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# Heroes of FAITH



## EDITORIAL COMMENT



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One of the iconic figures in the history of Zambia is that of Mpundu Zanco Mutembo whose statue is popularly known as the **Freedom Statue**. History tells us that he defied all odds by breaking the chains bound in his hands following the threats by his captors to shoot him if he failed to do so. Today his Statue is featured on all denominations of the **Zambian bank notes**.

Every first Monday of the month of July, we observe a public holiday called Heroes day to commemorate those Zambians who perished during the long struggle for Independence. The list of these Heroes may seem to be endless as some of the names and their works have not gone down into our history books.

The eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews is a **roll call of Heroes** who by faith obtained a good report. We may not find statues raised in their honor but scripture tells us that time would fail us if we would mention all their names. The thirteenth verse sums up their ending that they **“all died in faith not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off”**

Today, we too have an assurance of enlisting our names for the final roll call in the Lamb's book of life if we earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

May you be encouraged as you read this publication.

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*From a sermon by Bro Romas M. Lunza*

According to the Collins dictionary, 'a *hero* is someone who has done something brave, new, or good, and who is therefore greatly admired by a lot of people.' Heroes often specialize in a certain calling or endeavor. If we look at the sport endeavor, one that finishes the race first is a hero at that particular moment.

As Christians, our endeavor, is a calling to faith. It is a call to believe God and His son, Jesus. You can believe God for your spiritual experiences such as salvation, sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. You can also believe God for physical and material needs. Whatever it is that you choose to believe God for and you take your stand on His word according to what He has promised, you are a hero.

The whole chapter of Hebrews 11 is a list of elders, patriarchs, men and women with like passions as we who are recorded as heroes of faith. Their stories are short and yet powerful. By faith they obtained a good report. A good report is a testimony. Whenever we stand up to testify, we are broadcasting or telling the world what God did for us by our faith. That is a good report!

Accepting the offer of mercy by Jesus for your salvation is an act of heroism and that is the start of every hero in the Christian realm. Every time you make that deliberate, conscious decision to live for God, in whatever trial, no matter how small, you are listing to be a hero. At that particular moment of your trial, God is also working out your victory.

In the world, a hero is recognized after a contest or competition. Everyone strives to be better than the other. The standard in

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Christian realm is different, we do not compete against one another. We simply believe God for what He says and we become heroes - just like that!

In the Book of Hebrews we read of some who had great acts of faith and did great and mighty works. Men like Noah, Abraham, Moses and many more.

Abraham for instance when he heard God's call was moved by faith to go to a country he didn't know. He simply obeyed and believed God to be faithful, who called him. That was a great act of faith no wonder it was counted him for righteousness.

We have another man whose life is not written much about. His name is Abel. What did he do? *"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh."* All that Abel did was to obey the truth as he received it from the parents. And by that he was listed as a hero.

You do not need to do great works, you only need to obey. God calls some to such great works so that the whole world can see, know and acknowledge that there is a God. But others may be called to just obey at that particular moment when they receive the Word. Even though Abel died for his faith which was ultimate and we thank God for that but he started by only believing the truth and offering to God that perfect sacrifice. That was all. In fact in this chapter of Hebrews, his death is not even mentioned. It only talks about the part that he took action - He offered unto God a perfect

sacrifice and it was enough for him to be enlisted among the heroes of faith.

The moment you take your stand to stand on faith which may not be a great thing, qualifies you to be a hero. Think about Isaac. We also don't read much about him, except that he married a wonderful lady in a wonderfully arranged marriage, he loved his wife, he loved his kids, in particular, Esau his son. He also loved meat. Yet he enters the heroes Hall of Fame

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for his faithfulness. His record is on verse 20 which says, "By faith, Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come." That is all we hear about him. All he did was to preach the Gospel to his children. As parents you too can be heroes when you faithfully and prayerfully tell your children and preach the Gospel in your homes.

