



## 2024 ZAMBIA CAMP MEETING REPORT



### **Pre-Camp Meeting**

Camp meeting prayers preceded the camp meeting and started on 18<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. On 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> we were blessed by the presence of the General Superintendent, Bro Darrel Lee, Bro John Musgrave the Director of Africa Works, Bro Isaac Adigun the District Superintendent of West and central Africa, Bro Onias Gumbo the District Superintendent of Southern and Eastern Africa and Bro Newton Jaravani from Zimbabwe. Special services were held during this time at the headquarters church at John Howard, Lusaka where several branch leaders and brethren traveled to attend the services. The time spent was a blessing and was called *Part 1 of camp meeting*. Most people who came from far places stayed back to wait for the camp meeting.

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, a pre-camp meeting Ministers and Workers conference was held in the pavilion at the camp meeting. Bro Boniface Banda, the District Superintendent for the work in Zambia led the teaching on “Unlocking God’s resources” which was taken from a sermon preached by Ted Friesen from Medford, Oregon. The encouragement was the need for workers to be equipped with prayer at the camp meeting and to ensure that prayer came as a priority of all assignments that could be done at camp meeting.

# Week 1 (21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April)

## Sunday – 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024

The Sunday Devotional service started with an organ prelude playing Sweet, Sweet Spirit. As part of the opening day of camp meeting, the children made their presentation on how God led the children of Israel and God's encouragement that if we are willing and obedient we will eat the good of the Land.



*Children's presentation*

After the children's presentation, the orchestra played "Majesty" and the choir then sang, "Cry out and Shout" in Tonga. During the announcements, Bro Banda acknowledged the presence of several brethren from Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Tanzania, Botswana and South Africa who traveled to attend the camp meeting. Before the message, a quintet sang, "There's honey in the Rock for you."



*Quintet singing "Honey in the Rock"*

Reading from Deuteronomy 32:9-13, Bro Banda preached on "Honey out of the Rock." He mentioned how impossible it is to extract honey from a Rock because of the

nature of the rock but that with God all things are possible.

He also read from Jeremiah 29:13 as the way to which we can extract that honey of Gods blessings from the Rock Jesus by seeking Him with all of our hearts. The church was encouraged to use this time at camp meeting to spend time seeking the Lord for all the spiritual and physical blessings that they needed. Before the altar call, Bro Banda read from John 4:39 how each one ought to have their own personal experience if they are to know who Jesus is and what He can do in their lives.



*Rev Boniface Banda (left) and Bro Malikwe Pelekelo (right)*

In the afternoon, the organist opened with "Utandiindi ambali" (Do not pass me by) and a violin duet played "One sweetly solemn thought." During testimonies, one lady told of how she was an alcoholic and had a very bad character but on the second last day of last year's camp meeting after her siblings begged her to attend the youth concert. During that concert, the Spirit of God convicted her and when she prayed God saved her. Since then she is living a happy Christian life and has found a wonderful family in the Lord. Bro Friday Mulopa, the Youth Pastor preached on "What is your Identity?" by reading from John 1:12, Jeremiah 35:5,6 and Judges 13:5. From citing the examples of the Rechabites and the Nazarites, he spoke of how the two groups of people identified themselves, and how we in this age have a

better and new identity in Jesus which only comes by believing on Him and living a consistent Christlike life. He exhorted the young people to live for God in all areas of lives and to come to the altar to ask the Lord to help them live for Him.

In the evening, a group of choristers sang, "Beautiful Robes so white" and before the testimony service, the choir sang "Joy in the camp." Brethren from South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe were given the opportunity to testify and they testified of how God saved them and the victory God has given them over several challenges. One brother testified how he had been planning to come Zambia for 15 years but each time the camp meeting came close, something happened and he was unable but this year God made it possible for him and he was so grateful.

Before the service, the young people sang, "Christ is the answer to life's problems here below." Reading from Hosea 6:1, 14:1, Bro Abinet Mwiinga preached on "Returning Home." He told of how a sinner is likened to the children of Israel who had lost their way and needed to return back to the Father. He told of the blessings of being home such as life, safety, love, peace and joy that the sinner lacks being away from home and the hope that is available for the sinner wants to return home like the prodigal son did. Before he could finish, several people rushed to the altar of prayer.

