

## **2011 Initial Visit – Report and photos Chipembi**

The group drove to Chipembi, Central Province, on June 9. The trip is 90 km north and east of Lusaka, via the Great Northern Road T2 and Chisamba. Over the next three days we met with the Reverend Hastings Mwenifumbo, Minister of the Chipembi Congregation of the UCZ on the Chipembi Mission Station.

### **Chipembi United Church**



The Chipembi Mission Station of the UCZ includes the Chipembi Congregation, the Chipembi Girls Secondary School, the Chipembi College of Agriculture and the Chipembi Rural Health Centre. In addition, the community also has the Chipembi Basic School.

We were welcomed by the Reverend Hasting Mwenifumbo and a large delegation from the community. We then were deposited with our respective hosts:

- Peter Lougheed was hosted by the Reverend Hastings and Mrs. Violet Mwenifumbo and their daughter Ali.
- Lynn Gullins was hosted by Mr. Albert and Mrs. Given Chituka and their children Beenzu, Choolwe, Scott, and Muieya
- Keith Jeacle was hosted by Mr. Paul and Mrs. Walia Samba and their sons Paul, Jr. And Daniel.
- Jeannie and Iain Page and Christine and Norman Williams were hosted by Omega Bula on her father's Makumba Farm, with her niece Ms. Sonile Banda and nephew Mr. Kataye Banda (children of sister Annette (B.M.) and Kataye's wife Mrs. Snodia Banda and their daughter Esther (10) and son JoJo (2).

## Meetings with the Heads of Chipembi Institutions

Over the next three days we met with the Heads of Chipembi Mission Station institutions to learn of their successes and challenges:



Old church with pews made from dung

- Chief Chamuka Local Court – Clerks Dickson Katube, Addington Soko Rambo; His Royal Highness (incoming) Chief Chamuka, Mr. Morgan Kumwenda
- Hill Top Church (part of the Reverend Hastings’ circuit)
- Chipembi Rural Health Centre – Mr. Limbusha Sunday, Nurse Ruth, Ernest Chisange
- Chipembi Girls Secondary School – Mr. Albert Chituka, Head Teacher; Mrs. Teresa Nkunde, Assistant Head Teacher
- Church leaders from the ecumenical community (Baptist, Catholic, Salvation Army) and District Councillor Crispin ??
- Chipembi Basic School – Mr. Austin ??, Head Teacher
- Chipembi College of Agriculture – Mr. Paul Samba, Principal; Mr. Morgan Kumwenda, Assistant Principal; and staff including Chali Montgomery Nkonde
- Resources (scholarships) to defray student fees at all educational institution
- His Royal Highness (incoming) Chief Chamuka, Mr. Morgan Kumwenda, his Senior Headman Joseph ?? and Headmen Nelson ?? and Matthew ?? (all referred to as Ba Nuna). There are 420 headmen; exercising traditional strengths (ubuntu) with church and government to maintain harmony and peace

## Meeting to Review Community Needs

The group met on Saturday, June 11 with the heads of the various institutions at Makumba Farm and reviewed the various community needs that were listed during the visit.

- Staff housing for the Girls School, College of Agriculture, Rural Health Centre and Basic School
- Resources (scholarships) to defray student fees at all educational institution
- Schools supplies, computers, reference materials
- Assistance in proper set up of computers and gaining wider access to internet services
- Support from agricultural experts for a number of farming issues at the Girls School, College of Agriculture and Basic School
- A community mortuary to enable dignified preparation of Blessed Memories
- Resources for medications, mosquito nets and treatments at the Rural Health Centre
- A community dip tank to treat cattle in the community and surrounding area
- A new school for children living 5-10 km from Chipembi who walk to school daily



The Reverend Mwenifumbo is to continue working with the institutions to identify a key community priority on which Emmanuel might assist. The group committed to a relationship that would see Emmanuel accompanying the Chipembi Congregation on God's journey.