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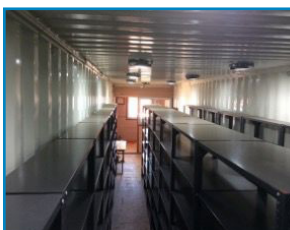
By Ken Turnbull, ACU Vice-Chancellor

Your continued prayers are appreciated for the registration process of ACU with the newly established Zambian Higher Education Authority (HEA). Additional items to those requested on the original registration application were requested when the HEA visited the ACU campus in Ibex Hills. These items are being submitted. Please pray that the process will be favourably completed soon.

Works continue at both the Ibex Hills and the Chisamba campus. The Jonathan Edward's Library and office are nearly complete with carpet and air-conditioning coming before the end of the month. Two shipping containers were recently purchased for placement on foundation pylons that are being constructed on the Chisamba campus. These will provide storage for upcoming construction projects, and eventually a roof structure will be built over the two containers to provide a building for storage and staging of future construction works.



ACU Chisamba Campus Construction



Jonathan Edward's Library Construction

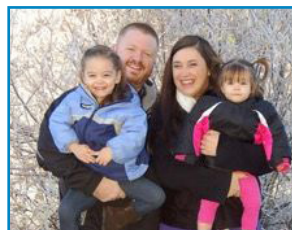
Please continue to pray for preparations for the arrival of Dr. Voddie Baucham's family in August. The home that they intended to lease was instead leased to another party, so a home is still being sought. Michael Janse van Rensburg and family are also raising support to move to from Malawi to Lusaka to work in the area of construction, maintenance and in the Student Labour Programme. Dr. Ben and Abby Kilian are beginning to raise support to move their family from Washington state, USA to Zambia to work with ACU in agricultural programmes.



Dr. Voddie Baucham Family coming to Zambia



Michael Janse van Rensburg Family



Dr. Ben Kilian Family

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"...Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you declares the Lord of hosts."

Haggai 2:4b



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Work and Student Labour

By Trevor Thompson, ACU-South Africa Board

As the title of this article indicates, two related things are being considered, namely (I) work, as described in the Oxford English Dictionary as: (A) activity involving mental or physical exertion in order to achieve a result; or (B) the activity or job that a person does, to earn money. The second

consideration is (II) student labour which describes a person studying at a university or college involved in physical work along with their expected mental exertion in their studies.

In our current times work has different connotations to different people. For the majority work is how one can earn a living through an income. This is very much inward looking and self-inclined. The minority might describe work as being an activity that is engaged from the heart with enjoyment.

Culturally there is a drive to "chase the rainbow" of income for the "top dollar". Thereby, the idea of the "job hopper" on his way to the top is widely accepted. However, from a biblical perspective Paul directed a slave who had become a Christian to remain at his present job (1 Corinthians 7). This attitude that sets the goal of our work as the amount of remuneration affects the individual who works at the most menial task as well as those who have been more fortunate and enterprising having obtained tertiary skills, diplomas and degrees. This mentality is promoted by both the job seeker and the employer, where the measure of work is strictly measured by the pay, not the purpose or impact of the work on society or the individual. It seems very few are immune to this pragmatic pursuit of money as the goal for work.

In light of this dominant worldly perspective of work, let us now turn our attention to the Christian perspective of work as a "calling" as purposed by God.

When work is viewed as a calling, the "career" in which one works is more appropriately considered a vocation. This embraces a far greater sphere than just the labour itself. In fact vocation involves our whole life. For the Christian, called by grace, the work he does is part of his calling. The Christian, as God's image-bearer in Christ, is called to work in a way that the labour itself brings glory to God.



Caretaker's house at ACU Chisamba Campus

Matters for Prayer

- Barry King, Chair of ACU-UK announces that a meeting has been scheduled for 1 July with African pastors who are in the UK. ACU will be presented to them.
- At a meeting on 22 August ACU Seminary Dean Voddie Baucham will be the lead speaker. He will have sessions on ACU.
- Zambians in UK have a Family Conference each summer. Barry King will present ACU at that the conference this year.
- Please continue to pray for registration with the Ministry of Education.
- Pray that God, through His people, would provide support for several who are desiring to come serve at ACU, particularly the Pauls, Janse van Rensburgs, Bauchams, and Killians.
- We have had several health concerns among the staff at ACU. Please pray that God would give the team good health.

