

Nyangombe Christian Training Centre

Elim Mission News

from Sybil & Gordon in Zambia

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Nearing the end of another year!

We are so grateful to the Lord for His blessing during 2010. The local radio station in Mwinilunga now broadcasts our Bible Teaching Schedule. Many people in outlying bush areas learned in this way of courses being run and came to join us. We had some of the best attendances on record and were so glad that many did not want to go home when the courses ended, asking for the time to be extended. There was little time between each of the different programs, causing us to wonder if we had taken on too much, but the Lord has been good and we are glad for these great opportunities

Widows and Orphans

The team of men & women running the Hope Widows and Orphans Program invited the ladies and children for a morning of fellowship when they had a meal and fellowship together. During different times of the year, as the Lord provides, the team are able to purchase blankets, clothing, seed for gardens and gardening tools to assist those in great need. We are so grateful for the many 'village carers' who have a burden to come alongside the widows and orphans, notice and report cases of need and allow leaders to intervene with appropriate help when needed. How humbling it has been to see widows, often over sixty years of age accept vulnerable children into their very poor homes, care for them and encourage them to attend school. At a time when Christmas is celebrated and the New Year looked forward to with anticipation in many parts of the world, most of these widows and orphans will be working daily in their fields hoping that the rains will be kind and that they will be able to grow what they need to survive another year.



Oxen training & ploughing

The farm at NCTC acts also as an agricultural training centre where animal husbandry skills are taught. Four teams of oxen have been trained this year which enables people to plough, harrow and sow bigger gardens of maize leading to better food supplies through lowered labour input. It has been fun to see oxen under initial training first of all running for the bush with a great log attached to their yoke by a chain and then as the week progresses, to see the same bullock humbly submitting to be yoked together with another bullock pulling a plough! Oxen make ploughing so much easier for family gardens to be prepared for planting.



Pre school end of year 2010



The children of the pre-school showed their parents what they had been learning during 2010. There were constant words of praise, encouragement and clapping as their children participated in simple mathematics and letter recognition tests. The pre-school children and teachers expressed their gratitude to donors & schools who have so kindly and very carefully selected and sent out to them books, games and other quality teaching aids.



Carpenters qualify 2010

We have come to the end of 2010 training courses for carpenters, builders & tailors and it has been so good to see the excellent standards of workmanship that these trainees have achieved. It is true to say that our aptitude tests for entry into courses have helped in the selection of trainees who really do want training. Three of the accepted trainees for 2011 were applicants who failed entry for 2010 courses but who returned to their villages, studied some basic mathematics and starter skills from



others, came back to Nyangombe and passed entry for 2011. Trainees who successfully complete their course are given a certificate indicating their qualifying level and a set of tools supplied by donors from overseas. These tool sets enable trainees to set themselves up in their own business making tables, chairs, beds and other furniture. In this way they make a contribution to the village in general and also a sustainable living for themselves and their families. Qualifications from Nyangombe are much sought after since high standards of workmanship are taught and embraced by students. Trainees thanked both local and overseas instructors for input into their lives.

Planning prayerfully for 2011

In early January representatives of many groups of churches from many districts are meeting at Nyangombe to give input into what type of teaching and training they would find most beneficial in 2011. As things slow down over Christmas through until early January, there will be time to prayerfully consider plans for the future. Please pray with us that NCTC will be an effective tool of ministry into the church and community in 2011.

May Jesus always be your joy, your hope, your song and may this Christmas and each day of the New Year be directed by His guiding hand.

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