

2021 Headlines

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What is Jericho Road Ministries? JRM is ...

- **Discipleship** in South Central Africa.
- A growing **network of disciple-makers** throughout Zambia and Malawi.
- A strategy **leading Africans to lead Africans to follow Christ.**
- Hundreds of **Emmaus Bible studies and lessons** taught one-on-one.
- A door to **your own personal discipling ministry** in Africa.

During COVID Shutdown —

After 14 months of being shut out of Africa, JRM returned full-force to Zambia in April. Ten JRM volunteers traveled to Lusaka for graduations and the first National Training Conference for leaders and teachers. For three days the group of 129 worshiped, prayed, studied, trained, and strategized together.

During our 14-month absence our African partners had not been idle. Although they faced shutdowns in transportation, schools, business, and communication throughout Zambia, our teachers managed to **register more than 800 new students into the program, and teach over 7,000 full courses** – a remarkable feat considering that every course is hand-delivered and taught one-on-one.

New Non-Profit in Malawi —

JRM VP Mike Burns and Alan Huesing worked with McEdwin Blackson and James Jana, pastors in Lilongwe, Malawi, to set up a non-profit organization (**Emmaus Road Trust**) in Malawi. This provides JRM with a legal partner and platform to broaden the work of discipleship in the country. They conducted a series of training sessions for leaders in and around Lilongwe, the capital city, and at the Pastor Training Center in Ulongwe.



ORTS is Up & Running —

ORTS is the JRM **Online Registration and Tracking System**. It's a web-based program that tracks the progress of thousands of students and manages scores of area, regional, and national inventories of discipleship materials. It allows JRM sponsors to see – in real time – everything about the teachers and students they sponsor. It shows student profiles, pictures, prayer concerns, and study progress. ORTS is up and running in Zambia... and soon to be in Malawi.

Thanks for Caps & Gowns —

JRM supporters responded to calls for caps and gowns to be used in graduation ceremonies in Africa. JRM delivered 132 gowns to Zambia in April and they have already been used in eight graduations. Sets of about 30 each are stored by zone leaders in Lusaka, Chipata, Livingstone, and Ndola for future graduations. Thanks for sharing!



Passing the Mantle —

JRM and Zambian leaders celebrated the retirement of **Pastor Dickson Kasongo** as he “passed the mantle” of national leadership to his protegee, **Bro Mulengwani Mweyama**, in a moving ceremony at the National Training Conference in April. Kasongo, senior pastor of Galilea Baptist Church, is 84 years old and has been mentoring Bro Mweyama for this responsibility for several years.



Missionary Trainers

– jump-starting new work —

Emmaus discipleship usually spreads slowly through cities and from village to village as students graduate, become teachers, and enlist their neighbors, friends, and family members to be their new students.

JRM has developed a new way to jumpstart work in completely “new” regions of the country. We now respond to invitations to “come over and help” by sending “Missionary Trainers” to travel monthly (or bimonthly) to a new area to teach and train a select group of 12-20 future teachers. After the group completes the Level One courses in six months or a year, they graduate and begin teaching their own students and a new Area is born. The Missionary

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As JRM grows into new areas and begins working with more diverse people groups, we are approached by people who want to learn the Bible but don’t speak or read English. Years ago, JRM began using English-Chichewa Bibles in Malawi. This year we began printing Emmaus courses in Chichewa for use in southern Malawi and southeastern Zambia. Now we need courses and Bibles in Bemba, French, and Swahili. Course translation is slow and costly. **We need your prayer and financial support** to be able to disciple people in their heart language.



Trainer continues to lead the original group through Level Two until the second graduation of both first- and second-level students. One of the teachers is appointed Area Coordinator and the Missionary Trainer moves on to another new area.

Mrs. Lonia Kananga began work in July as a Missionary Trainer to Mkushi, Zambia, and McEdwin Blackson is now Missionary Trainer in Ulongwe and Mangochi, Malawi.

JRM has invitations to send three more Missionary Trainers to new areas. Teachers are ready and willing to serve. **We need sponsors to send them.** Please consider you or your church being a sponsor for a missionary trainer. A sponsor prays for and encourages their missionary as well as providing funds (usually \$75-\$100 per month for one or two years) for travel and subsidy for courses and Bibles.

12 Bible Teachers Among 50,000 Refugees

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Over 50,000 people from the Congo, Rwanda, Ethiopia, and Burundi – uprooted from their war-torn home countries – are living in a sprawling refugee camp near Dzaleka, Malawi. Governments, international aid organizations, and others, invest money and workers to provide humanitarian relief. Outside groups dig wells, provide temporary medical clinics, and set up schools. From time to time, Christian (and Muslim) groups

come to evangelize. But, JRM is the only organization there to provide ongoing Christian discipleship. We have 12 excellent multi-lingual teachers, led by Pastor Justin Mwenemalongo, who live and work in the camp, teaching the Bible and leading people to follow Christ, and to observe all that He taught us. Due to the language diversity of the refugees, **we need your help** to provide **Bibles and study materials in Swahili and French.**



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2 New JRM Board Members

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Rev. Wayne Spanhanks, long-time pastor of Spring Hill First Baptist Church in Longview, TX, (a JRM sponsor church) joined the JRM Board of Directors in May, 2021. **Mrs. Debbie Maxey** joined the JRM Board in September. Debbie and her late husband, Ronnie, have been to South Central Africa many times with JRM and are deeply vested in mission work there.

Go With Us In February To Africa

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How would you like to **go with JRM** to Zambia and/or Malawi in February, 2022? Share the gospel; celebrate graduation with students; teach eager new believers; visit and encourage new churches; build relational bridges; be blessed by African brothers and sisters. Pray about it. Watch the website at jerichoroad.org for details. Write for information to info@jerichoroad.org.