

# DIGNITY UPDATE: Southern Africa

HUB

## Overview

In the last month, Jon, Jude and Family have returned to Zambia for the rest of 2016. The Impact Teams have been in follow up mode up until June, now have started training areas again. Our 2 aims in the first part of the year are to build the hub team and run our “Deeper” campaign to create more leadership in villages.

## Headlines

- We are starting our “**Deeper**” campaign within Zambia. The aim of this campaign is to recruit more villagers to take leadership in their community with our Impact Teams. This will have the effect of raising leadership and extending the reach of our teams. Every team in Southern Africa will be visited for training combined with the August EQUIP camp focusing on this.
- Over the next 2-4 months it is also our aim to build our **Hub Team**. Even though Dignity Zambia has been formed, there is still a lot of work to be done to create a functioning team. Over the next period Jude and I hope to talk to existing and new members to form a wider Hub Team within Zambia.
- We are looking forward to our annual **Foundations for Farming Training**. This year we hope to have a 2 track camp, for existing trainers and new recruits. The aim of this is to ensure that in each Life Group there are people with farming knowledge.
- **Pastoral Care** of two team members in particular has continued. Esther has had many family struggles. Precious’s brother died, and she herself was taken ill shortly afterwards. Please pray for them.
- **Foundations for Life** (working title for our new discipleship series) has taken some large steps forwards in the last month. Notably, we have written a project proposal with our UK Core Team and received a pledge for around 30% of the cost. By the end of 2016 we hope to have the English version completed and beginning to be used.
- Jon will travel to the **Viral conference in Nairobi** to meet with other Church Planters and Evangelists within Africa. Please pray that the right opportunities will arise.
- **2015 Dignity Zambia Financials** have been completed by Abacus 360 and submitted to PACRA.
- **Bernard and Jon have been filming our new appeal video**. The film set in Kalweo is a direct appeal to our supporters. It will be edited over the next few weeks.
- **South Church in Mkushi have given US \$5500. At some point in August we hope to run a Dignity Celebration Evening.**
- **Upcoming Dates for next 2 months:**
  - July 1<sup>st</sup> – Deeper Meeting with Central East Team in Mkushi.
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> – Deeper Meeting with Chibombo Team in Chibombo.
  - July 5<sup>th</sup> – Meetings with Cornelius regarding Petauke, and Chris/Justine regarding Siavonga.
  - July 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Visit to North Western Zambia, Kalumbila to have Deeper meeting with Mwinilunga team. Jon/Bernard will also be speaking at the mine church in Kalumbila.
  - August 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Visit to Mansa/Luapula for Deeper meetings with Luapula South and Luapula North.
  - August 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> – Possible Foundations for Farming Training in Mkushi. (could also be Sept 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>)
  - August 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Jon visiting Viral Church Planting Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.
  - August 29<sup>th</sup> Evening – Dignity Zambia Team Meeting
  - August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup> – EQUIP Training Camp in Mkushi : Deeper.
  - September 2<sup>nd</sup> AM – Deeper Meeting with North Namibia/Southern Zambia.



Jon and Bernard shooting video

### The Numbers from Southern Africa

Measurable	Number to date, 2016	Number at end of 2015	Comments
Total Number Life! Groups	324	311	These numbers do not take account of latest figures, actuals will be higher.
Impact Team Missionaries	18	12	
Sole Team Impact Team Training	0	N/A	These are for the Deeper campaign.
Impact Team Areas	8	5	Formally added Northern Namibia, Petauke and Mpika
Equip Courses	1	N/A	
GYHP (School of Evangelism)	2		
Areas Initial Visit	14	N/A	Areas visited by Impact Teams in 2016
Life! Group Training Courses	11		Started mainly from June
Areas formally followed up	103	?	This figure does not include June figures not yet in, or figures from Northern Namibia

# DIGNITY UPDATE: Central Administration

CORE

## Overview

May and June have been busy months with lots of events taking place. We have seen great support for our teams of walkers on the Welsh 3000s and have had a good turnout at other events. Our Celebration Evenings in different locations have been a great way of widening our supporter base. Looking ahead we will be focusing on the preparation and translation of teaching materials and building momentum for the 10x10 Challenge.

