

Nyangombe Christian Training Centre

Elim Mission News

from Sybil & Gordon in Zambia

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Moving forward into 2011

Early in January a planning meeting was held at Nyangombe to prayerfully discuss the optimum program for 2011 and how best to assist the churches in the North Western Province of Zambia and beyond. We are looking to the Lord for His blessing on all activities and that through the various teaching programs men, women, boys and girls will be built up in their faith to better serve the Lord in their generation. These are challenging times and when great opportunities present themselves in the Lord's work opposition in some shape or form is never far away. Please pray with us as we recognise that in our own strength we can accomplish nothing but that any lasting impact in the hearts and minds of those who will visit Nyangombe must be accomplished by the Holy Spirit of God.

Tailoring Courses forging ahead!



Traditionally only men did sewing in this part of Africa but the ladies are challenging them in not only competitive pricing but in completely new garment designs.

What a thrill to see so many women learning to a high standard in tailoring skills. Not only do they learn to make garments with which to clothe themselves and of course to sell on to others but they also learn design and add their own unique creative edge to the garments being made.



Designing and making templates outside on the verandah whilst big sister keeps an eye on the baby!



It is not only the fact that the women are being prepared to earn a living in the future through skills training but the solid fact that in staying at Nyangombe for an extended period they come under the strong, structured influence of Christian teaching and practice within their Lunda culture. Our hope in beginning this project was to see the ladies being influenced by the Gospel and empowered to provide for their families in an honourable way through imparted skills training.

Trainee Builders Course nears completion

The end of February 2011 will see another six young men complete a year long course in basic building. Many of these same men have been active in Christian work for some years and being on a course at Nyangombe has been a great encouragement to them as they have also been able to participate in some Bible Teaching Programs. This building forms part of their 'final assessment' where marks are given and added to marks gained on various jobs during their time at NCTC.



It is very pleasing for those involved in running and teaching these courses to see the strides forward that these men have made in acquiring bricklaying skills. Please pray with us for these young men, as they leave to begin setting up their own business or finding employment somewhere that what they have learned at NCTC will help set them in good stead for many years to come.

Tools are supplied by various kind donors which enable us to



present a set of tradesman's tools to those who successfully complete training courses. The cost of these tools is clearly in excess of what anyone could afford in rural areas. The result is that, together with the training received, those passing the course can begin almost immediately to put their skills and tools into operation and earn a living for them and their family. We thank the Lord for all those involved in some way in training and for tools supplied from overseas which help make these courses a success.

Bible Teaching Program 2011

The teaching schedule for 2011 is almost complete for this coming dry season. Teaching courses begin in early April and go through till September with only the odd day between to get ready for the next program. There are plans for Youth Camps including a national children's camp with up to 5,000 children attending Nyangombe this year!! Please join with us in prayer that in all that we do the Lord will be honoured and that those participating in teaching might know that special anointing which draws men and women closer to the Lord.

We take this opportunity to say thank you again for your prayerful and practical support in the many areas of outreach and ministry taking place at Nyangombe.

Gordon & Sybil

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