



Ernest and Carol Mwansa

### Interview with Ernest Mwansa (cont.)

I am a member at Lusaka Baptist Church where I serve in the disciples' class and the men's fellowship. Because of my law background, I assisted with writing the current LBC constitution.

**ACU:** How did you come to a saving faith in Christ? **EM:** In 1981, while taking a course in assaying at a college in Luanshya, I had a roommate who was a Christian. He shared the gospel with me, but I was fairly sceptical because of my Marxist oriented beliefs. I began to see that there was a contrast between my own and my roommate's lives. One day I asked my roommate to take me to a Christian fellowship and there I was convicted of my sin. The preacher spoke of the need for a Saviour. I was enlightened and saw the need to call on the Lord. This was a sudden change in my life as I immediately began rejecting Marxist teachings (since I saw that it too had a religious perspective, one that centred on man) and began following Christ.

**ACU:** What led you to desire to volunteer with ACU? **EM:** I heard about ACU in a church meeting and began to be interested in this educational ministry endeavour. At the invitation of a friend, I went to find out more about ACU and the possibility of assisting with some advisory tasks.

**ACU:** In what roles are you serving with ACU? **EM:** Pastor Kalifungwa and Ken Turnbull asked me to serve on the ACU-ZAM Board where I will be assisting with the Administration & Finance committee as well as drafting the ACU constitution.

**ACU:** Why do you think ACU is important for Zambia and Africa? **EM:** The real plus for education at ACU is that it will be education steeped in the Christian worldview. If we stick to that goal, I believe we will have a positive impact on Christianity and education. This type of education will prepare the believer graduate for the challenges of living in the modern world and how to impact it in a Christian manner.

**ACU:** What impact do you hope students trained at ACU will have on law and government? **EM:** As Christians, they should have a proper moral worldview and will be of great value to the country. My hope is that students leave ACU with the desire to serve in government and law. Their input will be extremely important because their training should help shape them into people of integrity who will be true to their Lord, the country and their professions.



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"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Romans 12:2 (NIV)



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### The Anticipated Effect of Christian Worldview Education on the Economy in Zambia

By Silvester Hibajene, Elder at Lusaka Baptist Church

Christianity has been in Zambia for more than a century thanks to that "Apostle to Africa" Dr. David Livingstone, who traversed the continent for 33 years, traveled 46,000 km, and from whom two

million people heard the Gospel! We praise God immensely for the impact of the gospel in this country which thankfully is still growing.<sup>1</sup>

We must however lament that much is still to be desired in the fabric of our society which only a spiritual revival and an education based on a Christian worldview can bring about. Even a casual reflection on many aspects of our society informs us that a deeper transformation is still needed to move the nation forward in its quest to take an honourable place among the nations of the world. Many areas come to mind where transformation is needed such as: work ethic, time management, view of the law, integrity, management of resources and dominating nature. I will touch on some of these areas briefly.

Many in this country still have a poor view of work not realising it honours God to work because He commanded man to work. There is still a "dependency syndrome" whereby relatives of one in gainful employment expect that person to support them financially even when they themselves are able-bodied and can work to provide for their families. This syndrome is sometimes seen even at organisational or national levels where people are always looking for donations from others. People are also content to merely get by not realising that it is hard work which brings profit (Proverbs 14:23). Indeed God requires us not only to work hard but to do quality work (Colossians 3:23). Because of a negative work ethic, productivity is low and the quality of work is often very poor. (If you have ever dealt with artisans such as carpenters, bricklayers and electricians, you will know what I am talking about!) I strongly believe that an education with an emphasis on a Christian worldview would help address this.

Another scourge we see is a mediocre attitude toward time. Little regard is given to time as a resource needing to be maximised. We all have 24 hours in a day but some achieve a lot more in that time than others. Generally speaking, our people do not respect time (e.g., people arrive late for appointments or other commitments and are hardly bothered about it). Apart from what has been said above, poor time keeping is a reflection of poor planning.

At the risk of being misunderstood, let me share an experience I had. A friend invited me to observe with him a kitchen party of his daughter. The stated time on the card for the event was 14:00-17:00 hrs. The event started with a trickle of invited guests and people were still arriving at 17:00 hrs when the event

## Matters for Prayer

- 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 serve in Zambia with ACU, particularly the Pauls, Janse van Rensburgs, Bauchams, and Killians.
- There are several health concerns among the staff at ACU. Please pray that God would give the team good health.
- Ken & Lisa Turnbull are currently travelling in the US. Please pray for rest, safety and sharing opportunities while they are there.
- Please pray for the completion of the library container as well as other construction projects at ACU.