We also read of women of faith, whose acts were small and seemingly insignificant, but they took a chance to believe in the Word of God. Rehab is one of them. She hid the spies and made a covenant with the people of God, and was saved through that simple act of faith.

Maybe your call is not really to stand at a great pulpit to preach but just to believe God and make that silent prayer and take Him at His Word. Just be faithful at that! The small sacrifices are acknowledged by God and will be remembered.

In verse 13 we read, *"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen*

*them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."* They sealed their fate forever by doing their part diligently and seeking after God until their death.

You may never be called upon to die for your faith but Jesus said, "when *the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*". We thank God for the victories that we have won along the way and for the victories we are yet to win along the way, as God gives us the grace. However, that is not enough. It will not be enough if we do not die in that same faith. It is about living by faith everyday and dying for that faith. If you have not yet decided to start living by faith, there's no better time than now. If you have just started, God bless you! You still need to make conscious decisions to follow God all the way. And if you live by faith, you will die in faith. Your faith will keep the value beyond the grave. God has made provision for you to end your race as a hero. Wait, watch and pray so that you can reach that ultimate, that you also may die in the faith and that will seal your salvation forever!



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# NEWS AROUND THE COUNTRY

## New Provincial Overseer in Northern Province

Following the retirement of Bro Damien Mweemba who was pastor of the Kasama District Church as well as the Provincial Overseer of Northern Province, Bro Joseph Tweenda was appointed to take over his position. Bro Mweemba is one of the pioneers of the work in Northern Province since his conversion in 1987 and he was appointed as provincial overseer in 1991 by Rev Sanana. Even though he is retiring, his heart and spirit has not retired.

Bro Tweenda who has taken over from this work has pastored faithfully Senga Hill and Mbala branches which was his last station before taking the position of Provincial Overseer. We believe the Lord will uphold and prosper the ministry during his service.



From Left to right: Bro J. Tweenda (Northern P.O), Rev B. Banda, Rev D. Mweemba (retired P.O) and Rev J. Chewe (Muchinga P.O)

## Oldest member of the Apostolic Faith in Zambia called home at age 107



Bro Alison Chimbwali passed on to glory on Wednesday 22nd September, 2021 after an illness. Bro Chimbwali was born in 1914 in Chief

Choonaa area in Monze. He came across the Apostolic Faith on 21st June, 1975 and got saved in the same year. He loved the Lord and always gave to the Lord his material possessions for the furtherance of the Gospel. He built a church at his farm so He could worship God there. Due to old age, his memory was quite poor, however, he never forgot to pray and talk about the Word of God whenever he was visited. On Sundays, whenever he was strong enough, he always



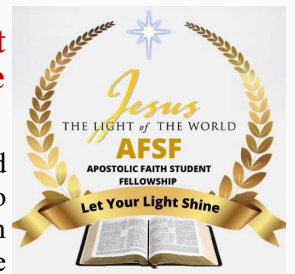
wanted to go to the house of God and pray. The church he built for his family and his consistent Christian life is a legacy he left for his family which will forever be remembered. He is survived by 13 children, 94 grandchildren and 248 great grandchildren.

## 14 saved at Senga Youth revival

A youth revival was held in Senga Hill in Northern Province on 25th to 28th August, 2021. Many youths travelled from different branches of the Province to attend this event. The revival included Bible teachings, revival services and a musical concert. At the end of the revival, 14 people were saved, 5 sanctified, 4 were baptized with the Holy Ghost, 3 were re-ainointed and 29 were healed of different sicknesses.

## Apostolic Faith Student Fellowship - A new name for AVS

The ministry announced changes in the approach to outreach programs in institutions of learning. The name AVS (Association of Visiting Secretaries) has been changed to AFSF (Apostolic Faith Student Fellowship). The objectives of AFSF remain the same i.e. To conduct outreach programs in institutions of learning especially among students either directly or indirectly through our own AFC members who are students in these institutions and secondly, to ensure that all AFC affiliated students are attending fellowship regularly throughout their stay at school. AFSF programs shall now run under Evangelism and Youth departments. A national executive was created to oversee these programs and Brother Michael Kaunda was appointed as Fellowship President while Sis Felistus Tembo Ndalanda will assist as Vice President.