On Monday, there was a presentation on mission works across the country and how the Gospel is progressing. Over 10 worship centres were reported having opened over the last one year in several districts in the country and in various areas and people calling for the Gospel. In Kasama (Northern Province), the weekly radio program helped the church to grow. New people attend services each Sunday. In Kaputa District over 1,100 km from Lusaka, a branch that had died for several years in Kabwe Village recently opened

and during the Easter holiday when revival services were held. 23 got saved, 3 were sanctified, 2 were baptized with the Holy Ghost, 4 were delivered from demons, 8 were healed and 21 were water baptized. Two branches gave a report of how God has been helping them reach to people in prisons. After the end of the presentations, the church sang "Far and near the fields" and the altar call was given for all those who wanted to rededicate their lives for God's service.

From Tuesday to Friday were Bible teachings on Justification by Faith, Holiness, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Consecration. In the evening were evening services taught and the Holy Spirit was felt in all the services. Several testimonies were given that showed the power of God to save, heal and perform various miracles. The teachings and evangelistic services all ended with many kneeling at the altar benches with several people carrying their chairs so they could have to kneel close to the altar and take an opportunity to move to the altar bench whenever someone left.

To close the first week of the camp meeting was the Music Concert which was held on Saturday at 5pm. The choir and orchestra represented various uplifting and the songs were given hearty "Amens." The choir sang songs like From Salem's Plain, Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, The King of love my Shepherd is and various songs in different languages. The concert ended with a song in Tonga, "O Mwami ndalileta" meaning O Lord I come to You. The choir sang the last chorus on their knees and that enough to invite people to the altar.

At the end of the first week, 22 recorded having gotten saved, 11 sanctified, 7 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 33 reanointed, 22 healed.



*Music Concert*



*Bro Romas Lunza sings "Precious Lamb of Glory" medley*



*Campers tents*

## Week 2 (28<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> May)



*Outdoor Sunday School class*

The second week started with Sunday lesson on “Jonah” with fourteen classes in different languages. During the devotional service, the choir sang several renditions such as the Church of God is One, The Church is One Foundation and before the sermon, the young people sang, “The Family of God.”



*Rev Mutsambwa (left) and Bro Romas Lunza (right)*

Rev. Mutsambwa one of the ministers from Zimbabwe took the sermon on “Unity of Believers.” Using Psalm 133:1, he spoke of how sweet unity and one of the evidences of unity - love. He gave an example of himself and how he has benefitted from the love that the brethren show him. The service ended with an altar call.

In the evening, the Spirit of God was felt in all the choir songs. Just before the preacher, a soloist sang, “Something good is going to happen to you.” The song melted the hearts of many and two people rushed to the altar. Because of the moving of the Spirit of God, the minister who took the sermon (Bro John Mpundu from Chinsali District) did not labour much to preach because within a few

minutes in the sermon, people rushed to the altar of prayer.

On Monday morning, the Sunday school Teachers held a seminar on how they could effectively teach Sunday School. In the evening, the young people from Lusaka District presented a Sketch, “Honey out of the Rock.” They depicted various challenges that people face today such as sin, barrenness, unemployment, persecution, sickness and how God through Jesus is able to provide solution (honey) to our challenges. The sketch ended with an altar call.

On Tuesday and Wednesday were Bible teachings on Divine Healing and The Authority of God’s Word. Rev Onias Gumbo the Regional DS arrived on Wednesday evening and took the Bible Teaching on Thursday on The Redeemed of God.

In the evening were revival services and God blessed mightily during those times. The Spirit of prayer was evidenced even in morning prayer. People would be in the pavilion for the morning prayer as early as 4 am, from a distance agonizing prayers could be heard.