## Matters for Praise

- We thank the Lord for the safe travels and ministry sharing opportunities for Kendra Hawley (as she travelled to Canada) & Davey Hoffman (as he travelled to the US).
- Several potential students have expressed an interest in the Scholars Programme scheduled to commence in January 2016. Applications are being accepted and processed.
- Praise the Lord for the unity and fellowship among the staff in Zambia.

Please contact us if you believe God is calling you to serve in such areas



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## The Anticipated Effect (cont.)



was due to end! Our God, though He created time, keeps to time. He promised to deliver the children of Israel 430 years after their going into bondage in Egypt. Scripture records, “At the end of 430 years, to the very day, all the Lord’s divisions left Egypt” (Exodus 12:41, ESV). There is a double lesson here: keeping time and keeping promises — both of which we are still very poor at! Many hours are lost on a daily basis waiting for people to pitch up to do one thing or another.

Perhaps an area of even greater concern is the general view on law. The saying, “rules are rules,” does not resonate with many in the land. The common attitude is that law or rules apply to common people but not to those in positions of authority. In many situations, people will turn a blind eye if a boss breaks the law/rules for, “He is a boss after all.” This selective application of the law leads to a tolerance of injustice and its “cousin sins” of corruption, bribery and theft which in turn lead to squandering of institutional or national resources. It is hard to imagine how much national resources have been misapplied over the last 50 years because of this scourge. There is a need for a greater sense of accountability for those in authority at whatever level and an equally great demand for this among those in the “rank and file.” An education with a Christian worldview will inculcate a high sense of justice, responsibility and integrity for it is written about God in Psalm 89:14 (ESV) that, “righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.” God is inflexibly just.

An education based on a Christian worldview would also help in the management of resources and subduing the earth. We may note that when God created Adam, He put him in a beautiful garden, and not in a desert, signifying that men are expected to make where they dwell liveable by managing the surroundings well. He also commanded him to dominate nature and rule over it. How many times have we had recurrent problems (e.g., flooding of drainages, late provision of farm inputs, uncollected farm produce, etc.) without finding lasting solutions to them?



When we build things, we somehow hope they will maintain themselves and the result is deterioration in our assets. We are then forced to redo these projects at even greater cost.



It is certainly hoped that ACU will have a massive role to play in this “re-engineering” of the average mind set. If God permits that leaders trained at this institution will emerge, it will do the country much good. We may take a cue from the fact that graduates of renowned universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard (institutions started by Christians) attained positions of national leadership and were instrumental in moving the nations they led forward. They used the privileged position of being national leaders to further the cause of their countries (improvement of the economy) and not to feather their own nests. Much of our public leadership ethos is about self-serving rather than serving the nation. And since the fortunes of any people are bound up with the quality of leaders, therein lies the real issue. An education with a Christian worldview should shape statesmen and not mere politicians. Such an education makes men accountable to God and since, “righteousness exalts a nation” (Proverbs 14:34, ESV), the economy would surely improve as a consequence.

<sup>1</sup> For more information about David Livingstone, visit: “[http://www.pacificbaptist.com/missions/david\\_livingstone\\_bio.pdf](http://www.pacificbaptist.com/missions/david_livingstone_bio.pdf)”



## An Interview with Ernest Mwansa, ACU-ZAM Board Member

By Kendra Hawley, ACU Librarian

We are thankful to have Ernest Mwansa’s assistance with ACU.

**ACU:** Tell us about your family and where you are from. **EM:** My mother is from the Northern Province and my father is from the Luapula Province of Zambia. I grew up on the Copperbelt and worked in the mines as an assayer before coming to Lusaka to study law at the University of Zambia. I have been married to my wife, Carol, for 27 years and we have been blessed with three children: Annette, Mumamba and Musunga.

**ACU:** Tell us about your educational, work and ministry experience. **EM:** After finishing my first Degree in Law, I began working with a law firm on the Copperbelt. After some time, I returned to Lusaka and began working with Jacques & Partners. After some time, I formed my own law firm and subsequently partnered with a colleague and brother in Christ to form Mwansa, Phiri and Partners. I kept my roots with the firm even when I went into politics. For 15 years, I was the Member of Parliament (MP) for the Chifunabuli Constituency in Luapula Province. During that time, I served as Deputy Minister in Energy & Water Development, Deputy Minister of Information & Broadcasting Services, Deputy Minister of Health, Deputy Chairman of Committees for the Whole House (also known in other jurisdictions as 2nd Deputy Speaker). I later obtained a Masters at Law degree.

I started my career in politics with a political party called Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD) but, after some time, differed with the direction of the party. This cost me my ministerial position and party membership. Later, I joined another party, the Patriotic Front (PF), and served as an MP with them. After some time, I also differed with their leadership style and decided not to contest the elections. When I left politics, I returned to my law firm. I continue to be involved in the political life of the country and served as Spokesperson for the Technical Committee that drafted the Draft Constitution that is still the subject of discussion in the country.