

ACU Headquarters (cont.)



Charles Stephenson

We encourage our Zambian brethren that everyone can play a part in bringing ACU to fruition. Chancellor Mbewe compares the stage that ACU is presently at to the dead frog mysteriously moving across the ground. It's not until you examine closely that you realise there is an army of ants that have mobilised beneath the dead creature to move the treasured prize. At this early stage when funds are not yet flowing through tuition, we need the army of kingdom labourers to come together to carry us to our goal.

In the last few weeks, the brethren from the Lusaka churches have mobilised for a sudden burst of progress. Special thanks go to Charles Stephenson for all of the painting work, parking lot stones and back-breaking labor that his guys have been doing in levelling ground. Thanks to Amon Silwimba and his workers for pavers, edgers, a thatched-roof structure and landscaping trees and plants. Thank you to Patrick Chilumba for the donation of some beautiful office desks and furnishings. Thank you to Chikonde Mwila for his team of labourers who have helped with block work and cleaning. Thanks to Dr. Turnbull and his son Ian for many hours of plumbing, electrical and numerous other repairs. Many other brethren have helped through consulting and various other works of encouragement. We pray that each one sets an example that the volunteer efforts of every one of us is what will bring ACU to reality. One day we'll look back with joy and gratitude in our hearts for the Lord that He called us to accomplish a kingdom work that we pray will stand as a testimony to His glory for many, many generations to come. Let's enjoy the opportunity to serve for His eternal glory!



Amon Silwimba



Patrick Chilumba



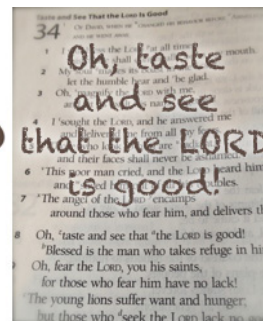
Ian Turnbull



Lisa Turnbull & Mary Kasonde hanging curtains



Mr. Tembo & son installing security



Liberal Arts for The Christian, Pt. 2

By Ray Warwick, ACU Academic Dean



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The Mission Statement of ACU says, "African Christian University exists to glorify God by training students in all spheres of life and vocations as well-equipped ambassadors for cultural transformation in Christ working hand-in-hand with the church." Last month we considered that we believe that the best way for us to accomplish this mission is through a Christian liberal arts approach to curriculum. But how is that different from what is common in the tertiary institutes today?

The prevailing perspective of higher education now is that the purpose of education is primarily to prepare individuals to qualify for employment. That usually means that students only attend school so that they can get the highest paying, best jobs possible upon graduation. So the pressure on educational institutions is to offer a pragmatic training program, usually highly specialized, producing what amounts to intellectual automatons, sculpted to fit into a prescribed niche. Students in such secularized institutes are not being educated, they are being programmed. Students are being shaped to fit jobs like little pieces of puzzles, giving someone else's answers to someone else's questions, never to deviate from the designed fitting, all with the promise of well-paying jobs that are somehow supposed to advance culture. That sort of education, however, does not advance culture. At best it maintains the status quo. It also tends to foster greed, arrogance, and self-centered living.

You see, they are not being taught how to think and solve problems which have not been solved before. They are not being taught how to be creative. In short, they are not learning how to learn on their own.

Note Mortimer Adler's words in *How to Read a Book*: "Here by 'learning' is meant understanding more, not remembering more information that has the same degree of intelligibility as other information you already possess." What Adler argues for is not training that simply adds facts to information that is already known, but, rather, learning that will "throw a new and perhaps more revealing light on all the facts he knows." You see, learning for information is not the same thing as learning for understanding, and understanding is a much deeper epistemological activity than merely having information. To quote Adler again, "To be informed is to know simply that something is the case. To be enlightened is to know, in addition, what it is all about: why it is the case, what its connections are with other facts, in what respects it is the same, in what respects it is different, and so forth."

Christian liberal arts education frees people from the entrapment of being trained only for functionality. Christian liberal arts education is training for life.

Robert Littlejohn and Charles T. Evans, in *Wisdom and Eloquence*, observe, "Colleges that still embrace the liberal arts and sciences have long understood the broad scope of their curriculum to be the best



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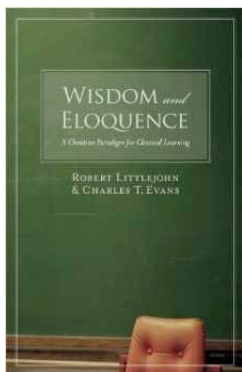
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preparation for life, the true hallmark of the educated person. This is in contrast to education in the professional or industrial arts, which prepares one for a specific vocation and results in a person's being well trained in a single discipline or craft. Liberally educated people, whose intellectual skills are transferable to the learning of any subject or craft, are increasingly important in an economy in which the average adult changes careers multiple times over the course of his life."

