps in the sense that the bigger, the greater the momentum applied to the task! Therefore, the newly born SZBU (and its twin sister the NZBU) were born for and still exist to carry out the mission of the Church.

And the urgency to carry forward the work has never been greater than it is at present:

“We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord’s messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now. We must look at our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare. From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light; to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our leader; and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory.” - Testimonies for the Church 6:22. – (ChS 79.2)

In a bid to position the Church to fulfill its mission in this quenquennium we adopted the theme: REAPING THE HARVEST 2016 - 2020. What this means is that our missionary activities throughout the quenquennium will be REAPING THE HARVEST 20 - and a particular entity of the Union will be the target:

- REAPING THE HARVEST 2016 - East Zambia Field
- REAPING THE HARVEST 2017 - West Zambia Field
- REAPING THE HARVEST 2018 - Lusaka ans South Zambia Conference
- REAPING THE HARVEST 2019 - Johannesburg Campaign for Christ
- REAPING THE HARVEST 2020 - Reaping Crusades Union wide

Finally, remember saints, when this work of our Master has faithfully been done through Total Membership Involvement, great will be our rejoicing with Christ in His eternal Kingdom.
The late Dr. Lassew Dennis Raelly was born in 1938 in Chipata, Eastern Province, from Mr and Mrs Dennis Raelly.

Dr. Raelly started his primary education at Kalunga Adventist School and proceeded to Mwami Primary Adventist School. It was at Mwami where he was baptised into the fellowship of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in 1945 at the age of 7. And he did his secondary school education at Malamulo.

He later proceeded to do a degree in theology at Solusi University.

- His first work appointment was at Yuka Mission Hospital where he served as business manager.
- He then went to Sitoti as a Mission Station Director.
- He also served as a district pastor in Kitwe.
- And later was appointed as union evangelist and then went to further his studies at Andrews University where he studied for masters of divinity and doctoral in ministry.
- When he came back from his studies he served as the head of ministerial school at Rusangu ministerial school and later went to serve at the union as ministerial secretary. After his term of office he was again elected to serve as union president.
- He further served at the Eastern Africa Division as Executive Secretary and later as Division President.
- In 2000, he served as Professor at Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica until he got retired in 2005.

Despite him being retired he continued serving the Lord in various capacities including lecturing as an adjunct lecturer at Zambia Adventist University then, but now Rusangu University.

He died at 23:00 hours on 28th September, 2016.

The Late Dr. Raelly is survived by a wife, 3 Children and 5 Grand Children. will be remembered by family, friends and society for his unselfish and untiring efforts in the Pastoral Ministry and as an able and exemplary Leader.
Sr. Mwangala A. S. Shimunzhila is the new Information Technology (IT) Manager for Southern Zambia Union Conference. She recently completed her Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer and Information Systems at Rusangu University where she graduated from in September 2016. She also holds a certificate as well as a diploma in Computer Information Systems from the National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA) in Lusaka.

Sr Shimunzhila joined the Union family in 2013 and since then has been serving as the Administrative Secretary in the Secretariat office. But before that, from the year 2010 to 2013 she was working at South Zambia Conference, in Monze, as the Administrative Secretary to the Executive Secretary.

Interestingly, Mwangala is married to Pastor Mainza Shimunzhila who is also a pastor’s son, and God has blessed the two with a lovely son - PK. It’s a home of PKs because shepherdes Shimunzila is also a member of PAKIA by virtue of her marriage to a PK.

Br Robert Sibanda, the newly appointed junior Revenue Accountant at Southern Zambia Union Conference was first called to the Union office as a Cashier in 2013 when the organisation was still called Zambia Union Conference. Before that he had worked with Rephidim Institute in Lusaka West as a Senior Accountant in data processing between 2009 and 2013. He holds a double major of the Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Accounting from Bugema University where he graduated from in 2009.

Sibanda is the fourth born son of pastor Salatiel Sibanda who serves the Lord as a Gospel minister in Garden Mission District under Midlands Zambia Conference. He is married to his better half, Miriam, with whom the Lord has blessed with two boys. Mrs Sibanda is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting at Rusangu University main campus in Monze. Theirs is a lovely home of PKs who enjoy the faith of their fathers.

For this entire year, 2016, she has been working as Administrative Secretary to the Lusaka Conference Executive Secretary. Mrs Ng’ambi did her secretarial training with Royal Secretarial Management College and was also awarded with a professional certificate of marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing in Lusaka. She is now completing her Advanced diploma in marketing from the same institution.

Maureen Ng’ambi is the new Administrative Secretary for Secretariat at Southern Zambia Union Conference. She takes up this office with a lot of experience because she was called to denominational service in different capacities and places about twelve years ago:

From 2004 to 2006, Maureen (who is the wife to elder Davelius Ng’ambi, the current Financial Officer for Southern Zambia Union Conference) worked as the secretary to the Chief Financial Officer at Central Zambia Conference in Kabwe. From 2006 to 2012 she was moved to Lusaka where she served in the Auditor’s office under the same conference. Then in January 2013 she took up her role as the Administrative Secretary to the president at the then newly established Lusaka Conference, a position she held up to December 2015. During the same period she was also attached to ministerial and Music departments as the secretary.

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Precious Kaleba Beene joins the Southern Zambia Union Conference in the Accounts department as the Cashier. She is moving from Rusangu University where she has been serving as an Accountant - Reconciliation for close to five years now. She did her Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting at Bugema University in Uganda where she graduated in 2011 after which she joined the Rusangu University Accounts staff.

