



STUDENT INTERVIEW WITH WANKUMBU MUSONDA HANANIAH CHANDA

By Lisa Turnbull

ACU: Where were you born?

Wankumbu: I was born on the Copperbelt in Ndola, Zambia.

ACU: What caused you to attend ACU for the Scholars Programme?

Wankumbu: I did not want to stay at home for my gap year, and I wanted to experience what I had heard about ACU.

ACU: What has been the most impacting thing you have learned in the classroom?

Wankumbu: The most impacting thing I have learnt in the classroom is how the Bible as a whole is interrelated, and how all the subjects are not independent and neutral but were all authored by God.

ACU: What have you found profitable about the Student Labour Programme?

Wankumbu: The Student Labour Programme has been a great experience! During this time, we are able to put into practice what we learn in class about fulfilling the cultural mandate. The Student Labour Programme has also helped me to develop friendships with the people with whom I have worked.

ACU: What are your thoughts regarding the mentoring time?

Wankumbu: Mentoring time has been very helpful for me because I get the best advice from my mentor, and it has also helped me to grow spiritually as I am challenged when we tackle various topics during our mentoring session.

ACU: What would you say to others about ACU?

Wankumbu: All I would say is that ACU is the place to be. We receive the best education one can ever hope for, and we are also taught how to put what we learn into practice.



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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

By Kasote Singo

Folks, for several weeks now I have had the rare privilege of attending a number of the Faculty Development Workshops at ACU in Lusaka, Zambia, whose design is to give a biblical world view to university education. Let me, like the Apostle Paul in Romans, begin by asking a series of questions to inform my thesis on this subject matter. Have I got higher education experience, teaching at several tertiary institutions here in Zambia? The answer is yes I have! Do I have, or may I ask myself a different question, did I have the perspective that ACU Faculty Development Workshops contain and teach from, my answer is No! Alright then, let me ask another question, have I learnt a great deal in appreciating what I may call "Christocentric" teaching of any subject matter be it business, science, mathematics, politics, or engineering? I can answer without a shadow of doubt yes I have!

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,"

Colossians 3:23

The Faculty Development Workshops were designed, in my opinion, from the word go to provoke one's mindset to be anchored on God first, which I reckon is the safest place to be, on any matter of life and living. Obviously, when you start with God, what flows naturally is the fact that God is the prime mover of everything including knowledge. If God is the prime mover of everything, what naturally follows is that we must premise our lectures on all truth about any subject matter we are dealing with, within the realm of God first; given that God himself is Truth. What that means is that the critical thinking processes that we may have learnt at Masters or PhD studies are redefined and/or set on a new trajectory because at conversion a new principle is employed and applied in our thinking, and conclusions emerging on any truth in any subject matter must therefore be premised on God Himself who is the foundation of everything. Now, folks that's awesome! What then has been my single most joyful appreciation of these Faculty Development Workshops? A good starting point would be the Pauline injunction as expounded in Romans 12:2: "Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may prove what is good and acceptable to the will of God." Folks these workshops have had a transforming effect in my thinking and my view of lecturing and henceforth, my thinking through lectures will never be the same again! Previously, as I taught any subject matter, in the area of my specialisation strategic management, clearly the goal then was to demonstrate what a prolific lecturer I was in regurgitating instalments of my subject matter premised on what so and so has written

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- The students would appreciate your prayers as they finish the term and year at ACU. They will have final exams 4-6 Oct. Graduation is on 14 October at 9:30 at Lusaka Baptist Church. All are welcome to attend!
- Pray for sponsorship for future students that have applied, but do not have the finances to attend.
- Please pray for God's provision of finances and wisdom as ACU negotiates for land near Lusaka for the campus.
- Pray for the person that the Lord will call to work with Mr. Chali Chakonta and the ACU Construction Working Committee to help lead up the campus construction work.
- Pray for the enrolment of future students to respond to the announcements and advertising to register to attend ACU in 2018.
- Pray for the potential Zambian faculty members that are capturing the vision and growing in practical understanding and enthusiasm to join in the challenging, yet rewarding work of ACU.
- Pray for the faculty and staff as the term and academic year come to an end to remain strong and focused.

MATTERS FOR PRAISE

- We rejoice that the advertisements that have gone out to promote classes for 2018 are proving successful! The classes are filling up quickly.
- We thank God for the Faculty Development Workshops and the impact they have had on those in attendance in helping them to have a Biblical worldview in their discipline of study.
- We are grateful for the donations by many that continue to sustain the work at ACU.
- Volunteers are vital for the continued progress of ACU, and we are thankful for those that dedicate their time to assist us.
- We thank God for the opportunities that we have been given to promote ACU to the local schools which gives an opening for sharing the Gospel.
- We are always encouraged to see all that the Lord does in the students' lives throughout the academic year in their spiritual lives, their academic confidence and their work ethic. It is an amazing transformation!

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT (CONT.)

and what the latest thinking on that subject matter is.

Will I drift from that line of lecturing? No I won't! What will change is to look at everything within the lens of biblical truth. I guess that is what Paul was doing in Acts 17 talking to the Athenians.

When God is the anchor and reference point of all our lectures, truth becomes the anchor of the lecture and what inspires truth is the glorification of God. Worship is not just lifting up holy hands on a Sunday and listening to God speak through sermons, the spirit of worship may now accompany my lectures by making God the centre and starting point in my thinking on any subject matter. In Acts 17 when Paul encounters the Athenians, he begins from where their knowledge base is, and from their familiar territory Paul shows them God.

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I GET IT NOW

By Musunga Mwansa

Perhaps I have simply underestimated the hypocrisy of Christians. Growing up 'Churched' so to speak, I have been saturated with the idea preached Sunday after Sunday about the need for Christ and his name glorified to be the focus not only of ministry but our everyday life. What I had known growing up in this counter cultural ideology was that the pursuit of the world, prestige, riches and fame was vanity and a chasing after the wind. I am now beginning to understand that we stand for these things only as far as our selfish desires remain comfortably undisturbed. What is the point of having a Christian worldview when actually the pursuit of the world is the only thing the supposed Christian does view? Why build your business on what Christ demands when what the culture practices is so much easier. I mean I thought we were the ones standing for the righteousness imputed to us by Christ, but I can see now that those were little more than grandiose claims of moral superiority spewing forth from a desperately diseased and sinful heart. I should have known though. For all our talk about the cultural mandate, and our dreams of a better and more God glorifying Zambia where Christians vie for a God-focus to politics, to business, to work ethic, to patriotism, to culture, we need look no further than the mirror to spot the culprits responsible for the cesspool of cultural disdain we find ourselves in. It's not hard to see where the puzzle failed to connect.

Who were we, sinners as we are, to contend for the perfection attained only by a perfect being? I mean sure, Christ himself died that our way may lead to God and heaven, but hey my child has to have the most prestigious education that money can provide; man SHALL live on bread alone and the Word well, maybe one day he will atone. When was the last time we sat our parents/children down and asked how can I pray for you? By contrast when was the last time we asked our children how school was? When was the last time we asked our parents for money? It was foolish wasn't it? To think that a wholesome dedication to Christ in totality was really an achievable standard. To think we really would sacrifice the potential societal esteem associated with contemporary education at University X for Christ-centred, holistic, and revolutionary education that re-establishes God as the centrepiece and source of all knowledge.

Allow me a moment to readjust 25 years of the message of the gospel to accommodate this hypocrisy. I will be sure to tell my children in advance so they are not ill-prepared for the reality of life, and they properly understand from the beginning that the theoretical implications of the Gospel translate very little to the practical aspects of life in the office, school, family, and government.

I get it now. My mistake.