

MONTHLY MAIL REPORT

August 2021

TWO WEEKS AGO Rebecca Chinyemba, one of our Grade 2 pupils and the daughter of our driver, was severely burned from chest to thighs when her clothing caught fire when playing at home. She was admitted to Kitwe Central Hospital, where she was kept alive and treated as best they could. But last Wednesday it came to our attention that she needed better treatment. Dr David McAdam of Chitololoki Mission Hospital was willing to take her if we could fly her there before the weekend to see Zambia's top plastic surgeon, who happened to be visiting from Lusaka. This was to be an expensive two-hour flight by light aircraft into one of the most remote areas in the North Western Province.

Daylight hours for Zambia and the UK are in the middle of the night for New Zealand, so messages, voice calls and emails shot backwards and forwards into the small hours as we tried to arrange a plane and pilot, appeal for funds through our friends Paul and Angela Hannay in the UK and communicate with Rebecca's family members. It seems remarkable to me that we were able to arrange all this remotely. Special thanks to Dennis Delic of Lifesong for Orphans (Canada) in Kitwe for contacting Pilot Neville Coltman of Kitwe, and arranging the flight. Neville dropped everything and flew Rebecca on Friday morning to Chitololoki where treatment and skin grafts have already begun under Dr McAdam.

We are grateful indeed for all this. If you are a praying person, please pray for Rebecca. At the tender age of 9 she has experienced excruciating pain, and as she now faces a very long period of treatment. As you can see, the medical needs of Limapela continue to increase, and if you would like to contribute to this fund please let us know.

COVID-19 INFECTIONS and deaths have increased in Zambia in recent months and Zambians have become alarmed. Our children and young people are not at high risk, and for that we are thankful. We are relieved that schools are scheduled to re-open on 16 August, but we understand that each school will need to be inspected by the Ministry of Education before permission to open is granted.

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GRACE NOTES, our new choir in Auckland is collaborating now with the Auckland Gospel Choir, and we plan to present an afternoon of Song and Fellowship at Greyriars Presbyterian Church on Sunday 29 August at 2:30 pm. If you live in Auckland you are warmly invited to attend this event.

Our thanks to you all for your continuing interest, prayers and support.

— Matthew and Alison Raymond



Add.... SUNDAY 29 AUGUST
to your calendar!!

GRACE NOTES directed by
MATTHEW F RAYMOND with
THE AUCKLAND GOSPEL CHOIR
directed by SEUMANU SIMON MATAFAI
with soloists/
Present

**AN AFTERNOON OF
HYMNS, PRAISE &
FELLOWSHIP**

(Afternoon tea provided)

DATE: Sunday 29 August 2021
TIME: 2:30pm
VENUE: Greyfriars Presbyterian Church,
2 Windmill Rd, Mt Eden
(entry from the carpark located behind the church)
COST: A koha would be appreciated to
cover costs

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