Precious is the daughter of Pastor Levy Kaleba, an ordained minister who is serving in South Zambia Conference as a district leader and at one point as Publishing and Youth Director of the same institute. On May 22, 2016 Precious tied the knot with her husband, Hamazongo Hector Beene at Njanji SDA church in Lusaka. Br Beene works with Madison General Insurance Company in Lusaka.
Shepherdesses Take to the Battlefront - Win 90 to Christ

Shepherdesses are special leaders in the church of God because they are connected in team ministry with their beloved husbands. Many times we don’t see them taking to the centre stage of activity because they naturally take a silent yet crucial role of supporting their spouses who marshal the masses in advancing the work of the Gospel. From a low profile stance many may think that the shepherdess is simply a watcher and not an actor. However, it is interesting to note that three of the four entities under Southern Zambia Union Conference Shepherdess chapters boldly took to the battlefront and conducted three successful crusades that saw 90 souls being baptised as new members of the Seventh-day Adventist church between October and November 2016.

The Lusaka Conference shepherdess chapter ran a crusade at Mamvwende area in Kabile Mission District from 16th to 29th October 2016 under a capturing theme that says, “The Bible Truth.” The main speaker for this crusade was Shepherdess Ellen Chiyangaya (wife to the Lusaka Conference Ministerial Secretary) while the co-speaker was Shepherdess Beauty Kakwisa (wife to the Makeni Mission District pastor). 21 precious souls were baptised at the end of this doctrinal series and a new congregation was established through the opening of a branch.

Shepherdess Chiyangaya attests to the power and grace of the Lord that was present in her deliveries despite the fact that it was her very first time to serve as a speaker at a public evangelist campaign. “It was such an inspiring experience to me and my fellow shepherdesses to stand in God’s behalf and speak His Word to hungering souls,” she says. And asked whether she would willingly take up such a role again if demand be, she submitted...
to the Southern Star saying, “As long as I live, and as long as the Lord bids me to speak on His behalf, I shall do it in Jesus’ name.”

Notable among the shepherdesses that participated in the evangelistic campaign as crusaders were Mrs Monde Akombwa (wife to the Southern Zambia Union Conference president), Mrs Beauty Shimunzhila (wife to the Lusaka Conference president), Mrs Medrinah Hamoonga (wife to the Southern Zambia Union Conference Ministerial Secretary), Mrs Ritta Chooma of Chainama Mission district, Mrs Joy Muzungulile of Keezwa Mission District and Mrs Betty Hansungule of Kabile Mission District (as the hosting shepherdess).

Meanwhile, the South Zambia Conference shepherdess chapter pounced on Nantale area in Dimbwe Mission District and conducted a two weeks evangelistic campaign which resulted in a harvest of 58 sons and daughters of God as baptised saints into His church. Shepherdess Harriet Siachibila and shepherdess Milimo Mukumbuta, were on the ground doing home Bible studies and also some presentations at the crusade every evening while pastor Johan Siachibila presented inspiring messages that were deeply appreciated by the hearers.

In another notable event, the shepherdess of East Zambia Field sponsored and supported a crusade in which pastor Gelvas Mbewe delivered the sermons and the result of all such inputs brought in 11 new born saints into the fold of God. Glory to God for all these efforts of the ministers’ collaborators – the shepherdesses – who are demonstrating that they are truly burning for soul-winning and the ultimate salvation of mankind in the spirit of their husbands, the pastors.

Altogether the three crusades added 90 to Christ and His church.

SIX PASTORS ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY IN LUSAKA CONFERENCE

Six pastor have been ordained to the Gospel ministry under Lusaka Conference alone between January and November 2016. The six are pastors Isaac Chiyokoma who at the time of his ordination was the pastor for Chainama Mission District (but now serving at Rusangu University as chaplain), Kebby Shibeleki of Luangwa Mission District, Felix Kakwisa of John Laing, Adrian Michelo of Sala East, Moses Hansungule of Kabile, and Billy Mukombo of Lusaka South.

In a telephone interview with the editor of the Southern Star, Pastor Robson Chiyangaya, the Ministerial Secretary for Lusaka Conference revealed that the conference now has got 27 ordained ministers of the Gospel, which is a good development because the work load becomes lessened significantly. There is no more need of sending another pastor to baptise, officiate at weddings or to fulfil other functions that are only done by the ordained and gazetted ministers.

And speaking during the ordination of pastor Billy Mukombo on 22nd October 2016 at Jack SDA church, Lusaka Conference president, Dr Edwin Shimunzhila rendered a serious charge to the ordinand pastor to observe the standards of a Gospel minister and fulfil his duties as a servant of Lord. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Southern Zambia Union Conference Executive Secretary, Dr Vanny Munyumbwe and other directors and pastors from the Union and Lusaka Conference, including the senior and retired minister, Pastor Mark Phiri. Pastor Muyunda delivered a moving discourse titled “Keep Your Bones Holy” and challenged Billy and all ministers to learn lessons from the life of Elisha the old prophet whose bones were still effective even after he had been long dead.
Southern Zambia Union Conference Ministerial department has embarked on a special certification program of equipping and empowering pastors who have not taken the track of pursuing their Bachelor of Arts in Theology degrees so that they may still be relevant and effective wherever they may be serving from. This is in line with the Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division current policy and procedures. In this regard, the SZBU Ministerial Secretary, pastor Josephat Hamoonga conducted a certification training program for pastors from 13th to 27th May 2016 in Monze, South Zambia Conference.

