

## Trip Report – June 2011



Seven pilgrims of Emmanuel arrived in Lusaka on June 3, 2011: ministerial staff the Reverend Peter Loughheed and Lay Minister Christine Williams, Jeannie and Iain Page, Keith Jeacle, Lynn Gullins and Norman Williams. We stayed at ACCAMS Lodge in the suburb of Roma

On June 4, the Emmanuelites met with Peoples Action Formun (PAF) Executive Director Mrs. Jennifer Chiwela and staff to learn more about PAF philosophy and approach to community development. We learned that our two organizations share a similar approach to assisting the marginalized in the world.

On June 5, the group split up and worshipped with three different United Church of Zambia (UCZ) congregations in Lusaka: St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and Trinity United Churches, connecting and breaking bread with their respective hosts and sharing mutual information.

### Mazabuka, Munega and Nega Nega

On June 6, the group travelled to Mazabuka, Southern Province, 135 km southwest of Lusaka. We checked in to the Royal Laricio Lodge, a comfortable, full-service lodge just outside the downtown core. We assessed that it would provide suitable accommodation for two waves of lawyers who will take part in the building of the school to remember Iain Beaudoin. Details of the trip to Munenga and Nega Nega can be found under *Munenga – New School Site – 2011 Initial Visit*.

### Worship with the Synod of the United Church of Zambia, Lusaka

June 8, Sunday, we worshipped at the UCZ Synod Office with Synod Bishop the Reverend P. Mulumbwa, General Secretary the Reverend Peggy Kabunde and other synod staff. A hot topic explored after worship was the issue of inadequate pensions for retired ministers.

### Visit with the Kapongos in Kafue

We then departed for Kafue to visit with retired Reverend Sampson and Mrs. Jennie Kapongo on Tusole Farm (“We Try”). We were given a guided tour of their farm, now benefiting from a new bore hole (well), that provides clean water to their home and their crops. The Reverend Kapongo retired at the mandatory age of 60, was given 10 acres of land at the UCZ Kafue Mission Station. He and his wife, now in their early 70s, work from dawn to dusk to make ends meet. The Reverend volunteers as a preacher every Sunday and Mrs. Kapongo provides pastoral care and outreach to local women to assist them in marketing their crafts to supplement their subsistence farming.

### The Pilgrimage to Chipembi

The group drove to Chipembi, Central Province, on June 9. Details of the time spent in Chipembi can be found under *Chipembi Congregation of the United Church of Zambia (UCZ) – Proposed Partnership 2011 Initial Visit*.

### Rest, Relaxation and Processing of the Zambian Experience

On Sunday, June 12, the pilgrims returned to Lusaka to prepare for trips to Livingstone and Victoria Falls and South Luangwa National Park on June 13, returning to Lusaka on June 15.

### Return to Canada

The Emmanuel pilgrims departed Lusaka on June 16, via Lilongwe, Malawi; Nairobi, Kenya (6 hour layover); and Amsterdam, Netherlands (9 hour layover). We’ll never forget the phrase “Mind Your Step”.

The Emmanuel group cleared Canadian Customs in Montreal, arriving in Ottawa the evening of June 17 after a 40-hour journey home.