

could see himself effectively helping out as an administrator, lecturer/mentor, or as a consultant in relation to managing the project through various stages of development. He has since committed to serving with ACU to assist as best he can to see it come to fruition.

Dr. Sichone has set up a holding company consisting of three enterprises (real estate, farming and hospitality/botanical gardening) that he prays will enable him to contribute to start up ventures (such as ACU). His desire is to add value to the Christian community while passing onto successive generations a legacy of truth and the many lessons he has learned in the mission/development field. He endeavors with a lively hope, to build leaders in a post-modern context. Gladly bearing the title of "prayer warrior" on behalf of ACU, Billy asks God for the provision of much grace and that from the outset, "the university would be set on solid rails... that being the Solid Rock." He expresses deep confidence in the outcome and encourages full support of the project from the global community. To that end, Dr. Sichone contributed a favorite quote from William Carey...

"Attempt great things for God and expect great things from him!"



Farewell to Linda



Linda Woodward

Family considerations recently compelled Linda Woodward to step down from her faithful service to ACU as Director of Communications. Reflecting fondly on the past 3 ½ years she shared, "Assisting Dr. Turnbull and our Zambian brothers and sisters in Christ was something I felt blessed and privileged to do, especially as we witnessed together God's gracious provision in moving the project from the planning phase towards construction. May He establish a powerful testimony through ACU's impact on the hearts and minds of future generations across the entire African continent!" Linda's service to ACU has been a blessing from God and will be greatly missed.

"Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible" (Eph 6:24).

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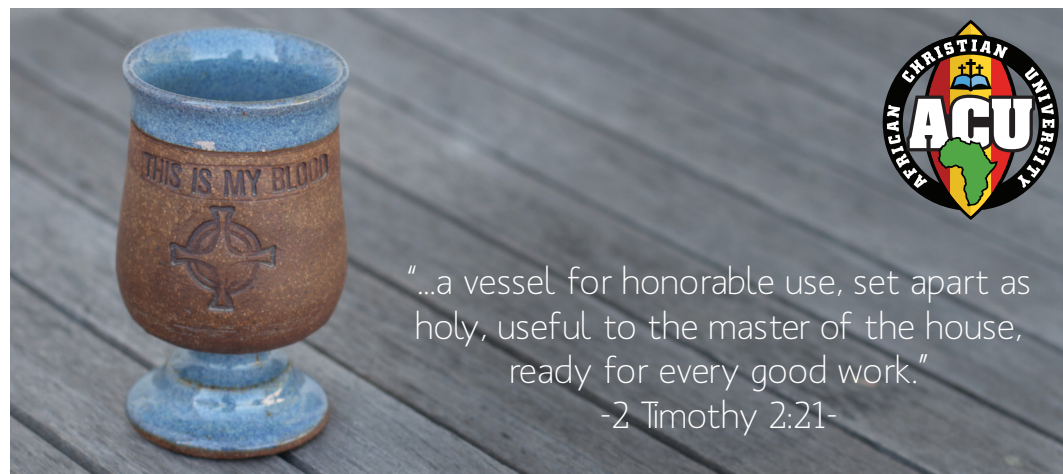
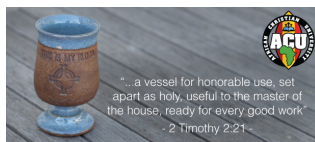
ACU team, please let us know via email at info@acu-zambia.com.

Please pray for Tony Barmann and Grant Yost as they are designing and preparing for a new ACU website. We pray that this will better serve our growing needs as the project transitions into construction and academic program offerings. We thank God for calling such volunteers to help.

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The faithful servant, the Son and the house: Hebrews 3 declares Moses to be a faithful servant in all God's house because he would testify of the things that would later be spoken - namely of redemption of the house by the Son. Clearly greater than the servant of the house, Jesus is faithful over God's house as a son and heir. We, as the children adopted by the Father, are the house and the inheritance of the Son who gave His life for us so that He might ransom us for Himself. Imagine what He desires to do with His inheritance for which He willingly gave His life! Surely as the wise and faithful Son, the steward of His Father's estate, He desires to invest His inheritance most wisely so that the Father might be honored. As we abandon ourselves to the Son, He will utilize each of us as "a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work" (2 Tim 2:21). Let us avail ourselves as vessels for honorable use so that Jesus, the master of the house, might glorify the Father through us in every good work.