The facilitators were: SZBU: Pastors J. Hamoonga and F. Shangala. SZC: Pastors M. Muvwimi, N. Mukonka and Elder C. Nkulukusa. The topics covered: Leadership, Counseling, Doctrines, Pastoral Ministry, Hermeneutics, Stewardship, Homiletics, Spirit of Prophecy and Finances including Resources. Six pastors (three from Lusaka Conference and three from South Zambia Conference) were able to cover these lessons with success. They are pastors Adrian Michelo, Felix Kakwisa, Moses Hansungule, Cliff Hakantu, James Nyundu, Leonard Halwabala Chiinda.
The Southern Zambia Union Conference leadership has embarked on a five year evangelistic strategy of conducting crusades at massive scales in a bid to maximise the God given potential of His servants and bring more souls into the kingdom by opening new congregations wherever there is none.

Southern Zambia Union Conference president, Dr Harrington Simuyi Akombwa has intimated that the “Reaping His Harvest” initiative is tailored to fulfilling the church’s “Total Membership Involvement” (TMI) program which calls for each member of the church to take a part in spreading the Word of God like bush fire. Reaping His Harvest campaign has been divided into four phases to focus on each of the four entities of the Union, namely East Zambia Field, West Zambia Field, Lusaka Conference and South Zambia Conference between the years 2016 and 2020.

And Southern Zambia Union Conference Personal Ministries director, pastor Josephat Hamoonga has disclosed to the Southern Star that the just ended Reaping His Harvest Campaign of twenty crusades across Eastern Province was a fruitful one because it saw almost 2000 converts into Adventism out of which 1,187 were baptised into newness of life in Jesus Christ.

The first of the twenty crusades was conducted by Dr Akombwa in Chipata from 4th to 24th September 2016 while the other nineteen (19) were held from 25th September to 15th October 2016 in all of the districts of East Zambia Field. Various activities and services were rendered by the speakers, the crusaders and the entire leadership of East Zambia Field to the success of these public meetings. A total of thirteen (13) new congregations or branches were opened at the end of the period. Glory be to the name of the Lord.
REAPING THE HARVEST  PHOTO FOCUS

Dr. Akombwa delivering a sermon in Chipata

The trainees of the Fishers of Men Initiative

Pastor Ndala Kayongo with part of the baptismal candidates in Nyimba

Part of the baptismal candidates in Lumezi Mission District

Part of the converts to Adventism in Chipata at the site where Pastor Laston Silungwe was preaching

Pastor Moses Banda baptising during the East Zambia Field crusade

The Pastors and some of the baptismal candidates in Chipata

Dr. Shimunzhila with some of the crusaders during his crusade in Chadiza
Due to stewardship activities that included: Stewardship seminars, emphasis months, weeks of prayer, days of promotion and visitations, the faithfulness of the members in returning God’s tithe has been growing steadily during this year of the Lord. However, the matter of the combined Offerings remains a source of challenge in all of the four entities which really leaves much to be desired.

It is however encouraging to note that the Southern Zambia Union Conference Stewardship Director, Pastor Faxon Shangala conducted a total of 17 seminars around the union in which 40 Pastors and 1,309 lay leaders were certified as Stewardship and Planned Giving and Trust Services Educators. This entails a big leap in the dissemination of the educative material on stewardship because there are now more teachers who are ready to dish out the knowledge to others. The breakdown of this figure of the certified educators from the entities is as follows:

- **Lusaka Conference** = 247,
- **South Zambia Conference** = 857,
- **West Zambia Field** = 70,
- **East Zambia Field** = 175

In terms of the tithes and offerings that were given in-kind it is interesting to observe that South Zambia Conference championed this category in a significant way. Though it is even in this conference, the major challenge is that of low participation among the members who ultimately have been blessed with so much by the Lord. The table below is a summary of what was given from the mother conference alone in regard to the in-kind items:

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**The grace of the LORD our God has indeed blessed Southern Zambia Union Conference, which began at zero liquidity at the beginning of the year, 2016, but operated normally as before the realignment though at the most minimum level.**

By Pastor Faxon Shangala
### TITHE IN KIND - SOUTH ZAMBIA CONFERENCE

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Collection of maize bags for tithe and offerings

Counting of animals for tithe and offerings

Pastor Johan Siachibila making a presentation on Stewardship matters

Counted animals for tithe and offerings
King’s Highway Adventist School has been awarded for its outstanding performance in the assessment for accreditation by the Adventist Accreditation Association (Triple A). Southern Zambia Union Conference Education Director, elder Life Mutaka disclosed this to the Southern Star intimating that the school in question has been evaluated and deemed as performing very well in class – Teacher and pupils relationship, in school activities, and in the children’s performance in terms of examination results.

Mr Mutaka further noted that “King’s Highway Adventist School which is based in Lusaka and run by Lusaka Central SDA Church has received a four years accreditation and a prize of 1,000.00 Rands for their good works.” This, he said is not an easy achievement to attain but is a result of hard work and commitment by the school management, the members of staff and the pupils themselves.

The other schools that were granted with accreditation around the union conference for good performance are Libala Adventist School under Lusaka Conference (three years accreditation), Sitoti Primary and Luimba Schools, both of West Zambia Field (given two years each) and Mwami Adventist Primary School in East Zambia Field which has also been given two years.
The Education department focuses on giving as much help as possible to Seventh-day Adventist teacher, the education secretaries and communities regarding education matters. According to church policy “Church entities operate schools from kindergarten through university levels for the purpose of transmitting to students the Church's ideals, beliefs, attitudes, values, habits, and customs” Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual, P. 89.
The department of Women’s Ministries exists to uphold, encourage, and challenge Adventist women in their pilgrimage as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of the world-wide church.