Matters for Praise

- We thank God for the efforts of Barry King in the UK to initiate interest in ACU.
- We praise God for the inter-church prayer meeting with the stake-holding churches here in Lusaka. It occurred June 11 at Lusaka Baptist Church, and many petitions were brought before God's throne of grace.
- Renovations on the Jonathan Edwards Library are almost complete.
- A staging area for upcoming construction projects at the Chisamba campus site is being assembled.
- Several potential students have expressed an interest in the Scholars Programme scheduled to commence January 2016. Applications are being accepted and processed.



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Work and Student Labour (cont.)

Even the product of the Christian's work, be it goods or services, glorifies God as a result of his work. His character develops through that work; and therefore the worker, the work and the product of the work are all God-honouring.

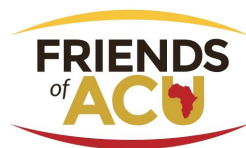
ACU's Student Labour Programme (SLP) is intended to differentiate the worldly view of work from a biblical view of work in a tertiary education setting. Viewing all work as a gift of God's providence for His glory, the gifts for work being distributed to us by sovereign wisdom, establishes work as part of the Christian calling.



Olive Doke Pavilion Construction

Students who embark on the various programmes administered by ACU will be expected to partake in all facets of work - from the theoretical to the menial; from the cleanliness of the classroom to the "coal-face" of work; from the pen to the pick. A Christian's work is not "just a job", a burden that can be accomplished in a slipshod, second rate manner. Students will come to understand that God created us to work, and that work is to be done with utmost excellence by those who bear His image so that the work and the products thereof glorify Him, not simply to make money. Personal fulfilment and enjoyment of work will then be realised. In Christ, we are working for ourselves and working for others, but ultimately we are working for God.

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The Christian Virtue of Humility in Education

By Ray Warwick, ACU Academic Dean

The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honour.
Proverbs 15:33

Whenever I speak representing ACU I announce that we are seeking qualified educators to come and serve as teachers. To most people, it appears, that word "qualified" means having the appropriate credentials with some measure of teaching experience. Indeed, the appropriate credentials and teaching experience are part of what qualifies a person to teach at ACU. But just as important is the ability to teach out of a biblical worldview. One of the points we are regularly trying to make is that one must have and live out of a biblical worldview before one can teach out of a biblical worldview. This is abundantly illustrated by the godly characteristic of humility. One of the great ironies of living in a world and among men so severely affected by the fall is that those who have been most blessed by God through His common grace often become the most pompous and arrogant of men. We see this displayed in politics regularly, much to the detriment and suffering of a populace. We also see this in the field of academics.



The Scriptures explain the dynamic at work in this issue. In 1 Corinthians 8 Paul demonstrates that the sin of arrogance is the springboard, in this case, for idolatry. *"Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' This 'knowledge' puffs up..."* (vs 1). Ah! There is a knowledge that "puffs up." It makes us haughty and full of ourselves. How do we identify that kind of knowledge? It is contrasted with love; *"This 'knowledge' puffs up, but love builds up."* Verses 2 and 3 add, *"If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God."*

The one who is "puffed up" with earthly knowledge is the one who will be full of earthly wisdom. James describes this wisdom as "false to the truth." *"Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts (a fit description of modern academia ... my comment), do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."* (James 3:13-18).

Certainly ignorance is not a desirable quality, but neither is arrogance. Indeed, pride is spoken of more often in Scripture than academic knowledge, and it is never positive. Pride is never one of the goals of true Christian education. In fact, the more educated one is in truth, the more humble that one must become. It is God's truth, not ours. And He is the One Who gives understanding, not our superior intellect. For the Christian, pride is not only an ugly character trait; it is a contradiction of the very essence of our salvation by grace alone.



At ACU, we are seeking qualified educators. That is, we are seeking humble scholars who are motivated by love and who can identify with 1 Corinthians 3:18; *"Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise."* For a broader development of this thought, see <http://www.acu-zambia.com/about-acu/biblicalbasis/>.