



# FRBC NEWSLETTER



## FAIRVIEW REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

### PASTOR EMMANUEL SAKALA: COMING TO FRBC



(L to R) Taonga, Mwape, Margaret, Dalisto and Emmanuel (behind)

**It is now common knowledge that Pastor Emmanuel Sakala is moving to FRBC as its fifth pastor in about twenty three years of existence. In a short genealogy, we can say he is due to take over from Kapambwe Nsenduluka, who came in after Brian Njovu, who took over from Ronald Kalifungwa, who took over from Jan Kaminga who was the pioneering missionary. Now meet Pastor Emmanuel Sakala as he is interviewed by Pastor Kapambwe Nsenduluka on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008.**

**KN:** *Briefly tell us about yourself; including your life history conversion, and call to fulltime ministry and family.*

**ES:** I am one of eight children in family of 5 boys and 3 girls. Our first born, a man died. I am married to my

dear wife Margaret, and God has blessed us with 3 children, a girl and two boys, born as follows: Taonga, 27<sup>th</sup> August 1990; Mwape, 18<sup>th</sup> March 1995, and Dalisto, 8<sup>th</sup> September 1997. I was educated in Mufulira and started work there. I am from Roman Catholic background but was converted in 1980 through the witness of my first cousin Leonard Zimba, and I was in Pentecostal Assemblies of God circles for a couple of years. As to full-time ministry, it was in 2003 that I began entertaining the idea but finally went into it in 2004.

**KN:** *Although we already know much about you, could you please tell us something about your doctrinal position/convictions?*

**ES:** I was Influenced to Reformed teaching by Choolwe Mwetwa, Conrad Mbewe, Douglas Kunda and Jan Kaminga around 1985/86

**KN:** *Do you think fulltime ministry is something God has called you to or do you sometimes feel you have been forced into it by circumstances beyond your control?*

**ES:** I feel called and happy to be in fulltime ministry

**KN:** *Do you feel you have served to the best of your ability and or to some extent fulfilled your dream for BRBC in Chililabombwe?*

**ES:** Feel he has been faithful in fulfilling ministry. Now wishes a fulltime man will be

found to takeover. He had planned to move on after opportunity to move on came. DR Congo was under consideration

**KN:** *Tell us your conviction about how you sense that God may now be calling you to labour at FRBC in Mufulira.*

**ES:** The DRC Congo vision was somewhat overshadowed by invitation to FRBC. Now The DRC venture will be launched from FRBC, where as the days go by and as we pray, it is becoming clear that God is calling us.

**KN:** *What do you already know about FRBC*

**ES:** I can say that I have been involved with FRBC from its inception and was instrumental to some extent in the calling of the second and third pastors. I have followed with kin interest the happenings at FRBC even to this very point.

**KN:** *What would be your vision for FRBC?*

**ES:** I have a vision to take FRBC back to a missionary sending church. I also have a dream to intensify training in mission work and soul winning in general. As God leads me I desire to continue stabilising the church and see it grow.

**KN:** *With due humility, tell us what you perceive to be your strongest ministerial capacities and passion from which FRBC stands to benefit.*

**ES:** I think I have passion and love for church planting work, I also feel I am strong in training specifically for ministry,

counselling, evangelism, visitations and follow-up work

KN *What are your expectations at FRBC?*

ES My desire is to form partnership with members to help/work with each other for our common good

KN *When would you be available to take up the pastorate at FRBC?*

ES Would move around about August 2009 by which time I would expect to have put things in order at BRBC. By that time the kids in exam classes would be nearing finishing but I would move on ahead of them to Mufulira

KN *Is your family ready for this move?*

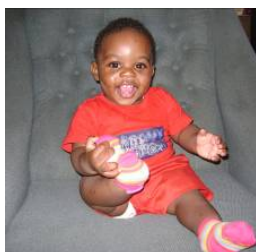
ES My wife is ready for the move and we will soon start talking to the kids.

## Children's Ministry: A Quiescent Potential!



***"...but Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16 GNB)***

**Do not many of you think them messy, a big bother, always demanding and better kept outside?**



Do we not enjoy their smiles and adore their 'innocence'? Do we not sleep with one eye open for their sakes? And yet we would rather pray for the salvation of adults than for such as these.



*They were the first in many years, to form a choir at FRBC*

**He who considers even the sparrow cares more for children.**

**He rebuked Jonah thus:**

**How much more, then, should I have pity on Nineveh, that great city. After all, it has more than 120,000 innocent children in it, as well as many animals!"**

**(Jon 4:11 GNB)**

## A word from Sunday School Teachers

**Mr. Roderick Phiri has been a Sunday School teacher for quite some time now and having seen it both in its heydays and its doldrums refuses to be discouraged whatever the circumstances; so he writes:** "It is with a great sense of joy and privilege that I should testify of how gracious the Lord has been to this ministry as the years have rolled on..

"Although the ministry has had many challenges, especially in terms of numbers attending, there has been fruit.

"Apart from the general good behaviour resulting from inculcating godly principles in them at an early age, we have seen some of them profess faith at an early age. In future issues of the newsletter, we will include some testimonies from those who have been saved through this ministry.