VISION: Women empowered and nurtured to fulfil their God-given potential.

THEME: A Ministry for Every Woman, Touch a Heart, Reach my World.

God has greatly blessed the work of the Women ministries department of Southern Zambia Union Conference in regard to the three main components of the world church’s strategic plan which are: Reach Up to God, Reach In with God and Reach Out with God. Total Women Involvement (TWI) is our song and our motivation. A few highlights of the blessed attainments in the year 2016 are as tabulated below:

Reach Up to God: The objective is to involve members in daily Bible Study. By the grace of God, 98 Intercessory Prayer/Bible Study Groups were established.

Reach In with God: From the objective of enhancing unity and fellowship among entities, church members and families, 20 Spiritual Retreats were conducted at Conference/Field levels.

Reach Out with God: The objective is to involve all members in personal evangelism; Out of this focus 14 Evangelism seminars were conducted, 11 Homes of Hope and Healing were established and 167 souls were baptized as a direct result of Women’s Ministries. Honor and glory be ascribed to Christ the Captain of Salvation.

The team of leaders from Lusaka Conference

Leadership team in West Zambia Field
AN UPCOMING EVENT THAT YOU WOULD NOT LIKE TO MISS:
June 6-12 2017: Women’s Ministries Congress.
Facilitators: GC/SID WM Directors.
For details: Please contact your Conference/Field Women’s Ministries Director

MISSION STATEMENT
The department of Children’s Ministries exists to Nurture children into a Loving Serving Relationship with Jesus.

VISION
Every Child, a Disciple of Jesus.

THEME
Reach a Child, Reach the World.
The Publishing department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern Zambia Union Conference exists to print, source and distribute truth filled pieces of literature to the Adventist church members for the purpose of nurturing the members and, for the purpose of soul winning to the non-Adventists.

Publishing strives to produce quality books through the steadily growing and only publishing house in the country, the Zambia Adventist Press Limited. In order to reach the masses these books are mainly distributed through the Adventist Book Centre sub-depositories and also through the untiring army of literature evangelists who reach the people wherever they are – in their homes, working places or anywhere they may be found.

Despite the prevailing challenging economic situation, the God of heaven has been faithful in convincing the people to purchase our books. To this end, 904 precious souls have been baptized into the Christian faith of the Seventh-day Adventist church family. Notable to say, from January to September 2016, 60,022 subscription books were sold and K5,391,323.99 sales were made. Furthermore, 14,560 Bible Studies were conducted and 4,306 clients were enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy correspondence course all through the efforts of the faithful foot soldiers of the cross – the Literature Evangelists. Glory be to His name.
The young people of Southern Zambia Union Conference are motivated by the vision for Total Youth Involvement (TYI) in service for their Lord. A few highlights of the performances of the youths during the 2016 are as follows:

Three Caleb Project Initiative workshops were conducted between March and July in Mongu, Chipata and Choma in which Five Hundred and Ten (510) senior Youths were registered as Caleb Volunteers to dedicate their vacations to go for various evangelistic projects in different territories, especially the new ones.

One Hundred and Twenty (120) Master Guides and Youth Leaders have been invested in a bid to grow more leaders who can marshal the great forces of the young people who are in fact soldiers of Jesus Christ and for them to be relevant as church leaders.
All the four entities in the Union managed to hold Pathfinder camporees in their respective territories in the month of April which drew thousands of junior youths to train them in mission and other services to humanity.

The Community service projects under the two conferences and two fields were done. Notable among them are the following: Lusaka Conference – Painting of Kanyama Police Post, Distribution of Steps to Christ and the Great Hope and donations of foodstuffs to inmates; East Zambia Field – Community service in Maulau village where the young people cleaned the surroundings and helped renovate the homes of the aged; In West Zambia Field, the Adventist Youths donated various essential commodities to the refugees of Mayukwayukwa in a touching and compassionate way; South Zambia Conference did various Community service projects in all of its Thirty Seven (37) mission districts.

Forty Three (43) Youth crusades were conducted which brought in six hundred and twenty two (622) converts while Four Hundred and Thirty Eight (438) candidates got baptized. The youths indeed exist to take the Advent message to all the world in this generation.
Public Campus Ministries involves the process of transforming Adventist students into campus ambassadors/missionaries through intentional mentoring and discipleship. The motto says, "Follow Jesus, Embrace His Mission, Change the World!" Currently we have got twenty four (24) tertiary institutions and eighteen (18) High Schools where Campus Ministries activities are running in the entire union conference.

In terms of evangelistic activities, Lusaka Conference conducted a successful crusade from 9th to 29th October 2016 out of which Eighty Eight (88) souls were baptized. The director himself, Pastor Highten Hamweene was the speaker of this crusade which was conducted near the premises of Lusaka Apex Medical University.

South Zambia Conference and East Zambia Field participated in the Global Public Campus Ministries weekend which ran from 14th to 16th October 2016.

