



A Special Message from the President

We first learned of Wisdom Community School in 2011. The school, located in the Mwenye community adjacent to the Twapia slum area in Ndola, Zambia, opened in 2009. When we visited in January, 2012, the school's founding ministry had pulled out of Zambia which would result in the immediate closing due to lack of funding. The school became the responsibility of Better World Ministries in Ndola, headed by our friend and colleague, Charles Mutambala. **The Lord clearly spoke to our hearts telling us that Living Well's mission was about to enlarge! Upon return to the U.S., we challenged our supporters to help us keep the school open. Fast forward to June, 2013 and through their generosity, the school is still in operation!**

The school is the lone educational opportunity for the children in Mwenye. Public schools in Zambia are free, but students must provide their own uniforms, books, transportation, and meals. This means schooling is impossible for these kids, many orphaned, in the community around Wisdom. The school currently offers grade levels 1-6 with an enrollment of 170 students, taught by three teachers. **The students meet in the only building, which has two classrooms and a small storage room serving as a third classroom.** Additionally, there is a caretaker/security guard who lives onsite. We provide funding for the wage allowances for him and the three teachers plus a part-time school manager. **The school has no electricity or running water. Restroom facilities are provided by two outbuilding latrines. Water is obtained from a hand-dug well, which often has little or no water during the dry season.**

We have had the incredible privilege to partner with Brother Charles for eighteen months to assure the children continue to have an opportunity to obtain an education and spiritual instruction as well. We've been back three times since January 2012, including leading mission teams there in June, 2012 and again this year, just returning a week ago. The ten-person 2012 team not only made impressive improvements to the facility, but also presented a five day Bible school for the children. **This year, 18 of us traveled to Ndola. Our construction team made substantial improvements once again. Part of our team conducted Camp Wisdom for the top 120 students. This year's camp included a pilot program to provide a nutritious meal daily for the children. Additionally, the school's teachers received both vocational and spiritual instruction.**

While much has been done in the past 18 months, our mission has just begun! It's time to enlarge our vision and expand the network. Immediate needs include **1) ongoing provision of the current \$1000 monthly wage allowances and transportation stipends for the teachers, caretaker, and part-time school manager; 2) providing more textbooks and materials; 3) an ongoing school lunch program beginning early next year; 4) a drilled water well, with a hand pump, to provide a reliable year-round source of clean water; 5) a second classroom building** to provide more space for more kids and the addition of 7th grade. We direct you to the school's website, www.wisdomcommunityschool.com, to learn more details, including cost estimates on these and other projects, as well as keeping up with the current happenings.

None of this would be possible without your support. All of the donations go directly to support the school and are tax-deductible. Living Well does not deduct any administration fee. In the coming days, we will be sharing different ways you can help sustain and grow this life-changing ministry in Zambia. **For now, we want to ask the current supporters of the school to continue, and if possible, increase your monthly donations. For others, as we seek to enlarge the network, we ask you to prayerfully consider joining our support team with a monthly donation.** We ask everyone to help us cast the vision for the school by telling the story to your friends, family, and associates. Please direct them to both the Living Well and school websites. **Together we can help these precious children obtain an education, which really is their only hope to break free of a life of poverty. In that process, the salvation message of Christ is shared with the kids and their families.** We also welcome any opportunity to tell the story of Wisdom Community School to your church, Bible study group, business, or even groups of friends and neighbors.

In behalf of the children and their parents/guardians, Brother Charles and the school staff, and the entire Mwenye community, **we offer our sincere thanks for your support as we work together in this Kingdom work!**