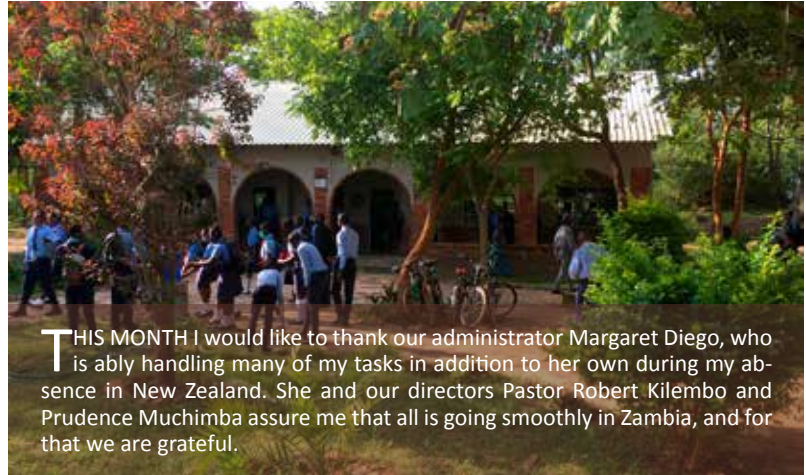


MONTHLY MAIL REPORT

May 2021

OUR Limapela Development directors held a conference call last Saturday. The rest of the world has had to meet this way for over a year now, and the New Zealand trustees have been doing it for even longer. Technology really helps with immediate and direct communication from the other side of the world. Gone are the days when we relied on air mail!

Enrolment has dropped a little in both schools. One reason could be that COVID-19 has unsettled some of our families, but another contributor at Limapela Cedric's is that we do not yet offer Grades 10-12. It seems that pupils are now opting to enrol in government schools at Grade 8 level in case they find it hard to find places in those schools when they finish Grade 9 at Limapela. So increasing pressure is now coming from the parent community for us to extend to full secondary.



THIS MONTH I would like to thank our administrator Margaret Diego, who is ably handling many of my tasks in addition to her own during my absence in New Zealand. She and our directors Pastor Robert Kilembo and Prudence Muchimba assure me that all is going smoothly in Zambia, and for that we are grateful.



Drawing of the proposed Lower Primary Centre at Limapela Cedric's

We have always said that we will not extend to full secondary at Limapela Cedric's until our primary department is fully equipped. The major remaining need is for a Lower Primary Centre for pre-school and Grade 1 classes. This building will provide three new classrooms and a covered play area at a projected cost of the equivalent of NZ\$ 151,800. So far NZ\$ some 30,000 has been raised. Do email us if this project interests you.

There is to be an election in Zambia in August and for that we ask your prayers. Elections in Africa are nearly always a time of tension, instability and sometimes violence. Zambia really needs better governance, but the ruling party will doubtless

use many tricks to remain in power. Pray that new leaders of wisdom, integrity and responsibility will be elected in a free and fair election. Zambia is a declared Christian nation and we would like to see that reflected in our leadership.

As I write, Alison and I are about to drive south — first to New Plymouth, then to Palmerston North for a weekend with our friends and supporters there. We will go as far as Wellington on this trip and then plan a trip to the South Island later in June or July. We are buying warm clothes as winter has now begun!

Once again, we send our greetings and thanks for your interest and support. We are very much enjoying renewed contact with so many. New Zealand supporters may contact us by email or mobile phone (Alison: +64 21 088 68173 and Matthew: +64 21 088 74094) if they would like to meet up in person.

—Matthew and Alison Raymond