The major activities that are expected in the year 2017 are:

1. SID Student convention to be held in South Africa from 21st to 24th September 2017

2. The Global Public Campus Ministries Weekend in October 2017
Dr. Mutinta Mudenda, the SZBC Health Ministries Director (HMD) / HIV Coordinator, visited all four entities to conduct orientation seminars for HMDs and HIV Coordinators in the entities. During these visits a combination of the HMDs and HIV co-ordinators were invited to the meetings. The topics that were covered during the orientation seminars included comprehensive health ministries, diet reform, the HIV scenario in Zambia, and the church’s response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The SZBC HMD/HIV Coordinator also participated in Adventist Health International Board meetings during the course of the year.

The HMD/HIV Coordinator attended the HMD advisory and the HIV advisory at the S.I.D. where the direction for the church in these two ministries for this quinquennium was outlined. Subsequently, the Southern Zambia Union Conference held HMD advisory and HIV advisory jointly with the Northern Zambia Union Conference.

Across the entities a wide range of activities took place, including but not limited to:

- Conducted 2665 Health talks on a variety of topics
- Health week of prayer
- Health expositions - 26
- HIV counselling - 1550
- HIV testing - 132
- Cooking demonstrations - 140
- Meetings with Adventist health workers
- Formation of an association of Adventist health workers (EZF)

Participation in 395 evangelistic campaigns with 699 baptisms.
This church is found about 35km before Lundazi boma from Chipata town in Eastern Province. It's about 500m from the main road, just behind the shops of Lumezi Trading centre. Lumezi SDA church is one of the churches around this place with the least membership as compared to other churches. The biggest churches are CCAP and the Roman Catholic, due to the fact that they settled around this place earlier, as compared to SDA church. Adventism in Lumezi was introduced by 2 government workers from Lumezi mission hospital Mr. Sambiwa and Mr. Chipili who were posted to this mission hospital in 1994. They started meeting in their respective homes and later when membership grew for about 6 families, they started meeting at a primary for their worship.

In 1998, an evangelist from Lusaka visited the place and conducted a crusade, which the Catholic Church was not pleased with, because of the mark of the beast message. The Catholics felt they were the targets. This resulted in the eviction of the members who were worshiping at Lumezi primary school which is the mission school for the Catholics. We thank Chief Zumwanda through the Induna Chilawo for helping with a piece of land. The church organized some local materials to come up with a temporal structure.

The church faced some difficulties as the two dependable members that is Mr. Sambiwa and Mr. Chipili got transferred from lumezi hospital to Lundazi district hospital.

Fortunately, around the same time, Lumezi boarding secondary school was built and opened. Many teachers were deployed, among whom were a number of Adventist church members. Sister Cecilia Tembo and elder John Phiri worked hand in hand with other teachers from Lumezi primary and Lumezi day secondary school, that is elder Sichilongo Joy, elder Mpande and elder Caesar Simunyama from Lumezi hospital. These people contributed a pocket of cement each every Sunday to come up with the church building of which is still under construction up to this day.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the East Zambia field Office that sent a local pastor to this mission district as the place is in isolation. This church will be very grateful if it can be assisted with the following materials so that the structure is fully completed, and wishing that the church membership will grow further than it is at the moment.

- 100 pockets of cement (plastering and flooring)
- Window frames (14)
- Door frames (4)
- Benches (50)
- Electrical cables and sockets as well as Colet (40)
- Door shutters (4)

Finally we are so thankful to God for the successful Lumezi for Christ crusade that was conducted by Pastor Webster Silungwe of Southern Zambia union conference under the program of reaping His harvest campaign. 76 souls were baptized at the end of this crusade, which ran for three (3) weeks from 25th September to 15th October 2016.

This crusade has opened doors to many homes in Lumezi because of the community services done and the free clinic that was conducted. We pray that the Lord will continue to touch and open the hearts of his people, most of whom believe in Sunday as the day of worship or are still glued to their traditional beliefs.
SPOUSES ARE A GIFT FROM GOD:  
Pastor MUVWIMI  
By Lawrence Kabutu in Choma  

SOUTH Zambia Conference President Pastor Maxwell Muvwimi has admonished Elders in the Seventh Day Adventist Church to consider their spouses as a gift from God.  

Pastor Muvwimi noted that Elders should comprehend that it is God who can remove a wife from a husband and therefore a husband should not forsake his wife.  

He was speaking during an Elders’ Family Life retreat under the theme “House Church” held at Swan SDA church in Choma.  

Pastor Muvwimi explained that the success of any local leader or Elder in the church is based on being faithful to a spouse among many other things.  

He urged elders not to profane the covenant between them and their wives when he cited from the book of Malachi 2:10-17 adding that the Lord was a witness between husband and wife to whom the husbands have been faithless or unfaithful.  

“Jesus is the one who gives wives. Anything that comes from God can only be removed by God from you. Why do you forsake the wife of your youth?” asked Pastor Muvwimi.  

Pastor Muvwimi further told the Elders that a man who does not love his wife but divorces her before the God of Israel covers his garment with violence.  

He requested Elders as local leaders to guard themselves in their spirit and not to be unfaithful to their spouses when he presented a paper under the theme “My Gift from God”.  

Pastor Muvwimi further engaged delegates to the Family Life retreat in Men’s and Women’s five emotional needs if their marriages are to be set on a firm foundation.  

He also emphasized the need for Elders to be husbands of one wife as opposed to having extra marital affairs that impact negatively on the family. Pastor Muvwimi cited the book of 1 Timothy 3:1-5 noting that Elders must manage their own households well, with all dignity keeping children submissive.  

Other resource persons at the Elders’ family retreat included Choma East Mission district Pastor Muyambango Muyambango who presented papers on Family Health, Family Nutrition, and drug abuse.  