## Dedication of a new generator and Printing press



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## Dedication of a new generator and Printing room (continued...)



For several months some brethren had been preparing for the official opening and commissioning of the printing press. The dedication was held on Sunday 26th September, 2021 after the devotional service.

The ceremony started with welcoming remarks from the District Superintendent, Rev Boniface Banda who offered gratitude to God and the brethren in Portland for their financial help in the purchasing of the printing machines and genset. Quoting from Isaiah 52:7 “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings.....” John 10:16 “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold....” he mentioned that the purpose of the printing press was for the spread of the Gospel.

When invited to officially commission a 62.5KV



genset, Rev. Boniface Banda had first operation of the Genset and then ministers and elders gathered round the Genset and dedicated the equipment to God.

The brethren then proceeded to the printing press building and the machines were dedicated to God. A demonstration was made on the machine and a number of copies were printed.

Until now, most of the church literature was either printed in Nigeria or Portland. The use of the printing machine will make distribution of Gospel literature easier both nationwide and East Africa. Currently, some brethren are undergoing training on the use of the printing machine. A lot is envisioned towards this work and brethren who are free have been asked to volunteer their time at the printing room.



The mission of the Apostolic Faith Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We accomplish this as we:

### **PRAY**

We make prayer the basis of every ministry and encourage communion with God as the way we grow to spiritual maturity in Him.

### **PREACH**

We emphasize the original Pentecostal doctrines of salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, continually striving to develop fully committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

### **PUBLISH**

We publish the Gospel through the printed word, spoken word, and through our personal lives, daily looking for opportunities to spread the message, “Ye must be born again.”

# EAST AFRICA NEWS

## 9 saved in Murwi and Karusi revival (Burundi)



Since the existence of the Apostolic Faith Church in Burundi, this is the first time that revival meetings were held in Murwi and Karusi. Because of the troubles and despair caused by the COVID-19 pandemic nationwide, everybody was set to meet God like it was the very last opportunity. Children looked different. Young people looked different. Adults looked different. During preparation for the two revivals, there were a lot of uncertainties but some brethren stood up and decided to take responsibility.

Murwi revival started on 8th to 12th July 2021 and about 250 people attended. In Karusi the meeting was held from 27th to 30th August 2021 and about 400 people were in attendance. In the 2 revivals, 9 souls were saved, 3 were sanctified and more than a dozen had their diseases defeated. Oh! What a great revival season it was!

The very new special event in both revivals was the concert. There was no other instrument but a little keyboard and just a small band of little pioneers singing the holy hymns. In both revivals, people were really blessed, even the local administrators testified to have never had such an amazing program before.

In both revivals God's provision was witnessed. Even though none of the brethren in Burundi has a vehicle, prayer was made and God provided in a wonderful way. In Murwi, a certain man, for the love he and his family has for the Apostolic Faith Church, offered his

two public transport buses to help ferry people to the revival. He stopped his business for all those days. The buses were deployed to gradually ferry brethren from Karusi, Nyabiraba, Bujumbura and Cibitoke.

In Karusi, some brethren really sacrificed and hired one of the largest state's public transport buses in OTRACO government Transport company to transport all the brethren from Murwi, Cibitoke, Bujumbura, Nyabiraba, Muramvya and Makamba. Others were sponsored to use other means so that no one could be left behind.

God provided accommodation for everyone, mattresses were hired and the local brethren hosted some of them. Others slept in the church room, kitchen and God spoke to some families belonging to other churches to offer some rooms. God also provided enough food for everybody in a humbling way. Even though there was not much variety of food during their meals, everyone was happy about the fellowship.

The brethren are grateful for the prayer support of the saints especially in Zambia, Nigeria and Portland. As God helps them, they want to visit more places and win many souls for Christ.





