

## ACU Spotlight on Anne Phiri (cont.)

intriguing to me. To think of generations passing through this kind of system and becoming 'scientists' or 'engineers' with a twist of creative ingenuity' having learnt from the 'Master' himself left me with a sense of awe," Anne said.

Anne says she prays that ACU may be established and impacts Zambia through "its graduates in all manner of skill, knowledge, literature, language and morality. That morality and integrity of any work place may be restored and a sense of a proper attitude to work developed maintained and spread."

She also hopes that ACU will stay true to its goals and that "Christ will never be removed from the picture."

## ACU Temporary Campus

ACU is very proud to announce that through the efforts of ACU's Chancellor, Conrad Mbewe, the stake holding churches of ACU have agreed to contribute monthly towards the lease of a temporary campus where the ACU Admin team and academic programs can be initiated until we occupy our permanent campus. Please enjoy the photos of the property below. We will give updates as we complete renovations to optimise the property for our use. Please pray for those who have volunteered to help with construction, and for students who will assist as well. May God protect everyone and use this work to disciple students and workers in His truth.



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*All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the LORD had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the LORD.*  
(Exodus 35:29)

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## Scholars Program - Computer Skills

by Gilbert Nigh



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ATMs, POS terminals, smartphones and computers are part of our everyday life. As a result, one of the life skills a person needs today is to be able to interact confidently with technology. While we may not like technology at times, we must acknowledge that technology is here to stay. Students need to be able to master technology and not let it master them. It has been said, "The computer can be a tool for us to know God better, or we can become slaves to the computer."<sup>1</sup> The computer, technology and its applications like Facebook, Twitter and texting can enslave us by becoming an idol to us – something that distracts us from God.

We also need to be aware of the power of technology. It has amazing power – power to help and power to hurt. Can we help people to harness that power to have it help in the spread of the Gospel and build the Church? Yes, we can. Can we help people be aware of the dangers of the power of technology and how to resist the lure and trap of that power? Yes, we can.

ACU Scholars Program will be helping students to meet these challenges of technology through the adoption of the TEN3 Computer Training Outreach (CTO) as part of the overall curriculum. This is a computer applications training program that has been developed from a Christian worldview. It is not a program that has a Christian veneer atop a secular curriculum. It is a curriculum that is transformational as well as instructional.

The students will be taught computer skills: typing, word processing, spreadsheet essentials, internet safety, graphics, presentations and basic web design. These provide essential life skills and ensure the students are well prepared to use technology in a godly way, whether they



Ten3 Computer Training Outreach

<sup>1</sup>Dr. Yohanna Byo, Education Director Emeritus, Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA).



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complete their studies with the Certificate of Achievement or continue into ACU's degree programs. Those continuing in the degree programs will be prepared, through the use of technology, to produce written work of a high standard.

While the goal of the Scholars Program may not be to provide vocational training, the Computer Training Outreach is rigorous and thorough enough to allow those who have completed the program to find employment using their computer skills. The CTO uses open source software and has an emphasis on understanding concepts, rather than memorizing keystrokes. Common Microsoft products are also used so the students become familiar with them as well. So while many students will end up using Microsoft products, they will be software-independent power users of computer applications who can adapt easily as software and operating systems change.

When the computer applications are taught, the assignments reinforce the Gospel message. For example, they practice their word processing skills on a document of Ecclesiastes, so that as they gain knowledge in how to use this important program, they also learn that all the knowledge in the world will not satisfy unless it is a personal knowledge of God. They also practice with tables as Bible study, learning to put verse references, summaries, and application in rows.

As part of the Computer Training Outreach, the students will also work through the Old and New Testament chronologically. There they will learn the wonderful story of God's love and redemptive plan for mankind. This part of the computer training meshes well with the goals of the ACU Scholars Program.

## ACU Spotlight on Anne Phiri



Anne Phiri

"Who has believed what we've been saying? Who has seen the Lord's saving power?"