Choma West Mission district Pastor Edwin Mundia presented papers on use of Finances in the family and Family Worship.  

And Speaking on behalf of the delegates who attended the Family Life retreat Mweemba Shindaile praised the resource persons for disseminating the timely information to the Elders and their spouses. Sr. Shindaile noted that the Family Life retreat for Elders’ and their spouses in Choma East Mission district will assist to bond marriages among local leaders’ families in the Seventh Day Adventist church.
Family Life Retreat Resource Persons Shepardess Muyambango (l), Choma East District Pastor Muyambango Muyambango, SZC President Pastor Maxwell Muvwimi (c), Choma West Pastor Edwin Mundia and Shepardess Mundia.

Family Life retreat delegates at Swan SDA Church.
Definition of Faith:
The first definition is from the Bible. It is the one found in Hebrews 11:1, it reads: “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” (NIV, Bible)
This definition is powerful because faith is being sure of receiving or getting anything we have asked God to give us. Surety is being convicted that whatever we ask God, He will give us. For example if one of us is sick and asks God for healing from sickness, the one who asks should not worry about sickness anymore because He has already been healed by the prayer of faith he made known to God. In other words, there should not be any more panic on the part of a patient because God has power over any diseases and by faith He has been asked to restore to good health.

The second definition is also from the Bible. It is derived from Hebrews 11:6, it reads: “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (NIV, Bible). Here the meaning of faith is simply pleasing God. It is carrying out God’s will. It is following instructions God Himself who commands us to seek, ask and knock to him any time we need something, which he revealed in Matthew 7:7-8. It also means that when we ask God for something, we must believe that he exists and is very much involved in our affairs. In other words God is always interested in providing for our needs and ready to dish them out to us in whatever quantity we desire.

The third definition is from the book entitled: “The Preacher’s Outline & Sermon Bible, Volume 1, page 170, as follows: “It is believing that Christ is: that He is sovereign Lord. All power is subject to Him (Heb. 11:6; Matt. 8:8). Thom S. Rainer, in his book “The Book of Church Growth” page 98, defines Sovereignty of God as follows: “Sovereignty of God means that He is in absolute control, that whatever He ordains always comes to pass, and that His divine purpose is always accomplished (Eph. 1:11).” God cannot allow any other power in this world to interfere with His will. We are sure that whatever He promises to do to us will be fulfilled.

The fourth definition is also from “The Preacher’s Out-line & Sermon Bible, Volume 1 - Matt-John, page 170 as follows: “It is believing that Christ rewards those who earnestly seek Him” (Heb. 11:6; Matt. 8:8-9). It is important to seek God earnestly. It means that we have no other person to depend upon except God. God is not second, third, or fourth choices, He is always our first choice. We look to Him and to Him alone.

A. How did Jesus deal with those who had “Little Faith”?
1. The Disciples:
Jesus, lamented to the disciples in these words found in Matthew 6:30 (NIV), as follows: “If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?” The context to this text was during the time Jesus spent training His disciples for ministry. One of the things He emphasized to the disciples was that they were more important than the grass of the field. Jesus narrated to them how God clothes the grass of the field, and how people at some point set it in fire when it dries. If God takes care of the grass, which later on is set on fire by some people when it is dries up, He will take care of you since you are more important than grass. Therefore, there is no need of displaying “little faith” to God. He blamed them for displaying “little faith.”

2. The Disciples: Again in His encounter with them in the boat He rebuked them as follows: “You of little faith, why are you afraid?” (Matt. 8:26,NIV). Jesus was in the boat with disciples when suddenly the storm came on the Lake causing the waves to sweep over the boat. Jesus was sleeping in the boat when the great storm envisages them. As usual Peter rushed to Jesus to awake him to stop the wind, in stead of Jesus rebuking the storm, He rebuked them for cherishing little faith. If they had faith in God, they would have calmed down the storm on the sea. There was no need of disturbing Jesus of His sleep. They would have used their faith in Him to rebuke the storm. Little faith makes those who have it to be afraid of anything that comes in their way.

3. The Disciple Peter in his encounter with Jesus on the sea. He walked a few steps on the sea, but when he became terrified after stopping to focus his eyes on Jesus, he started sinking and Jesus said to him

What Faith Does to God in Little Portions and in Much Great Portions?

Introduction:
How much faith do you have in God? Is it little or much? You can evaluate yourself because you know how much you trust God. If you have little faith in God, you do not get from Him what you ask because little faith displeases Him. If you show or convey much great faith in God, He will provide you everything you ask Him to do because much and great faith pleases Him.

Dr. Fordson V. Chimoga
Chairman of the Theology Department at Rusang University Main Campus in Monze
the words found in Matthew 14:31 as follows: “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” Peter would have continued walking on the sea if he had much faith. The little faith in him caused him to doubt the power of Jesus to enable him to continue walking on the sea. The failure to walk was not caused by Jesus, but Peter himself. He stopped trusting Jesus by relying on him, instead of always relying on Jesus.

4. The Disciples again on an encounter with Jesus when he discouraged them from cherishing the wrong teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees they were embracing. He rebuked them in these words found in Matthew 16:8-11 as follows: “You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? Do you still not understand? Don’t you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? How is it that you don’t understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” Because the disciples had little faith, they failed to comprehend the counsel against upholding the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees Jesus was preventing them to.

