

## MONTHLY MAIL REPORT

September 2021

**H**AKAINDE HICHILEMA (HH) and his United Party for National Development (UPND) were elected in Zambia on 12 August by a landslide. HH is a capable man with a good reputation, so we are optimistic about the future and about the promises that he is making as our new president. He intends to “foster a better democracy, respect the rule of law, restore order, respect human rights, liberties, and freedoms.” Our prayer is that he will stick unflinchingly to these promises, knowing of course that after so many years of corrupt government, it will not be easy.

Schools opened on 23 August, despite COVID, and our teachers have thrown themselves into making up for lost time. Three of our teachers have moved to government schools and a fourth is taking maternity leave, so we are welcoming new staff this month. We are grateful to our Head Teachers Martha Mbewe and Frankie Mumba, to Administrator Margaret Diego and to all our staff for their commitment to the Limapela vision.

COVID-19 infections have continued to spread in Zambia. Our Limapela



**O**UR BURN PATIENT Rebecca Chinyemba is making a steady but very pleasing recovery under Dr David McAdam at Chitokoloki Mission Hospital. Skin grafts were successful and her wounds are healing nicely. She is still in hospital, and physiotherapy will continue even after she has been discharged. We are very grateful to all those who have donated generously to help cover her flight and other costs.

We are also very grateful to plastic surgeon Dr Goran Jovic, who was at Chitokoloki at the time of Rebecca's arrival and was able to take charge of her initial examination and operation. The flying medical charity FlySpec is part of the charity Lusaka Orthopaedic research and Educational Trust (LORET). This charity enables Dr Goran to fly to remote parts of Zambia in order to assist and advise in his field of medicine. We encourage our donors to follow this link: <https://www.flyspec.org/donate.html> and make a donation to this wonderful organisation.



Rebecca with Grandma Dorothy

Director Prudence Muchimba was taken to intensive care in Chingola last week, but we are relieved to hear that our prayers have been answered, and that she has been discharged and sent home.

COVID-19-DELTA has also hit Auckland, and the whole of New Zealand was locked down on 17 August. Since then New Zealanders have been abiding by very strict government regulations, which means staying at home for most of the time. Some people enjoy this and others don't! Our choir GRACE NOTES, in collaboration with the Auckland Gospel Choir, were planning to present an afternoon of Song and Worship in Auckland on Sunday 29 August but we have had to postpone this event.

We live in a very uncertain world. I

hope to return to Zambia at the end of October, with Alison following in January, but because of COVID and for other reasons we cannot settle on specific dates yet.

We are very grateful to you all for your interest, prayers and support.

— Matthew and Alison Raymond

