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LUTHERAN MISSION RURAL HEALTH CENTER - ZAMBIA

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Let love, compassion and care be our prayer

The three words “love”, “compassion” and “care” define our work at the Mwembezi clinic. That definition is what Jesus Christ demonstrated while on earth as those words describe some of the characteristics of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the charge he gave to all believers. Showing love, compassion and care can speak volumes through acts of service to the Lord and for one another. Jesus Christ was able to demonstrate all these qualities of Christian life through his ministry on earth.

The Mwembezi Lutheran Rural Health Center in the central province of Zambia is an example of where love, compassion and care can be seen and demonstrated by so many, such as the health workers, the Government leadership and international groups. The Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMP) in the United States of America has been at the forefront of supporting the clinic both financially and materially. CAMP has continued to show Christ’s love through the provision of supplies and medicines for the clinic, as well as other Church group members and individuals who have provided pill bottles, blankets for babies and much other material support.

The clinic staff have shown love, compassion and care especially to the users of the health services being provided at the clinic. Those clients and care takers are grateful for the unique services offered at Mwembezi that start each day with a morning devotion and scripture reading. People coming to the health center have for a long time appreciated how good it is to start off with the Word of God.

The declaration of the area as a district has seen an increase in the population which has now reached about fourteen thousand people. Population growth has also come with a lot of challenges such as the breakout of diseases such as cholera and other health issues that come as the result of the increased population. In the more than fifty (50) years of service at Mwembezi, God has sustained HIS work through many men and women who have contributed in different ways and, in the effort of trying to do our best, we need also to remember to pray for strength for one another.

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen

Finally, it is important in our Christian Journey to live by love, compassion and care as an expression of faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior from sin. People in general and especially those with health problems tend to appreciate and place Jesus Christ at the center of their lives reduces stress, and loneliness and helps with their health problems. If we can practice living like Christ, then the world’s problems can be diminished and a happy person can be a good contributor to the development of the gospel and world in general.

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