



Welcome to Mwana News

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3v16

I sit to write my newsletter on a dark African winter evening. Every third evening is dark like this, as we now follow a timetable of no power for 6 hours everyday, they call it load shedding. It brings silence and darkness to the whole area. The silence accentuates the crickets chirping, the dogs barking and the mosquitoes buzzing. When my laptop battery finishes I will have to break the silence with the generator - an essential item nowadays but sadly a luxury that most can not afford.

Mwana Ministries

Currently we live and work from home. It works well but for the long term sustainability of all the work of Mwana Ministries we are preparing to build our own studio, offices and home. Last year we purchased a piece of land here in Lusaka. Last week we got the diagram that is needed to truly claim the land is ours and to start building. The land is 50m by 100m with a stream at the bottom. We want to use the land beside the stream to build a children's play park that will also be an outside filming area for Bingo songs and other children's TV shows- like a Blue Peter garden! We are starting with putting a wall fence around the property to protect the land, as illegal squatters are a common problem that we want to avoid. Please pray for God's protection and blessing on the land.



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We have managed to increase our weekly missions from two to three compounds. On Thursday afternoons we are in Kalingalinga and on Friday afternoons in Chipata and Chazanga. It's a tiring job; jumping, dancing, shouting, holding puppets etc. outside in the sun, but Evans and I thrive off it! I spend many hours preparing themed lessons which roughly consist of a memory verse, bible story, puppet script and object lesson. On arrival in the compound we are quickly surrounded by many children and our local team members to help assemble the equipment and prepare the lessons. Evans is very gifted in drawing many children to the ground through the singing and dancing. After which our team take over with the teaching. We regular preach a gospel message so children can receive Jesus as their personal saviour but we also disciple the children as Jesus taught us to "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you". We can estimate that we are now ministering to about 1000 children in total every week. The numbers make it impossible to learn names but we do get familiar with their faces and see them slowly changing under the influence of God's word. We will never fully know the impact on their lives, but we trust that into God's hands. At the end of each mission we send the children home but many children are reluctant to leave us until we have left. We tell them go home, but they don't listen. Who knows - at home there is maybe no one; big sister is out with friends, mum is selling in the market till 9pm and Dad is out drinking, a sad but common reality. If we were to find out the reality of what each child faces at home, we

praise points...



First delivery of sand on Mwana Ministries plot.



New PA system and generator purchased for Mwana Mission.



Many children hungry for the word of God.



Hundreds of children have received Jesus.



Weekly puppet training.

would also never be able to leave. But by giving them Jesus we are giving them a lasting hope and joy that can never be stolen from them.

Mwana Action



Levy Chilo Grade 11

In April we had a team of seven from Sheddocksley Baptist church in Aberdeen visit us here in Lusaka. During their two week trip to Zambia we took a two night trip to visit Victoria Falls! On the journey to Livingstone we stopped in the town of Choma to meet Levy Chilo one of our Mwana Action children who is in Grade 11. Evans and I had never met him, so it was quite a moving experience for all of us to hear his story and the difference that our support is making. He told us that during 2013 he was sitting at home with nothing to do and no one to pay his fees to enter upper secondary school. Without secondary education it would be impossible for him to get a job. He is highly motivated to work hard and make the most of this opportunity. It was a blessing for us to visit Levy, I pray that Mwana Ministries will be able to support more children to get an education and fulfill their dreams.

Currently we have a young man called Samson, who faced a similar situation to Levy, and dropped out of school after Grade 9. Samson has a passion for camera's and taking pictures. The challenge with training youths is that they need to have some kind of income to feed themselves and support their families, so we managed to find Samson a gardening job at our neighbours and now he spends two hours with us ever morning, learning on the camera's and the editing programme Photoshop. He is very committed and hard working and it is a privilege for us to give young people opportunities to learn a skill. We pray that as Mwana Ministries grows this kind of youth training will also grow.



Mwana Media

Tommy Time continues to be broadcast in Zimbabwe and Zambia. We still pray for a breakthrough in other countries but particularly in Malawi and Tanzania. Tommy Time three is still in the final editing phase but its looking good and we are getting anxious to see it on air. Production on Tommy Time Four has started with song writing, script writing, filming Bingo songs and set production. Evans works with some of the best audio producers in Zambia to produce quality music for Tommy Time. One of our friends from church is singing the voice for Flefla and the songs are sounding great. It's exciting that 5years on from when we started Tommy Time, we are now working on TT4. With the



passion we have for reaching the African children and the creative ideas that the Holy Spirit gives us; like Paul we say 'if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given us – the task of testifying to the gospel of grace'.

Rabson and Cephas are two of our best puppeteers. They have started a weekly puppet training where they have over a dozen young people who are attending every Sunday to learn the skill of puppetry. This is exciting for me, as I now facilitate the trainers! We are so grateful to God for the financial miracles we have seen in 2015 and for the way the work of Mwana Ministries is growing as a result. To all of you who are supporting Mwana Ministries, whether through prayer, finance, love or kindness, we want to say thank you. May God richly bless you.

Love

Janey & Evans



prayer
points...

Mwana Ministries

- Wisdom, protection, strength, health and creativity for Janey & Evans.
- Finances to cover the cost of building a wall fence.
- Safe arrival of new car from Japan.
- Elizabeth continues to make a good recovery but pray for her as she adjusts to wearing her prosthetic arm.

Mwana Media

- Filming puppet and Bingo songs during August and September.
- Filming puppet stories October/ November.
- Finances to cover production costs on TT4.
- ZNBC to make final payment on TT2.
- Protection on all the filming equipment and footage.

Mwana Mission

- New volunteers for Mwana Mission in all three compounds.
- Local volunteer or missionary to assist in establishing Mwana Mission in new compounds.
- Book launch for GTT2.



Mwana Action.

- God to identify new children for supporting through Mwana Action.
- Health and wisdom as all the children learn in school.
- Mercy Kabunda as she sits Grade 7 exams.

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