This is just the first verse in Isaiah 53. But when Anne Phiri first heard this she grappled with the message and finally came to terms with the message in 1988. At this point she said she knew that "if I rejected such a great salvation there would be no hope for me. I considered the great love of the father in sending his son Jesus Christ for me and felt unworthy of such a love. I thank God for the grace given me, a sinner, and the forgiveness I experienced."

## Matters for Praise

**SPECIAL PRAISE!** We thank God that just as this update was going to press Lusaka Baptist Church agreed at a business meeting to lease with terms to cede the 150 acre plot in Chisamba, Zambia to ACU for campus construction. We know God's timing is perfect as He opened the way for ACU to progress through the church's generosity.

We are most humbled by God's sweeping move through the Zambian Reformed Baptist Churches to initiate the ACU 450 Campaign (seeking 400 partners to give K50/month). The response has been overwhelming. We hope to relay the number of partners who have committed to share with ACU in the next update.

We thank God for ACU Day on Oct 27 and the response to the introduction of the 450 Campaign, and to the announcement for enrolment in the Scholars Program. We know God's hand is at work in moving the project forward.

We thank God for providing the temporary location for the ACU Administrative offices to locate and for the Scholars Program classes to begin in January. The churches have committed to monthly support to cover the expenses of renting the temporary facilities until we can move onto our campus land.

## Matters for Prayer

We seek God for those students whom He has ordained to be part of the first Scholars Program. We don't seek many, but we do want this to be a vibrant, God-

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After getting a degree in Education and Computer Systems Engineering Hardware Maintenance Anne likes to continue her education in classes about gardening, cooking, tailoring, crafts and interior design. She's now a housewife and lives with her husband, Chikondi and four children, Mayamiko (16), Chawezi (12), Lusungu (10), and Tiwonge (6). But her ultimate goal is to "raise a godly family that actively serves God and glorifies Jesus Christ."

Anne said she asks God that her family and church "may know Christ and the power of his resurrection, that we might consider all things but loss as compared the surpassing greatness of God's glory and that we may serve Him whole heartedly with fear and trembling! That we might give first ourselves then our riches to the expansion of Christ's Kingdom. To the praise and glory of Jesus' name."

Originally from the tribe Tumbuka from Kazumba Village Chief Chikwa, Chama District in Muchinga Province. She currently lives in Lusaka, Zambia. She attends Lusaka Baptist Church and volunteers as a Sunday school teacher. She also works in the ladies ministry as a teacher and counselor. But this is not her only experience volunteering in a church. Anne has also worked with her husband to be a part of two new churches. Kambule Reformed Baptist Church in Mongu Western Providence in Zambia was started in their home and they also helped with another in Monze, Zambia. Anne and her husband also served in non-English speaking churches in Lusaka. She said this was "where we experienced true joy in seeing the Lord grow the church both numerically and spiritually."

Anne continues to use her gifts to volunteer at African Christian University. Her heart for education and the "development of the whole man," originally attracted her.

"Just the idea of presenting knowledge from God's view was very



Chikondi Phiri

fearing group who will help us pioneer this new paradigm in African education.

We are over halfway to our goal for the ACU Library Shipment funds! Not only are we humbly grateful for all who are responding with God's provision through them, but we continue to pray earnestly that His glory will resound as He provides every penny necessary to get the library from Grand Rapids, Michigan to ACU in Lusaka.

Pray for our brother Dr. Tim Tomlinson (President of Bethlehem College and Seminary, Minneapolis, MN) who is giving up a most revered holiday in the USA when families gather and is instead traveling to Lusaka to give guidance to the ACU Board and management team to help us get organised, focused and better equipped to faithfully lead ACU.

Please pray for a Mathematics Instructor for the Scholars Program. We're seeking someone who can teach remedial mathematics (pre-university) integrated from a Christian worldview. Please contact [info@acu-zambia.com](mailto:info@acu-zambia.com) if you know of someone who could serve.

Please pray for a servant who could lead the Student Labor Program, discipling students in a work ethic that displays our creation and redemption as image-bearers of God. Please contact [info@acu-zambia.com](mailto:info@acu-zambia.com) if you know of someone who could serve.

