



JUBILEE CENTRE

"Daring to be the Salt of the Earth and
the Light of the World"

In 2024-2025, Jubilee Centre conducted different activities to address issues of poverty and dependence in two Networks of Churches (Ndola South and Chibuluma Networks on the Copperbelt Province). These were; Bible School Training, Training in Integrated Farming Techniques, Teaching and Mentoring youth in Farming and Water Provision.

Highlights

1. **Bible School Training in Hermeneutics** - Accessing theology schools in Zambia is relatively straightforward, with numerous institutions offering flexible, accredited programs for various academic levels, including certificate, diploma, and degree courses. Admission generally requires a 12th grade certificate, mature entry options exist for experienced ministers, and applications are often accepted online or via campus, including options for distance learning.

But this is not attainable for most of the pastors in rural communities or peri urban areas in which Jubilee Centre serves. Most pastors level of education is 9th grade and no certification. This means they can't be enrolled in most training institutions.



Hermeneutics training in Chibuluma

But these pastors have a calling on their lives and the love to serve within the vulnerable communities even without getting any salary from their congregations. Those who are educated refuse to be sent to go and do ministry in these communities because their impoverishment.

Jubilee Centre has been working in Chibuluma since 2005 trying to address poverty and empower churches and its leaders to be the voice for the voiceless. Through this partnership, we have noticed that change can only be attainable when the

church has leaders who are not only passionate but trained to drive the development agenda. In 2024, Jubilee Centre started a journey with 25 pastors. These pastors have embarked on the 3 years journey in theological training being facilitated by Pastor Kabwe, a dean and lecturer for the Baptist Seminary in Ndola and a former member of the JC board. The first training was Inductive Bible Study which helped pastors see the importance of personal bible study. This tool helps pastors to focus first on the personal relationship with God and how scriptures should speak to them first before the stand to preach to others.

2. Training on Integrated Farming Techniques & Food Security

Food security in Zambia during the 2024 season deteriorated significantly due to an El Niño-induced drought. Approximately 5.83 million people (33% of the population) faced high levels of acute food insecurity between October 2024 and March 2025. The drought caused a 54% drop in maize production, leading to high food prices and a state of national disaster.

During the 2024/2025 farming season, Jubilee Centre supported 232 farmers in local maize seed farming, crop rotation, intercropping and building of soil using organic materials. These trainings were conducted in 2 networks Ndola South and Chibuluma. The major goal is to help farmers invest their energy in sustainable farming practices that will help them be food secure.



Agricultural trainings at Dawn Trust

Overall, farmers were equipped with skills to know that they have local solutions that can address dependency on others to address their needs. With these methodologies, most farmers have improved their yields and are food secure.

3. Teaching and Mentoring Youth Farmers

Youth unemployment in Zambia is a critical challenge, with rates estimated around 26.4% in 2023, representing a slight decrease from 27.6% previously. While official figures show some improvement, young people (15-35 years) face high levels of underemployment, with many relying on the informal sector.

Key Findings on Zambian Youth Unemployment (Statistics Source: *africa24tv.com*)

- **Youth Unemployment Rate:** *The youth unemployment rate was 26.4% in 2023, down from 27.6%.*
- **Demographic Breakdown:** *Urban areas face higher rates of unemployment (20%) compared to rural areas (16.5%).*
- **Gender Disparity:** *Female youth unemployment in urban areas is notably higher, at 23.7%, compared to 17.3% for males.*
- **Total Unemployed Population:** *The total unemployed population, including youth, was estimated at 540,728 in 2023.*
- **Impact of Informality:** *Many young Zambians work in the informal sector, with only 24.4% of the employed population having social security cover in 2023.*
- **Long-term Outlook:** *High unemployment is driven by a mismatch between skills provided by the education system and those demanded by the labor market.*

When you are a young person in Zambia and you are dealing with these issues of unemployment it brings about hopelessness. In 2024-2025 we introduced a farming training and mentoring program for young in partnership with our local partner *Dawn Trust Community Care*.

Through this program, Jubilee Centre is helping to create sustainable job opportunities for young people while imbedding in them life skills. Since 2024, we have had 3 young people undergo this program. The most recent, Joseph and Rosemary, graduated top of their class yesterday the 17th of March!



The graduates! (Cum Laude)



Moses' greenhouse

Moses Mwewa was the first student. After the program, he went and started a green house where he planted different trees for sale. This has helped him to have income that is supporting his livelihood. He is also training other farmers in

Chibuluma community in conservation farming methods which is offering him a form of part-time employment.

- 4. Water Supply Provision** - Access to clean water in Zambia is unequal and limited, with approximately two-thirds of the population having access, but significant disparities exist between urban (approx. 90%) and rural (approx. 52%) areas. While urban areas face challenges with infrastructure maintenance and quality, rural areas rely on unsafe, unprotected sources, leading to high rates of waterborne diseases like cholera.

The 2023, there was a cholera outbreak in Lusaka, Zambia, which began in October, heavily affected peri-urban areas, with Kanyama Compound identified as the initial epicentre. Other heavily impacted areas included various sub-districts within Lusaka District, particularly those with poor sanitation and contaminated water sources. This cholera outbreak affected the whole country especially communities that don't have access to piped water connection from water companies.

One such community is Kaloko in Ndola South which is a heavily populated community, with the Kaloko Ward recorded as having a population of 9,032 in the 2010 census and the numbers are still growing. In 2024,



The borehole completed at Union Baptist

Union Baptist Church in Ndola (Kaloko) received a borehole to improve access to water for the members of the church and surrounding communities. The church has a membership of 350. Currently, this borehole is providing water to over 400 families who are able to access clean water.

Elder Reuben Soloshi of Union Baptist Church shared that this water project is helping the church to be relevant in the community as it preaches the gospel. Now that they have water, the church built an ablution block to cater for members of the church and community. These two projects have improved sanitation and helped to reduce waterborne diseases in the community.



Church-funded ablution block at Union Baptist.

We are so grateful for your partnership that has helped us address some of the distinct needs of our networks. Our goal is to continue on the mission of holistic partnership with the local church and we are glad to have like minded folks who



Water provision at Union Baptist

share this journey with us. We look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for us and we pray that He opens a door for you to come and visit us soon and experience God's work first hand and build relationships with the people we serve. May God continue to bless the works of your hands.