During testimonies, a certain sister testified how her family was so poor and uneducated that it seemed nothing good would come out of her but when she met the Gospel, God rewrote her life. He saved her and made her an example to the family, she managed to get good education and God gave her beautiful marriage. A new convert told of God reached out to him through the prison fellowships that were conducted by the brethren in Monze. A certain sister testified how she was sick for four years but God raised her up, another testified how God provided a job for her after 13 years of waiting. A certain brother testified how he faced eyesight problems early this year but

after the evening service on one of the days, God touched him instantly and his sight was restored miraculously.

### **Ordinances**

On Friday morning, the brethren gathered at John Howard Church for the Baptismal Services. Rev Confidence Namaungani the DS of South Africa preached on Water Baptism. Thereafter a total of 43 (26 sisters and 14 brothers) were water baptized.



*Water Baptism*

In the evening of the same Friday, the saints gathered for the two ordinances of the Lord's Supper and foot washing. Before the ordinances, several brethren were ordained and prayed for so that they could fill up various positions. The sweet fellowship of God could be felt among the saints as they sang choruses of praise to God as the foot washing.

### **Youth Meeting address by RDS**



*Youth Meeting at John Howard Church*

On Saturday at 10:45, the youths gathered at the headquarters church in John Howard

for the address by the RDS. Rev Gumbo expressed appreciation for the energy young people invest in spreading the Gospel. He encouraged the youths to emulate Biblical figures like Daniel, urging them to invest their time and resources in the Gospel. He cited how they as youths back in the days in Zimbabwe were all sold out for God and that there is a noticeable difference in the commitment of the young people today.

In a desire to try to help the young people across the region, he announced the Youth Council that was deliberately formed. This council aims to have a charter that guides and defines the young people, ensuring both spiritual and physical well-being are well enveloped.

Two of the council members (Sis Pasi and Sis Racheal Bosha) presented how the questionnaire was carefully structured to capture the needs of the elders/pastors and young people in different age groups and covering all the spiritual, social and financial needs.

At the end of the meeting, the young people were put in several groups so that they could already start looking at the questionnaire. However, they were encouraged to take prayerfully offer suggestions that would help the young people by God's grace. It was also announced the questionnaires would be redistributed to the branches so that other youths who did not attend the camp meeting could also provide their input.



*A group of young people going through the questionnaire*

In the evening, the young people presented their concert, a number of orchestra pieces were played and several group and choir songs were presented. After the concert, the young people rededicated their lives and a number got saved at the end of the prayer session.



*Youth Concert*

On the last day of camp meeting, Rev Gumbo preached the last devotional service of the camp meeting on “The Bride of Christ” by reading from John 3:2. He described the Bride of Christ as those who are saved in this dispensation through the Blood of Jesus. He also explained of the need of the Church to keep their garments clean. Before the altar call, he ended the sermon by reading the blessings that will be enjoyed by the Bride of Christ in the New Heaven and New Earth.

In the afternoon was the saints meeting for the Zambian nationals only where the DS, Rev Banda presented three main items; the appointments of Provincial Camp meeting

Coordinators to assist with camp meeting preparations, the plan to start the construction of the cafeteria that could be used during the camp meeting 2025 and the to raising the walls of the pavilion. All this was well received by the congregation. The DS closed by a benediction to the congregation and reading from Romans 12:9-21 as guide to all the saints to live with in their various stations.

The final service was preached by Bro B. Mweene on “Hold fast that which thou hast” by reading from Revelation 3:11. He encouraged everyone to keep the messages they received at camp meeting jealously so that the devil would not take away from them. He also encouraged those who had not received any blessing to take an opportunity as it was not already too late. The camp meeting ended at a high note of prayer

### **Camp meeting Attendance and Fruits**

The highest recorded attendance was 1,833 on the last devotional service. 67 brethren from outside Zambia that attended the camp meeting were from the following countries:

Botswana	10
South Africa	9
Zimbabwe	30
Malawi	3
Mozambique	7
Tanzania	8

At the end of the camp meeting, the following fruits were recorded:

Saved	51
Sanctified	25
Baptized with the Holy Ghost	15
Healed	82
Reanointed	78

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