A Glimpse at the Master's Vessels for Honorable Use

by Dr. Ken Turnbull

While preparing reports has never been a work looked upon with excited anticipation, I must say that it became a glorious honor to prepare the 2012 ACU Annual Report for the Reformed Baptist Churches in Zambia, the stake holders of ACU. What I found most breathtaking was the number of people whom God has chosen to participate in the work He is doing to bring ACU to fruition. Beginning with the churches who are sponsoring this kingdom project, it is astounding to realize that part of God's purpose over the past few decades in raising up these amazing churches who



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Matters for Praise

We thank God for moving an anonymous donor to give the \$50,000 that is allowing us to initiate construction of the ACU campus. If you would like more details regarding ACU's development plans,

Master's Vessels (cont.)

uniquely exalt Him across Africa was to bring about ACU. They unite in a desire to see Africa transformed by disciples of Christ equipped to subdue the earth, particularly the African earth, and cultivate it as the redemption of Christ works through them. Ultimately, the hope is to see an African garden of disciples and culture grow to the Father's glory. The number of brothers and sisters from Zambia, from sub-Saharan Africa and from the global church that the Master is calling upon to serve in this ripening field is awe-inspiring. The vision is heard, the heart is moved, and another inquires, "What can I do?" These truly are people whom God is setting apart as holy; these are vessels for honorable use to the Master of the house for every good work. In whatever we do, what greater joy could there be than to know that in our readiness for every good work, we are a vessel for honorable use, useful in the will of Christ!

An annual report may not be at the top of your reading list, but if you have been praying for ACU, we would like to make this report available to you so that you might see the shining glory of the Father in His work, invoking our prayers, as He has continued to move ACU forward step by testifying step. Please request a copy via email at info@acu-zambia.com.

Meet Dr. Billy Sichone

We take pleasure in shining the spotlight on individuals, who



Dr. Billy Sichone

put feet on their prayers with zealous hopes for ACU. Dr. Billy Sichone fits that description well. Since 1998 he has functioned in a variety of roles for an international, non-profit organization whose goal is to alleviate world poverty and he is currently serving in Zambia as a Program Manager of large scale development strategies. Holding a Th.D., a doctorate of Apologetics and a Ph.D. in Business Administration, Billy has both the field experience and academic preparations to help fuel the ACU efforts.

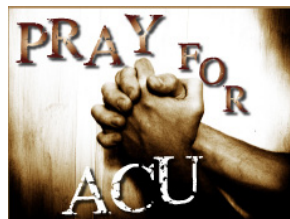
In 1999 Dr. Sichone, along with brothers Phiri, Simfukwe and Gombwa, started a Reformed Baptist Church in Kambule, Zambia where he served as an elder for several years. "The

Praise (cont.)

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By God's faithful display of His provision, in January another anonymous donor gave \$20,000 toward ACU's development. These two donations alone will more than cover the first stage of the phase 1 construction plans that will allow ACU to initiate classes by Jan 2014. Stage 2 construction will require more than three times the cost of stage 1. May the Father be glorified as we see His provision continue!

Through the faithfulness of ACU's stake-holding Reformed Baptist churches here in Zambia the Lord has provided for the support the family of Dr. Billy Sichone who will be moving from N. Zambia to Lusaka to serve with ACU as the Business Development Manager. We are very excited about the guidance and expertise that our brother will provide to the ACU endeavor. Please pray for the Sichone family as they prepare for the transition.



Meet Dr. Billy Sichone (cont.)

church is still in its infancy, but the missionary pastor who has been stationed there since 2004 is making great, steady strides," he exclaimed. "We keep looking to the Lord to strengthen that work."



Billy & Jane, Zevyanji & Uchizi

Billy married Jane in December of 2003 and God has blessed them with daughters Zevyanji (4 years) and Uchizi (7 years). They live in Mpika, over 600 kilometers North of Zambia's capital, Lusaka, and are devoted members of Emmanuel Baptist Church. When their pastor took a sabbatical, Billy explained that, "Jane taught Sunday school, and I helped out in the pulpit, preaching and teaching." This is the strength of the Reformed Baptist Churches in Zambia: members devoted to the work of Christ through the local church.

In 2009, Dr. Sichone taught briefly in distance education at the University of Zambia (Mpika Centre), which in part, influenced his desire to teach for a Christian university whose approach is presuppositional. When details about African Christian University began to filter throughout the region, and Dr. Sichone overheard some of the brethren speak enthusiastically of the



Emmanuel Baptist Church, Mpika, Zambia

project and quickly logged onto the website to learn much more. After visiting with Dr. Turnbull, he confirmed interest in serving with ACU as needed and as God led in capacities that fit his competencies. During the formative stages, he

Matters for Prayer

Ray and Peggy Warwick are moving from California to Zambia. May the Lord grant them traveling mercies and peace as they part from family and friends on one side of the ocean and are transplanted into their new family and friends amongst the Reformed Baptist churches of Zambia. Our unity under the blood of Christ, in the Spirit of our Father, is a blessed fellowship in the bonds of His grace and love!

Continue to pray for David and Terri Wegener as they are transitioning from life in Ndola, Zambia to their new life in Lusaka. They are settling into Kabwata Baptist Church and a routine as David serves as the the Interim Dean of the Seminary with ACU. May the vision for ACU's Theological education continue to be clarified and its fruition pursued.

Please pray for our new team members, Rachel Shapiro, who is helping in the formatting and publishing of the monthly Prayer Update, and for an interim period, Amy Smith, who is helping with the writing of Spotlight articles for the Update. May the Lord bless their endeavors to His glory and their joy. If you desire to serve in some capacity with the growing