# *In Time for God's Roll Call*

By Allen Crabtree

*Even though I put off answering the call of God, in mercy, He continued to call after me until the day I welcomed Him into my life.*

**Y**ears ago, while I was a soldier at Fort Worden, Washington, God called me to repentance. I had a ruined character, blasted hopes, and an appetite for alcohol. My heart demanded sin.

Early in life God had spoken to me and caused me to pray. My father was a Christian, but my mother was not. During my childhood, there was much discord in our home because of this. One day it seemed that our home was about to be broken up. There were eight of us children, and I wondered what was going to happen to us. That morning I went to the barn, and knelt in the straw. I told God that if He would keep us together, I would give Him my heart when I became twenty-one years of age. God heard my prayer and spared our home from that awful tragedy.

I never got away from the promise I made to God, though my life became one of debauchery. My name was not good in the hills of Ohio where we lived. My father took me out of school because of the trouble I caused there. I knew how it felt to have steel handcuffs around my wrists, and to be escorted by the police because of what I had done. But under my rough exterior was a hunger for God, and a fear of going out into eternity unprepared to meet Him. Outwardly I could laugh with the boys, but inside I trembled at the thought of facing an angry God.

While in the army, I reached the age of twenty-one. I knew it was time for me to keep the vow I had made to God. One Sunday I went into a mission hall in Port Townsend, Washington. There I picked up a Bible. As I opened it, something spoke to my soul, "Go out by yourself and pray." So I went into the woods, looking for a place to be alone with God.

I stepped off the trail, and knelt beside an old stump. That stump was my altar, and God was there! I meant business as I prayed that day. I turned my back on sin, and made some deep consecrations.

I told God, "I will not leave these woods until I get the witness in my heart that I am saved." The thought came: What if I am not back at the army post in time to stand retreat? But the Lord whispered, "I will take care of that." Then I thought: What if I have to pray all night in the woods before I know I am saved? But I knew that would be better than spending eternity in Hell.

Within minutes, I prayed through to victory. Across the threshold of my life stepped Jesus. He made a change in my heart I can never forget. A sweet, holy peace came over my entire being. I stood up and looked around. Everything seemed to have gone to rest. The fir trees didn't even stir. A holy calmness had settled over my soul because I had made my peace with God. The desire for sin vanished from my life. No preacher, priest, or rabbi was there to tell me what had happened, and I didn't need anyone. In a moment God had made me a new creature—and I was back at the army post in time for evening roll call.

When I sent the news of my salvation back home, Dad began to rejoice and Mother began to cry. Later, when I came home, we went to the little church my father attended. After I tried to preach a simple sermon, I saw my grey-haired mother, bent in form, coming down the aisle. After all those years, she was coming Home! She looked at me and cried, "Al, pray for me!" What a night that was!

My father and mother worshiped the Lord together from that day on. The best years of their lives were their last ones. Shortly before my father died, he left word for me that he was ready to step over any time the Lord called him. Not long afterward, he walked in from the porch, sat down, and his soul went out to meet his God. Just before Mother left this world, she said to those gathered around, "Tell Al that I'll tell Dad he's coming."

I had worked for my brother on his farm

in Iowa when I was a boy of sixteen. He had a temper, and so did I. One day we got into trouble. I told him I wouldn't work for him any longer, and he said he wouldn't pay me what he owed me. I left. Later we did get on speaking terms, but there was always a strain between us. The day when I prayed in the woods, the first thing that came before me was the trouble with my brother. The Lord asked, "What are you going to do about it?" I answered, "I will ask him to forgive me."

I sent a letter to my brother, but he never answered. Weeks went by, and it bothered me so much that I wrote again. I said, "Won't you please forgive me?" I still did not receive an answer, but I felt clear before the Lord. After that, I wrote to him as one brother writes to another. Later, he was killed instantly by a train. As I stood by his grave, deep in my heart I knew I had done what I could to make things right.

