you gained is a knowledge of the offices you should not to go to the next time." Pastor Mbewe describes how, you're more likely to move backwards than to progress an inch. 'Fallen man' is certainly depicted through this crisis of culture, underscoring the eminent need for trans-formative, Christcentered higher education. We are starkly reminded by Conrad, that Ken and Lisa are spearheading the establishment of the ACU in a culture where 'come tomorrow' and 'come next week' mean nothing more than 'get out of my sight.' Expressing empathy for Lisa, he noted that right alongside Ken, she encounters such annoyances on a daily basis, handling them with equal grace.

Topping his list of suggested items for prayer, is the Zambian Board, as they try to carve time out of their busy schedules to play a role that goes beyond policy-making. "At this stage," he emphasized, "they need to have a more hands-on approach." Rolling out the Zambian version of the 425 Campaign to African Churches is imperative, in order to establish active contributions in support of what Conrad considers "a fresh approach to Christian tertiary education in this corner of the world." Possessing a firmly held conviction that ACU is poised to have a major impact on African culture, he beseeches everyone to pray to that end!



We hold in high esteem all who have partnered with us through giving, serving and praying.

Good tidings of great joy through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Linda Woodward



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Giving, Serving, Praying

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. ~ Psalm 121:1-2 ~



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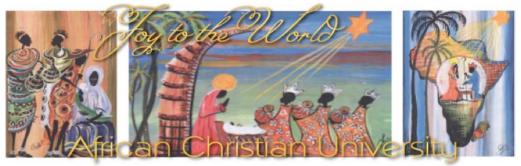
Is God prompting you to participate in this mighty project? As He leads, we encourage you to consider contributing as a 425 Campaign partner, serving either stateside or on the ground in Zambia, or by partnering with us daily in prayer. Why not inquire today?

Links









T he conclusion of another year, strikes a pleasant **In This Issue:**

divine ordination. The hand of the Almighty continues to carve out a passageway for the unique vision that ACU offers, and as we recollect the endowment of God's actions, let His name be magnified!

Grace Beyond Expectations

Having just recently settled into a home in Zambia with wife, Lisa and their three children, Dr. Kenneth Turnbull, Executive Director of ACU, views 2011 as a year of many transitions. "Since the first prayers for ACU in 2007, it is hard to believe that we have come so far, so quickly," he recounted. "It is exciting when you consider what God's hand has accomplished in less than five years!" The lone efforts and timid prayers of his family quickly evolved to praying with tens of thousands of God's chosen in Zambia,

across Africa and all around the globe. God's vision for a Christ exalting, whole-life-transforming institute of higher education is clearly being realized, as evidenced by his commissioning of three supporting, non-profit organizations in three different countries and more than thirty brethren who are actively planning and working toward ACU's development. "God continues to call out His chosen laborers to bring His kingdom work to fruition," Ken exclaimed. Please be in prayer about the potential coming expansion into the UK. Ken is especially encouraged by this ever growing prayer, giving and serving support base that the ACU support organizations are providing. God continues to use these organizations to call his Laborers. "More than 50 individuals worldwide have expressed interest in the possibility of serving ACU in some capacity," Dr. Turnbull confirmed, "with a few more added to the list every week."



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Dr. Ken Turnbull

His impassioned plea for prayer has been summarized in the Matters for Prayer (to the right) as published each month. As Jesus implored, "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:13). "Let us continue to diligently pray," He concludes, "trusting God to build what He intends for His glory." He further exclaims, "Oh, may we read this at the end of 2012, and magnify God for doing so much more than we can even dream; to His glory and His honor. Amen."

Appeals from the Heart

Ronald Kalifungwa, Pastor of Lusaka Baptist Church (one of the sponsoring churches of ACU shared the great need for what he described as 'a culture influencer' such as ACU, to develop a Bible based tertiary education tailored to meet the needs of Africa. In detailing a few of the short term challenges confronting the project, Ronald believes the most important, is the necessity of a full time helper(s) for Dr. Turnbull. "The amount of work he has to do, at this foundation laying

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stage is colossal," he explained. "We stand in danger of losing him to burn out, if we don't do something to help him."

Noting the economic climate worldwide and its measured effect on the 425 Campaign, he expressed appreciation for the sacrificial support that brethren continue to offer toward seeding ACU's development. As ACU is an effort to transform all of Africa, Pastor Kalifungwa sees the need for individuals

Pr Ronald Kalifungwa who may be able to assist as full-time/ part-time fundraisers in Zambia. South

Africa, the U.S. and wherever God will provide.

A key challenge for ACU is finding faculty and staff with a deep-seeded Christian worldview anchoring all that they do, who see the need for reforming education through Christ's redemptive work. Dr. Turnbull is presently seeking out organizations to prepare those whom God is calling to serve full-time in Zambia as mentors and disciplers with ACU. We will further report on this as it develops.