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- Please continue to pray for Gill who works in our office. She has been a lot better than earlier this year but is still struggling with her health. Added to this, her brother died unexpectedly recently.
- We formally welcome Kurt Francis to the team in his role of providing pastoral care for team members.
- We are grateful to Lawrence, Precious and Cornelius who have shared their story with us on video (Cornelius's was filmed in 2012). We have shared these at our Celebration Evenings, at churches and via mailings. They have really helped people understand the work of Dignity and what it means to different people. Huge thanks to Lawrence, Precious and Cornelius for their honesty and openness. **It would be really helpful to share other stories in this way.**
- Jo is meeting with Jen Riches to shape some spiritual support for the refugees in South Manchester. It is recognised that we have a unique window of opportunity to connect with people while they are staying here for a short period before they are moved to other communities where they will stay for the foreseeable future.
- The following events have happened in the last 2 months:
  - 1st May – St Margaret's church, Sunday service
  - 14th May – Malvern Celebration Evening. Hosted by MEC.
  - 24th May – Ruthin Celebration Evening. Hosted by Kurt Francis (RCF) & Jon.
  - 28-30<sup>th</sup> May – Welsh 3000s 3 day walk, team of 6
  - 2nd June – Wirral Celebration Evening. Hosted by Fran.
  - 11th June – Manchester Celebration Evening. Hosted by Jo & Manchester team
  - 18<sup>th</sup> June – Welsh 3000s 24 hour walk, team of 5
  - 21<sup>st</sup> June – Ivy Mission Partners prayer meeting
  - 25<sup>th</sup> June – Robin's concert
  - 29<sup>th</sup> June – Prayer meeting with meal, joined by Kathy Hunt's grow group from Ivy Church.
- The following dates are upcoming:
  - **30th September (to be confirmed)** – Welsh 3000s thank you/launch next challenge (incl. tasting evening)
  - 19<sup>th</sup> November – Craft Market
  - Further prayer meetings, repeating the format of inviting a grow group/home group
- 10x10, The Dignity Challenge has been launched: [www.dignityonline.org.uk/10x10](http://www.dignityonline.org.uk/10x10). **We all need to consider what we can do to raise 10 "tenners" be it Kwacha, Pounds or Dollars and ask our friends and family to get involved.**
- Since our last report 1 new regular monthly gifts have been started and 1 has stopped. Overall movement = £7/month decrease. **We continue to pray for an increased monthly income.**
- 11 walkers completed the Welsh 3000s to raise funds for our work. The final figure is still to be confirmed but we have hit our fundraising target. **This is an amazing answer to prayer.**
- 4 Celebration Evenings were hosted (Malvern, Ruthin, Wirral & Manchester). The focus of each was adjusted slightly to reflect those attending. We believe they have strengthened relationships but have not lead to the same financial boost as previous larger Celebration Evenings. Running a number of smaller events also increased the amount of time required to facilitate these.
- Jo, Jon & Alan Scantlebury have structured and outlined **Foundations for Life** and are now ready to approach potential authors. This will happen throughout this month.
- We have met with a trust fund who support the cost of literature and since received a substantial gift towards the writing of our new discipleship course, **Foundations for Life**.
- Translations of *Rooted in Jesus* Lunda Book 3 is underway. Lunda & Bemba versions of *Love Your Village* are also reaching completion.



On route around the Welsh 3000s

## The Numbers

Measurable	Number to date, 2016	Number for 2015	Comments
Movement in regular monthly giving	-£12	+£375	Refer to finance report for further information
Total number of regular givers	49	48	
Trust fund applications made	3	0	
Prayer meetings held	3	7	
Events & church visits happened	11	12	
Events & church visits scheduled	2	-	
Bibles recycled this year	3 received 31 sent	140 received 78 sent	Total Bibles recycled to date = 331 Bibles waiting to be sent = 84
Translation in progress/completed	3	3	RinJ Lunda 3, LYV Lunda, LYV Bemba underway