

The Grace Institute Zambia

October 2022 Ministry Report

Introduction

October at The Grace Institute Zambia has been very busy. Brian and the Zambian staff have been sorting through a number of bottlenecks in general running of the schools. That, coupled with meetings and partner training has been a lot to work through. October is also the hottest month in the year in Zambia. On the bright side though, we are getting into the rainy season which is much cooler. The Lord has been good to us. Below are some highlights:

Wins

Partner Training Meeting

We held a successful all day partner training meeting which included two TGIZ alumni and three current second year students interested to partner with us starting January 2023. Our current partners made presentations on the different benefits of partnership and what it means to them. The presentations further highlighted various aspects of what was needed to successfully run a satellite. In preparation for a strong 2023, the team committed to recruiting and doing all things necessary to start and grow their satellites in January. Partner training will be followed up with a week long training for current and potential partners in November 2022. The areas of focus will be quality control, grading, life transformation groups, etc. Below are photos taken during and after the training session which took place at the TGIZ office on Saturday, October 29th.





New Accounts Consultant/Volunteer

Dipak is a finance and accounting consultant volunteering with us through Brian's connection. He has been helping Macjohn with accounts since the beginning of October. He is currently, among other things, helping us make savings through requesting a waiver on bank charges. We wait to hear from the bank on that request. Also, he will be the professional eye to ensure we're prudent with our finances.

Meetings

Brian and Choolwe have had several high level meetings with several influential people in the church and in government. Among the people we connected with are; Bishop Paul Mususu of the Evangelical Church in Zambia, Bishop Fortune Mwiza of Deliverance church, Father Emmanuel Chikoya who is General Secretary of the Council of Churches in Zambia. Kay from the Ministry of Finance is guiding us through the application process for tax waivers on bibles and course books. Brian also met with the Director of TEVETA which is a regulator, monitor and coordinator of technical and vocational training in Zambia. Accreditation with TEVETA would be a great achievement for TGIZ, and would lead to TGIZ qualification being nationally recognized.

Library Visit

Brian and Choolwe visited a local library run by Tracy from the USA. She runs a ministry that focuses on literacy of the school going children in the neighborhood. Their library also helps adults in reading and writing. This opened up conversation around providing services to our students who might have struggles in writing and reading. In one of our partner meetings, a concern was brought to our attention of some students struggling to fully express themselves in written English. We believe a partnership with Tracy would help our struggling students get the help they need. Also during the visit, Brian interacted with the staff who had several questions about God's grace and whether or not God was angry. That turned out to be a discussion that went on for over two hours! Below are photos of Brian and library staff in Chelston on October 3rd.



School Visits

Brian and Laston visited Garden and Chazanga Satellite schools in October. Below are photos of Garden and Chazanga respectively. In both classes, he encouraged the students to understand where they fit into the vision and mission of TGIZ. He was part of the full classes and interacted extensively with the students. The students were happy to meet him and to interact with him.





Lusaka Minister's Fellowship

On Thursday, October 27th, 2022, Brian presented at the Lusaka Minister's Fellowship in the busy city center. This meeting is attended by majority Bishops of various parts of Lusaka. Some of the Bishops represent fellowships (or are chairmen/women of the fellowships) in their communities all over the capital city.

In his presentation, Brian brought focus to the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and how we are no longer cursed because Jesus became a curse for us according to Galatians 3:13. From his 10 minute presentation, we got a number of enquiries into our programs. These contacts are being followed up. Brian is captured speaking to the LMF attendees in the pictures below.





Hip Hop Conference

Brian was invited to a Hip-Hop conference for Christian artists and their influence among young people. It was a different type of audience from what Brian is used to but it brought good conversation and connections. This has brought conversations around tailoring theological training for local Christian celebrities. There is a huge task of writing music to uplift people and they desperately need to be properly grounded in God's word to be effective "Grace Ambassadors".



We are grateful for all that the Lord has been able to do in and through us. As we look ahead to the rest of 2022 and as we prepare for 2023, we covet your prayers. With Brian being away for so long, a number of standards and expectations have been lost and compromised. With that, we have lots of work to do to sort through some of that. We pray for Brian as he does the bulky work of equipping the partners with all the tools they need to be successful in their satellite schools.

Prayer Items

January 2023 Recruitment

As we draw closer to January 2023, we are amazed at the various calls to have us start schools in other provinces, namely, Copperbelt and Eastern provinces. With the Lord opening many doors, we need wisdom to know what the next step is. Our current partners are committed to their satellites but we need more graduates to partner with us to aid expansion. The harvest is plentiful but laborers are few. We need skilled men and women to take up the challenge of relocating to other towns to train others. Luke 10:2.

2022 Graduating Class

We only have seven paid up students out of 17 from the 2022 graduating class. The deadline for all payments was October 31st 2022. We have faced deep discouragement. This had led to us rethinking the Graduation date. We need your prayers in this matter. We look to God for wisdom on the way forward. We trust God to give us ideas on how to proceed in this. James 1:5

TEVETA Accreditation

With discussions already started towards accreditation of TGIZ, we pray and trust God for favor with the authorities. The accreditation will set us at a great advantage in our bible training program.

Tax Waiver

We are in pursuit of a tax waiver with the Zambia Revenue Authority on books, bibles and any ministry related items we will need to ship in. Trust God with us for a smooth application process.

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For The Grace Institute Zambia
Choolwe Mweemba Kaira.