Pastor Kalifungwa declared, "The churches in Zambia stand ready to take the work of ACU forward, mobilizing financial support for it within Zambia." He concluded, "We would also do well to market the work of ACU beyond Zambia, even to places such as the UK, which have reasonably large Zambian communities who are likely to take an interest in the work."

Zambian Board Primed for Action

John Chundu, the newly appointed Chairman of the Zambian Board of Directors, weighed in on a

strategic planning workshop slated for the board in January. All members including Dr. Ken Turnbull, and Bruce Button formerly of SGTS, now the ACU Seminary, will participate. The board coordinates four subcommittees: Resource Mobilization and Communication, Administration, Infrastructure and Academic. The road ahead is highly dependent on the expertise, fortitude and labors of these individuals and God's guidance in planning the strategy to move the massive project forward. Please remember them and their need for wisdom in your prayers.



John Chundu

Have you been commanded to pray by a military general before? Well, Brigadier General, Moses Phiri of the Zambian Air Force implores everyone to pray for effective doers to assist in the work, so that swift progress will be realized.

ACU-RSA Support

Reporting on behalf of the ACU-RSA Board in South Africa, Chairman, Irving Steggles, asked for prayer concerning their efforts to secure a bank account. "The authorities have just moved the goal posts," he explained, "although we thought we had successfully registered our account, it is possible that it



Matters of Praise

Oh come let us adore and exalt our amazing God for fully orchestrating the multitude of accomplishments listed in this month's update!

We thank the Lord for every saint who has responded to the Holy Spirit in joining us to pray, give and serve to advance the kingdom, righteousness and glory of God in Africa.

Matters of Prayer

- God's funding when required, through means that clearly display Him as the Provider
- Removal of any obstacles that would hinder the residential program from being initiated as early as August, 2012
- Establishment of the ground breaking student labor program with at least one business and student labor discipler in place by the same start date

may now be revoked." Endeavoring to stop money laundering operations, by unscrupulous non-profits in the country, legislators have unwittingly hindered legitimate charities from being able to establish bank accounts, thus hindering their ability to properly function. Pastor Steggles is convinced the Lord will provide a passable route soon, believing your prayers will hasten a resolution.

ACU-RSA is in the process of preparing recruitment literature to disseminate throughout South Africa. Publicizing the Student Labor Program to both

students and disciplers is a key goal. Newly tapped board member, Trevor Thompson, will certainly be an asset to the cause, infusing his unique brand of passion and expertise. Pastor Steggles emphasized, "Having ascertained the necessity to galvanize local churches the board is gearing up to communicate the radical vision of ACU and its critical importance in changing a continent through educating Christians to take seriously the cultural mandate." Let's wholeheartedly support this effort in prayer.

Addressing Worldview Issues

Looking back on 2011, Conrad Mbewe, Pastor of Kabwata Baptist Church, a sponsoring church of ACU, noted that prior to the coming of the Turnbull Family, which they had waited for with 'bated breath,' most of activity was centered in the USA. "Since that time," he affirmed, "administrative structures are being put into place in

Zambia, and they are slowly arriving at which piece of land to settle for. The first faculty seems to have been identified and the Lord seems to be confirming in our hearts how best to kick off ACU," he said. Pastor Mbewe notes with anticipation that "the commencement date seems to be closer than it once looked. And all this, despite Ken's initial health struggles upon arriving in Zambia, which left him very weak."

Pastor Mbewe reminds us of the worldview issues we're facing in Africa through ACU, as dishonest gain, fraud and bribery are generally thought to occur under the cloak of darkness, but such is not the case in Africa. Sadly, the big picture Conrad describes, is one of hardship, corruption and apathy, which thrives in the light of day.

The prolonged stay of the Turnbulls in Mozambique was, but a foretaste of what they would come to experience after arriving in Zambia, as Pastor Mbewe explained, "things in Africa do not move fast - if at all," he went on to share, "In the USA, you get on the Internet and do half of your work while sipping a cup of coffee at home, but here, simple guidelines are nowhere to be found, thus you spend a whole day going from one government office to another, realizing as you return home at the end of the day, that all



Pr. Irving Steggles

disciplines
God's drawing of students who find salvation in Christ and are renewed in their mind, transformed in their worldview, and radiate Christ in thought, word and deed

Growth of the Theology

residential mentors, and

expansion into the other

faculty with full-time.

from that foundation.

arts and science

Intercession

- Physical and spiritual sustenance for Ken and Bruce, and the calling of full-time laborers to work alongside them, as well as God's guiding wisdom for the many challenges that lie ahead in implementing the academic programs
- God's granting of perseverance wisdom and good health to John Chundu and Irving Steggles, in balancing all the responsibility in addition to their full-time vocations.
- Dr. Turnbull requests specific prayer for Linda Woodward, "for her sustained health and ability to juggle many commitments and still manage the bulk of activity with ACU-USA; a job not assigned to her, but one that has fallen upon her and she handles with utmost grace."

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