5. The Disciples again on an experience of their failure to heal and cast out demons on an epileptic boy suffering from both epilepsy and demon possession recorded in Matthew 17. When Jesus came, he cast out the demons and the boy was healed. The disciples afterwards came to inquire why they failed to cast out the demons in the boy. Jesus replied with this rebuke in verses 20 & 21 as follows: “Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you!” Why did they not heal the boy? The problem is little faith they had in Jesus. If their faith was small as that of the mastered seed, they would have healed the boy. Unfortunately, it was smaller than that of a mastered seed, that is why they failed to heal the boy. Then Jesus closed this discussion with this shocking statement: “Nothing will be impossible to you.” Impossibilities are for those who do not have faith in God. A small faith like that of a mastered seed will cause a lot of possibilities in life than impossibilities.

END OF PART 1

SIX COMPANIES ORGANISED INTO CHURCHES

By Lawrence Kabutu In Choma

THE Seventh-Day Adventist church in Southern Province of Zambia has organized six companies into churches within a short period of time to ensure church growth and development.

South Zambia Conference Development Secretary Pastor Johan Siachibila said four companies where organized into churches in Kalomo and two in Bbilli mission districts.

Pastor Siachibila was speaking when he organized Choma Dam Company in Choma East Mission district into a church.

He told Choma East Mission district office bearers and members of Choma Dam Company that Christ is the owner of the church and emphasized that the church is built on a solid rock who is Jesus Christ the saviour.

Pastor Siachibila reminded the church members at Choma Dam Company that the theology of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church is based on the Bible and the fundamental beliefs that are drawn from the Holy word of God.

He was speaking under the theme “The owner is around” and expressed happiness that 99 per cent of the church membership at the newly organized Choma Dam SDA Church are faithful in returning tithes and offerings.

The organization of Choma Dam Company into a Church has increased the number of churches in Choma East mission district from 14 to 15 churches.

And Choma East Mission district Pastor Muyambango Muyambango admonished the newly organized church to be wary of the seven problems that effect churches.

Pastor Muyambango named the problems affecting churches as explosiveness altitude, spiritual illiteracy, and unfaithfulness in tithe and offering.

Other problems include monotonous recurrence of programmes, infightings and divisions, non growth in general membership, and leadership criticism.

The newly organized church (Choma Dam SDA Church) saw a number of office bearers put in place by a nominating committee and elders Betrin Jupila and Mainza Sikana were elected to lead the church.
R.M. was a nice young father of two. He was a Christian in regular standing at his local church. This author got to know him at one of the church seminars the author facilitated. R.M. was HIV positive and had full blown AIDS. Meeting him about five months later, R.M looked extremely thin and frail. At first he did not want to reveal the cause of the sudden deterioration. When pressured to tell the truth, he confessed that indeed he had stopped taking drugs (ARVs). It was suspected that he was made to believe that taking conventional medicine while you pray for healing is a denial of faith. A week later following the confession, R.M. died.

How many people have died, who would still be working for God had they not believed a lie. Preachers are supposed to cooperate with the Saviour in saving life. But there is out there a lot of preaching that leads unto death, unfortunately. It is a known fact that there are thousands who continue to live for many years on ARVs, who could not otherwise be alive today. Many who should have lived on are no more because they believed some preacher or “prophet” who said, or gave the impression that taking medication is a denial of faith. When those die the same preachers and prophets speak at their funeral. They unconsciously accuse God saying, “His day to die appointed by God has come.” But the Bible says some people die before their day. Ecclesiastes 7:17 says, “Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?” The painful and sad story above is the case of one dying before his time.

Think about it; if it were true that all die at their God appointed time regardless of choice and behaviour, what would be the need of hospital doctors telling diabetic, hypertension (BP) patients to avoid sweet and fatty foods? What about those who commit suicide? The Lord says through the apostle John, “You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32).

When a child of God thinks healing has occurred, the Christian thing to do is to go to the hospital for HIV/AIDS-free certification (to be medically declared free from the virus). It is biblical - Jesus told the ten men healed of leprosy to “Go show yourselves unto the priests” (Luke 17:14, KJV). They had the courage to go to the priests because they believed they were indeed healed.

How God Heals
Is God able to heal? Yes. Does God heal today? Yes. Can God heal HIV/AIDS? Yes. Does God heal HIV/AIDS? Absolutely. Will God heal all HIV cases in the world? Not likely. The sad news is that sickness and suffering will continue as long as this world continues to exist. But we can rejoice with the prospect of a “new heaven and a new earth” (when) God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” (Revelation 21:1, 4)

God heals in any way he chooses, God can heal supernaturally, instantly in answer to prayer, or he can choose to heal slowly (could be in answer to prayer) using natural means through the expertise of humans. At times God in his sovereign and infinite wisdom and mercy can choose not to heal (assuming it is not the patient’s fault – Ps 66:18). Human beings should never presume to dictate how they want to be healed, either through prayer alone, or by using conventionally legitimate means of healing. The reason why there are hospitals founded in the name of Jesus (mission hospitals) is because Christians believe God can and does heal using the expertise he imparts in human beings. It is comforting to know that even when Christians are in trouble (not healed) God is with them. For Jesus promises to be with us always (see Matthew 28:20, last part).

To be continued
Rusangu University celebrated its 10th Graduation Ceremony on 4th September 2016 and 473 students graduated from the five different University schools.

Speaking during the Graduation Ceremony, University Vice-Chancellor, Dr Pardon Mwansa said the students underwent many challenges to graduate from the various disciplines.

Dr Mwansa bragged that the graduates are men and women of integrity who are now ripe to offer a service to the nation’s sphere of development.

