

Zambia 2010

Background on the Zambia Project

Back in October of 2009, Trinity had an exciting opportunity to help get a new ministry and a new United Methodist Conference started in Zambia, a country in the middle of southern Africa. We helped purchase 11 acres of land which will be used both by SIFAT (Servants in Faith and Technology) and the United Methodist Church. In May, I traveled to Lusaka, the capital of Zambia, to see the the facility being built there.



I was impressed with the dedication and enthusiasm of the local churches. Members would walk 1½ hours from their homes to the work site to lay concrete blocks for the wall around the property. After a tiring day of work, when we gave them a lift in the back of a 4-wheel drive pickup truck, they sang joyfully all the way back to their neighborhood. Two members stayed at the work site, sleeping in a tent to make sure the construction materials weren't stolen.

It's amazing that these tiny United Methodist churches, who have so few resources, are poised to have such a tremendous impact on their community, their country, and their continent, simply by their willingness to work and be used by God. We at Trinity have a unique opportunity to come alongside these brothers and sisters to help them launch a new ministry in Africa.

Foreign mission trips can be a powerful experience in the life of believers. We find new ways to trust God when we journey into cross-cultural situations. We have our eyes opened to the way people live in other parts of the world, and when we come back home we no longer look at our own community the same way. The Holy Spirit is calling us to join God in the mission field.



A 14-day mission trip
beginning October 27!

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The Project

Trinity has partnered with SIFAT (www.sifat.org) and the United Methodist Church in Zambia to build a facility which will house both a new United Methodist Conference office and a SIFAT training center in the capital city, Lusaka.

This trip's goal will be the construction of buildings at the worksite, but as with all missions, the real focus is the people and relationships with the community in Lusaka.

The team will leave on October 27 and return November 10.

Tentative Itinerary

Wed-Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon-Fri	Sat-Sun	Mon-Wed
Depart BHM, arrive in Lusaka	Vacation Bible School	Worship and tourism	Worksite	Victoria Falls & Safari	Depart Lusaka, arrive BHM

Trip costs

Tickets, room, board, and team activity expenses will be around \$4000. This does not include passports, vaccinations, and spending money.

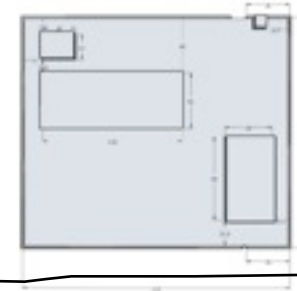
Scholarships are available on a need basis. Priority is given to Trinity members, those who have never been on an international mission trip, and students.

What to Expect



From the CIA Fact Book

- Median age: 17 years old
- #8 in child mortality rate (nearly 10%)
- Avg. life expectancy: 38 years old (2nd lowest worldwide)
- Adult AIDS population: 15.2%
- 50% unemployment



The Worksite

The walled compound will contain a caretaker cottage (top left), a main assembly hall with kitchen, offices and visitor apartments (center left), and dormitory for students and teams (bottom right).



The Climate

Historical temperatures suggest a high of 85° and a low of 64° with low humidity. Our trip will be during the last part of the dry season, so rain should be rare. The hotel is air-conditioned, but the worksite has little shade.