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## **Apostolic Faith Church- Zambia and East Africa**

### **A Warm Reception from the Saints in Mazabuka and Monze**

I visited some of our District branches in Southern Province this past weekend and I was accompanied by my wife, Esther, Rev B. Kalimina one of our board members and three other brethren from the headquarters church.

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February, we visited Mazabuka, which is the 'Bethel' of Apostolic Faith work in Zambia. We were welcomed by Rev. S. Kalabaya, the District Pastor there together with several other brethren. The elementary children were also present, they sung while carrying flags for East African countries. We then went into the tabernacle to greet the brethren who had gathered there.



In the afternoon, we drove to Chimbwali Farm about 45Km from Mazabuka to the home of one of the oldest pioneers, Bro Chimbwali, who is aged 106 and still has a desire to worship God. A short service was held in his house which was given by Bro B. Sieta, the pastor in Gwembe District. He preached on the topic "God's Protection". Reading from Isaiah 43:1&2, he encouraged us that God is mindful of us regardless of age and that He will make a way of escape from every trial we may encounter. He said that we should emulate Job by saying "I know that my redeemer liveth" and that we must continue to lean on His everlasting arms.





Later in the evening, we proceeded to Monze where we were received by brethren; both adults and children, who sang welcoming songs.

On Sunday we gathered in the Tabernacle in Monze for the devotional service together with brethren who had travelled from various centres/branches namely; Choma, Mazabuka, Gwembe and Lusaka to attend the service. The brethren from Gwembe came on bicycles, cycling a stretch of about 35 Km to attend this service. The theme of the preaching was "The blessing of Spiritual hunger" reading from Matthew 5:6. The message emphasized the need for spiritual hunger and thirst if we are to obtain blessings from the Lord such as salvation, sanctification, Baptism of the Holy Ghost and many other blessings kept in store for us. Spiritual hunger is especially needed in these last days as the Spirit of God gives a warning that "some shall depart from the faith" (1 Timothy 4:1, 2). At the close of the service we enjoyed the communion with God on our knees.





**Brethren from Gwembe who rode on their bicycles**

We returned back safely to Lusaka after a wonderful fellowship in Monze. If the Lord tarries, several other short trips will be undertaken in the subsequent weeks before camp meeting in order to meet and encourage the brethren in the Lord. Your prayer support will carry us along.

In His Service,

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