I experienced the joy of God at different places of employment through the years. For a time I worked in a factory in front of hot furnaces. I thank God for the strength He gave me. One day I was suddenly stricken in body. As I lay on my bed, sick and unable to walk, I prayed. And God answered! I heard something down inside say, "Get up. You can walk now!" If I had not obeyed, I believe I would still be afflicted. But I threw back the covers, stepped out on the promises of God, and He restored me to health.

I thank God for the health and strength He has given me in my last years, and for the joy unspeakable I have in my soul. And best of all, I know I am ready for God's roll call over Yonder.

*Allen Crabtree was a much-loved veteran minister of the Apostolic Faith work. He made many evangelistic trips throughout the country, as well as pastoring a church in Seattle, Washington, for many years. On October 25, 1977 he answered God's roll call for Heaven. .*

# Our Doctrinal beliefs

The Apostolic Faith Church traces its doctrinal beliefs from the days of the Apostles, when the Early Church was founded. One of the organization's key teachings is that of a born-again salvation experience. The necessity of entire sanctification (holiness) as a second, definite experience, and the need for sanctified believers to receive the experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is also central to the church's doctrinal position. The organization holds to the Arminian teaching of salvation rather than to the Calvinistic belief of predestination and eternal security, and teaches the importance of living an overcoming Christian life on a daily basis.

Following is a brief description of the core doctrines taught and upheld by the Apostolic Faith work. These and other basic Bible truths provide the solid, Scriptural foundation on which this church stands.

**The Divine Trinity consists of three Persons:** God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, perfectly united as one. Matthew 3:16-17; 1 John 5:7.

**Repentance** is a godly sorrow for and a renouncing of all sin. Isaiah 55:7; Matthew 4:17.

**Justification (or salvation)** is the act of God's grace through which we receive forgiveness for sins and stand before God as though we had never sinned. Romans 5:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17.

**Entire Sanctification** is the act of God's grace whereby we are made holy, is the second definite work and is subsequent to justification. John 17:15-21; Hebrews 13:12.

**The Baptism of the Holy Ghost** is the enduement of power upon the sanctified life, and is evidenced by speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. John 14:16-17,26; Acts 1:5-8; 2:1-4.

**Divine Healing** of sickness is provided through the atonement. James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24.

**The Second Coming of Jesus** will be as literal and visible as His going away (Acts 1:9-11) and will consist of two

appearances. First, He comes to catch away His waiting Bride. Matthew 24:40-44; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17. Second, He comes to execute judgement upon the ungodly. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Jude 14-15.

**The Tribulation** will occur between Christ's coming for His Bride and His return in judgment. Isaiah 26:20-21; Revelation 9 and 16.

**Christ's Millennial Reign** is the 1000 years of peaceful reign by Jesus on earth. Isaiah 11 and 35; Revelation 20:1-6.

**The Great White Throne Judgment** is the final judgment when all the wicked dead will stand before God. Revelation 20:11-15.

**The New Heaven and The New Earth** will replace the present heaven and earth, which will be destroyed after the Great White Throne Judgment. 2 Peter 3:12-13; Revelation 21:1-3.

**Eternal Heaven and Eternal Hell** are literal places of final and eternal destiny. Matthew 25:41-46; Luke 16:22-28.

**Marriage** is a covenant between one man and one woman that is binding before God for life. Neither person has a right to marry again while the first companion lives. Mark 10:6-12; Romans 7:1-3.

**Restitution** is necessary, wherein wrongs against others are righted. Ezekiel 33:15; Matthew 5:23-24.

**Water Baptism** is by one immersion "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 3:16; 28:19.

**The Lord's Supper** is an institution ordained by Jesus so that we might remember His death until He returns. Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23,26.

**Foot Washing** is practiced according to the example and commandment Jesus gave. John 13:14-15.

## What must I Do to be saved?

### ACKNOWLEDGE

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). "God be merciful to me a sinner." (Luke 18:13)

### CONFESS

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

### REPENT

"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3  
"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3:19

### FORSAKE

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him. . for he will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)

### BELIEVE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)



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