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PC(USA) Provides Scholarships to Develop Church Leaders in Zambia

Historically, Presbyterians have had a strong involvement in the area of education. They consider Christian schools an effective opportunity for evangelism and church growth. One such outstanding educational institution is Justo Mwale Theological College, located on the outskirts of Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. This accredited institution is one of our strong partners in Zambia. Under the combined leadership of the Reformed Church of Zambia, Uniting Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa, and the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, this theological college trains ministerial students and evangelists.



Chunda and Maria Chizason and daughters Ester and Triza at Justo Mwale Theological College in Lusaka, Zambia (March 2004).

Through this partnership fifteen students are being sponsored in the ministerial program this year. Numerous PC(USA) churches help to support these students as they prepare for full-time ministry in the pastorate. One such student is Chunda Chizason. At the age of twenty, Chunda attended a revival meeting and gave his life to following Christ. He became active in the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian as a Sunday school teacher and later as evangelism coordinator. In 1999, he felt God calling him into full-time ministry,



and in 2003 the Synod chose him to attend Justo Mwale Theological College. He is now in his second year of schooling for his bachelor's degree in theology.

Chunda, his wife Maria, and two young daughters struggle financially but are deeply appreciative and grateful to the Lord for the support they receive from PC(USA). Without this assistance they would be unable to attend seminary. Chunda looks forward to the day when he will be able to pastor his own church.

Our church partners face difficult decisions in managing their schools. We continue to facilitate discussions and help develop and implement the strategies of our African partners. Education remains a high priority for Presbyterians around the world. Rejoice with us as Christian schools throughout Southern Africa continue to grow.

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