Jeffrey Davis offers this insight: "Of the myriads who attend a college or a university, some intentionally pursue an unusual undergraduate experience, one in which they learn how to integrate an understanding of the Bible with all other texts, a belief in divine revelation with scholarly investigation, and a knowledge of orthodox theology with other disciplines of study. These students seek the wisdom of liberal arts for the Christian life."



"Wisdom and Eloquence"

A Taste of African Christian University

By Wilson Tembo, ACU Dean of Students



Mr. Wilson Tembo
ACU Dean of Students

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV)

It is befitting that we appropriate the King James rendering of 2 Timothy 2:15 to appreciate the Taste of African Christian University (ACU). The Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, among many other definitions, states that "a student is a person who is studying at a school, college, university, etc."... and "a pupil is a person who is being taught, especially a child in a school."

Oftentimes we overtly make a distinction between our vocation or our career, that is our work, and our being "born again." When we are born again, we are essentially new creatures. That is essentially what we are and we would be discharging what we are as we live out our lives. It is therefore a misnomer that a person would dichotomise one's life as a child of God in one instance and a professional (separate from one's regenerated state) in another.

Timothy was being urged to study. He was to study in such a way that



Matters for Praise



Chris and Keren Hays

Praise God that Chris and Keren Hays have raised their support and are now making final preparations to come to Zambia.

Praise God for the excellent progress being made on the ACU Headquarters. Many have stepped forward to help with labor. There is still plenty to do.

We are thankful for the donations of furnishings for the offices. We still need a number of items. If you would like to give a gift toward the purchase of the needed equipment, simply log on to the ACU website, under the partner in giving page, make a one-time donation to "Office" (under the giving interest tab).

We praise God for several people who are considering joining us here in Zambia at ACU. Pray that God would give clear direction and provide their needs.

Matters for Prayer

Pray for a very important Board of Directors strategic planning meeting scheduled for May 17th.

Pray for the inter-church elders as they meet to seek a way to bring on Wilson Tembo as a paid staff member with missionary status.

A Taste of African Christian University (cont.)

people would perceive he is approved by God. Not only that, but also that he would not be ashamed when challenged or when his work was subjected to scrutiny. He would rightly explain the word of truth. Our work should confirm that we are regenerated!

The Board and Management of ACU would like to give a taste of the kind of education that the institution will be offering to the students.

It is our conviction that parents and guardians should be interested to "taste" what their ward would be feeding on.

"When I was a boy in my father's house, still tender, and an only child of my mother, he taught me and said, 'Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live. Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.'" (Proverbs 4:3-6 NIV)

It is needful that members of the co-operating churches are aware of what ACU is offering so that they can communicate effectively to their wards and those who will ask what the institution is offering. Read the quoted verses from Proverbs. There, indeed, was interaction between parent and child. The 24th of May 2014 is the day of parents and guardians. Come and taste ACU and digest the condiments.

Undoubtedly, Solomon was proud of his parents, "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching." (Proverbs 1:8 NIV). Solomon took a leaf from them and he is now counselling his own son. Let our children look back and acknowledge the role that we would have played (or is it the role that we have played?) in their lives.

ACU Management and Board have set 31st May 2014 for the students to have a taste of ACU. The diet will be the same but the portions will be more generous for the children eligible for tertiary education! We will present the curriculum for the initial stage qualifying for degree programmes; we will also present the supra- curriculum of the institution. Both dates are on Saturday and so prepare to be with us from morning to late afternoon. Do not worry about what you will eat; just come hungry to eat, you will be given a taste of ACU and food enough to satisfy the taste – that is, food will be served.

ACU Headquarters

After moving in mid-February into the temporary ACU Headquarters in Lusaka, there has been slow and steady progress to prepare them as fully functioning offices and classrooms. Vice Chancellor Turnbull commented, "Eventually, everything will be relocated to the campus in Chisamba, but for now, this is an excellent location for ACU to get started."

As you can see from the before and after photos, the grounds are coming together nicely. Four of the Management Team members are now in offices that are at least partially equipped. It is really starting to move beyond theory to feel like a functioning University is coming!



Before



After



Amon Silwimba's
work crew



Chikonde Mwila and
his crew

Matters for Prayer (cont.)

Pray for safe travels for Ken and Lisa Turnbull who are heading to the States and will be bringing daughter, Sarah, back with them when they return. Also, Terri Wegener is in the US and will be returning April 23rd.

Please pray for the ACU-USA Board meeting scheduled for April 24th. Board member Ron Thomas is attending the T4G (Together for the Gospel) Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

