



Zambia

Diocese of Northern Zambia -
including St John's Seminary, Kitwe



CSI Global Update

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Dear Friends,

CMSI Mission Partners, Keith and Lyn Scott continue working alongside our Partners in St John's Seminary Kitwe, in N. Zambia. They have spent the last 3 years training and mentoring the next generation of Church leaders who are in the final stages of their course. Lyn writes:

"Our final year students are on the last leg of their four-year degree course. They are counting down the days now until the exams are over in November! There will be a commissioning service on the 15th of November for them all, officiated by one of the Bishops. Each student is allowed up to 3 guests, and following this service, they will return to their sending diocese to await placement; however they will not have their official results until the New Year. Please pray for them as they prepare for exams and look forward to ordination and taking up the challenge of full time ministry in the church of Zambia. They face a difficult but rewarding future working for God's glory."



New intake of students with Lyn

The new intake of 8 students in total has arrived at the seminary. The students have impressed the tutors with their sense of vocation and maturity. Having a new programme to replace the old distance learning course from S. Africa is making it more rewarding for both students and lecturers alike. Pray for one of the students in particular, who has quite serious health issues, that he will know God's healing hand upon him.

Continue to remember these ordinands as they settle into seminary life and training. This has been a huge step for these young men, as they have sacrificed good, well paid jobs, and the married students will be separated from their families for long periods and will have to study hard with little financial support from the Anglican Church in Zambia. This is a major test of their commitment. Please pray that all the seminary staff will have the enthusiasm to work on the new courses to the benefit of these fresh ordinands. Continue praying for Keith and Lyn and other lecturers to know God's encouragement and perseverance as they minister tirelessly in St John's Seminary.

Many of you will know that Keith's father (Dr Eric Scott) passed away on 12th October in New York. Thankfully, Keith was able to travel to spend time with his dad and wider family before he died. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by close family.

The following week Keith and Lyn were able to attend CMS Africa's conference in Nairobi. Jenny Smyth was flying out to attend the same conference, so God's timing was perfect. The trip to Kenya was a welcome blessing in the midst of a very sad and difficult time for the Scotts. Louise and Isabelle from the UDP dropped by to visit and pay their condolences, which was a huge encouragement. Pray that God will continue to bring comfort and encouragement as Keith and wider family circle grieve the loss of his beloved dad.



Lyn and Keith with Louise and Isabelle (UDP)

The Scotts thoroughly enjoyed having visitors from Ireland this past summer. A CMSI team of 4 from Link Parishes visited for 2 weeks in July 2019. From preaching at Sunday services, interacting with the students and visiting various parishes, the team were a real encouragement to Keith and Lyn. Continue to pray for the various links around Ireland who support the Scotts, that they would persevere in their prayer and giving to Keith and Lyn.



Other news...

Up until recently, Keith has also been serving as a Parish priest in Kwacha Church. The Bishop has appointed a new full-time priest to take over there, so Keith will now be looking after the Sunday morning service at the Seminary's Chapel, which is in English. Pray for Keith in this new role to know God's enablement and blessing as he ministers God's word and the sacrament on a weekly basis. Pray that through his ministry others will be drawn closer in their walk with God.

At the moment Zambia, along with other Southern African countries, is experiencing serious electrical supply issues, which mean they are facing daily 8 hour power cuts. This can be very trying as the day time temperatures are high and it makes sleeping at night a challenge. The Scott's have managed to buy a little

generator to keep the fridge and lights going when the power cuts occur, as they need to do work preparation in the evenings. Thankfully they have a gas cooker, which means they can still cook and boil their drinking water.

Pray for these practical challenges of life to be resolved. It's hard to believe that it is almost one year since Keith and Lyn's serious road traffic accident on their way back from a Diocesan event in 2018. Thankfully there were no long-term injuries as a result, but they've both been plagued with various health issues, and would value our prayers for ongoing protection in this area.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayer cover for St John's Seminary, its staff, students and the Scotts. In the words of St Paul, *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* Galatians 6:9.

With best wishes for the coming Advent Season,

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