"We therefore encourage parents to bring their kids to Sunday School and also encourage the kids themselves to invite their un-churched friends along"



**Mr. Roderick Phiri**

### **NEXT IN THIS CORNER**

***In the next issue we wish to talk to Mr. Moses Ngwira, one of the Sunday School teachers; now married and father, is a product of FRBC Sunday School Ministry. Look out for that great testimony.***

## Eucleana Phiri Shares the Challenges of Raising a Special Needs Child

Shepherd Adalitsa Phiri is the last born child of Isaac and Euglena Phiri. He is the only brother of his two sisters Tizibenji Isabel and Audrey Anita (twin sister). Shepherd was born a normal child on 8<sup>th</sup> April 1994, the breech delivery notwithstanding. At the age of six, Shepherd started having sporadic seizures. Mrs. Phiri says that they have taken Shepherd to several hospitals including UTH in Lusaka and Malcolm Watson Hospital in Mufulira and a brain scan has been done but revealed no abnormalities



Euglena says the most urgent prayer need is for grace to be multiplied for them to manage their beloved son well. They are also seeking whatever help can be rendered to them to carry out more investigations on Shepherd's condition. They say that they still believe God can heal Shepherd and so they continually pray for a miracle of healing and are asking you to join them in prayer and in whatever else it is you can do to help.

← In picture: Euglena with shepherd

Shepherd has nevertheless been on anticonvulsants and related medicines but has not been getting better.

Now a teenager, Shepherd cannot do anything for himself; whether eating, dressing or bathing. God has given sufficient grace not only to love Shepherd in this condition, but also to understand him with respect to all his bodily needs to ensure he lives as normally as is possible in the circumstances. Life is however becoming difficult for the family as he grows up he has to be

taken care of by his older sisters and mother regarding care of private nature.

Stating the biggest trial of the family, Euglena says: "it is a challenge to us (since) the boy cannot communicate when he is hungry or not feeling well and so on, to be managed by his sisters as he is growing old because he cannot be left alone especially when we go for work." On Sundays, family mem-

## HEALTH TIP





From Encarta Encyclopedia

### DIABETES

**Diabetes Mellitus**, disease in which the pancreas produces little or no insulin, a hormone that helps the body's tissues absorb glucose (sugar) so it can be used as a source of energy. The condition may also develop if muscle, fat, and liver cells respond poorly to insulin. In people with diabetes, glucose levels build up in the blood and urine, causing excessive urination, thirst, hunger, and problems with fat and protein metabolism. Diabetes mellitus differs from the less common **Diabetes Insipidus**, which is caused by lack of the hormone vasopressin that controls the amount of urine secreted.

Once diabetes is diagnosed, treatment consists of controlling the amount of glucose in the blood and preventing complications. Depending on the type of diabetes, this can be accomplished through **regular physical exercise, a carefully controlled diet, and medication.**

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<p><b>QUIZ CORNER</b></p>		<p>...For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Banda</li> <li>• Peter Chama</li> <li>• Denis Bwalya</li> <li>• Copland Mwansa</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Name and address</b></p>	<p><b>Who said these words and quote verse</b></p>	<p><b>Who is the odd one out?</b></p>
<p><b>Know your people, What they do Where they live</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan Kaminga</li> <li>• Simon Chinyama</li> <li>• Joseph Zulu</li> <li>• Ronald Kalifungwa</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mano School</li> <li>• Mufulira High School</li> <li>• Trust School</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Who has never been FRBC Elder here?</b></p>	<p><b>Bwalya: Where was photo taken:</b></p>	<p><b>FRBC never met there</b></p>

## 2009 FRBCs year of Prayer

### IN GOD'S HOUSE

*There is a behaviour  
befitting those who believe.*

*Paul said:*

*if I delay, you may know  
how one ought to behave in  
the household of God,  
which is the church of the  
living God, a pillar and  
buttress of truth.*

*(1Ti 3:15 ESV)*

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## THE 5 SOLAS: THE PILLARS OF REFORMATION FAITH

(The excerpt below is from the Sola 5 booklet containing our confession of faith, core values and constitution. FRBC is a member of SOLA 5)

The passing of time erodes and changes the meaning of words. One such word that has lost its meaning in the Postmodern world is the word "evangelical". In the spirit of the Cambridge Declaration of 1996, we want to affirm our commitment to historic confessional Christianity by reasserting the vital notions of the authority of Scripture, of Christ-centred faith, of gospel grace, of justifying faith, and of God-centred life. The fivefold Reformation creed of *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture alone), *Solus Christus* (Christ alone), *Sola Gratia* (Grace alone), *Sola Fide* (Faith alone) and *Soli Deo Gloria* (Glory to God alone) summarize the urgent need of the hour – these convictions must drive the Church again as they once did. All five of these convictions are necessary in order to be faithful to what God has revealed. Hence our name, SOLA 5.

## The Kantanshi Fete: Encouraging Response

**Those who attended the Sunday morning service of 5 April 2009 will testify that this was the only Sunday service we nearly parked the sanctuary to full capacity. It was a record attendance of some 160 souls listening to God's Word at FRBC, a figure not attained in ten years. It was a day when we feted Kantanshi.**



*During the church service*

It was all about relaunching the outreach work in the Kantanshi area but first

introducing ourselves over a meal and some gifts exchange or donation. Although there was not much to share, in terms of non food items, atleast every one went home satisfied with the following:

The Word preached by Pastor Emmanuel Sakala

The history of the outreach work in the area by Pastor Kapambwe Nsenduluka and the vision of the same by Emmanuel Sakala  
Lunch for all at the church premises

Now what remains is to do faithful followup and not just paying lip service. If we must reap a harvest, hard work will be inevitable and there is no alternative for us. Every good

work will require our effort. The apostle Paul has this to say:

"It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops." (2Ti 2:6 ESV)

And again:

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Act 20:35 ESV)

We must expect to reap not just what we sow, but also where we sow.