Meanwhile, guest of honour, Dr Delbert Baker, who is the Adventist University of Africa, Vice-Chancellor encouraged the graduates to work for the people they will be serving in the Zambian society and beyond.

Dr Baker said service delivery should be the priority which should be performed with passion and vision. He reminded the graduates to contribute to the fight against vices such as corruption, immorality and drug abuse that have destroyed the moral fabric of the nation as they all have a conscious to live with.

During the same ceremony, University Chancellor, Ps. Samuel Sinyangwe handed over the instruments of authority to Dr Pardon Mwansa who just took over office as Rusangu University’s fourth Vice-Chancellor. This was during the installation Ceremony which was held alongside the 10th Graduation Ceremony.
Bright Hachintu was born on 14th February 1985 at Simasenga village in Chikankata district of Southern Province in Zambia. He did his primary school education (Grade 1 to 7) from 1993 to 1999 at Chikani Primary School in Mazabuka, and Junior Secondary school (Grade 8 & 9) at Nakambala right in Mazabuka from 2000 to 2001. For his senior education course he attended Kafue Gorge High School in Kafue from 2002 to 2004.

The late Bright Hachintu had come to know and love his Lord at quite a tender age. He got baptised 1999 and became so committed to the way of righteousness without any waver at all. Up to the point of his death he passionately loved preaching and singing to bless as many souls as possible. He was a dedicated member of Chawama Seventh-day Adventist church in Lusaka.

In January 2014 Br Hachintu joined the Hope Channel team/staff as an Assistant Cameraman. He was confirmed as a fulltime Cameraman/Editor in June 2014. He travelled extensively across the country doing his work with great dedication, with a unique passion to spread the Word of God. As a matter of fact, he helped to set Hope Channel Zambia on satellite via Muvi TV, ZNBC and GoTV

Bright is survived by a wife, Shully Hachintu and two sons, Beenzu and Chipo Hachintu.
NEW SENIOR ACCOUNTANT
FOR ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE

Meet Elder Habbwe Michelo, the Adventist Book Centre Senior Accountant in Lusaka since 1st September 2016. Elder Michelo completed his senior Secondary School studies at Mukuba High School in Kitwe in 2002 and enrolled at Rusangu University for his Bachelor of Business Administration - Accounting in 2004. In 2007, he participated in the Celtel (now Airtel) Africa University Challenge in Lusaka where he was awarded with the certificate of outstanding performance of in-country tournament.

Michelo graduated from Rusangu University in 2009 and the following year enrolled at Solusi University in Zimbabwe for his Masters of Business Administration where he graduated from in the year 2014.

In terms of employment, Michelo joined the Rusangu Secondary School staff as an Accounts Assistant in 2009, a position he held on to until 2011 when he became the Supervising Accountant in the same Accounting department. In 2014 he was elevated to be the Business Manager of the same institution where he continued serving up until August 2016 when he received his call to join the Adventist Book Centre Head office in Lusaka as the Senior Accountant. He has special interest in Research, reading, going to church, farming and travelling.

Michael Siyanga Sitali joined denominational service as Revenue Accounts Clerk, later moved to be the Auditor till December 2012 when the Lusaka Conference was formed. He was the first Accountant Expenditure for the Lusaka Conference after his exceptional performance.

He received a service call to work at the Adventist Book Centre as a Senior Accountant till his death in June 2016.

Sitali was a hardworking, dedicated and dependable employee and family man as well as elder at his local church. He was meticulous, accurate in his work.

He will forever be missed by the church workforce.

Michael Siyanga Sitali
Life At
Lusaka Conference
By Eld. Jowitt Mudenda
**PAKIA WEDDINGS IN THE YEAR 2016**

- PK Namakau Imolo sweetly joined for life to William Lwenga (now PK Associate member) in a wedding that was officiated by Pastor Highten Hamweene at Kabwata SDA Church on 30th October 2016.
- PK Ricky Himaambo got married to Angella Simoonga (now Associate member) at a grand wedding that was officiated by Pastor Nelson Simweemba at Kabwata SDA Church in Lusaka on 18th September 2016.
- PK Precious Nchimunya Kaleba’s wedding bells rung when she joyfully united with Hamazongo Hector Beene at Njanji SDA church in Lusaka on 22nd May 2016 by Pst. Gabriel Mulambwa.
- PK Asahel Choongo wedded Namweemba Makwebo (now Associate PAKIA member) in a colourful wedding on 24th October 2016 in Lusaka.
- PK Mutinta Hambaya got united in holy matrimony to Mweemba (now Associate PK) at Woodlands Central SDA Church in Lusaka through Pastor Gallath Maunga Naini on 4th September 2016.
- PK Daniel Abel Bbelemu Mukonka tied the note with Jane Namboozi Chizinguka (now Associate PK) in a unique ceremony that took place at Mazabuka Central Church on 6th November 2016. It was officiated by Pastor Webster Silungwe.
- Pastor Mwendabai Mwendabai of Lusaka Central church sounded the wedding bells to stand for life with Kotutu Muteumba, now shepherdess Mwendabai, at Kabwata SDA Church in Lusaka on 16th October 2016. The wedding ceremony was officiated by Pastor Morgan Chibala of Chilenje Mission District in Lusaka.
- Pastor Hillary Moonga of South Zambia Conference bade farewell to bachelorhood when he gave his hand in marriage to Inonge Munyanya, now shepherdess Inonge Moonga, on 16th October 2016. The wedlock was officiated by Pastor Maxwell Muswumi, President of South Zambia Conference, at Mazabuka Central Church.