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A few weeks ago we attended Pastor Leonard Lubula's church in Kamwala South, a suburb of Lusaka. He had invited John to preach and see how God has been blessing the work there. Leonard is one of the twenty-five or so who have been studying Global University courses at the Ministry Center in Chelstone, where John does most of the teaching. We were happy to see the tremendous growth that has taken place in his church since our last visit! We highlighted Leonard and his church in one of our 2008 newsletters. To the right we are reproducing that picture and a picture of the church now. The church building has a roof now, but more importantly the congregation has more than tripled in size! There were 187 attending the Sunday we visited.

Pastor Lubula represents what the Lord called us to Zambia to accomplish for Him. He and hundreds like him have been called by God to reach the people of Zambia with the Gospel, but many of them lack any kind of formal training. They need a thorough knowledge of His Word and sound doctrine if they are to be effective. God has called us to Zambia to help equip those He is calling as church leaders so that the plentiful harvest in Zambia will be preserved. Since we came to Zambia in 1998 we have had a chance to have a small part in the shaping of hundreds of church leaders here. Over 1000 churches have been planted since we came, and many of those churches were planted by men and women who have received training through Christian Leaders Training Institute.

Dawn recently finished the literacy class she had been teaching in Bauleni. On Sunday, July 31, she had them read passages from John's Gospel to their church, after which they received certificates and new Bibles written in the Bemba language.

You, our faithful partners, have played an important part in all this! Thanks for praying and giving so that the Church can be firmly established in this part of Africa! And please remember in prayer those who are in training to better lead their churches and advance the Kingdom of God here in Zambia.



Pastor Lubula and church in early 2008



Pastor Lubula and church now



Pastor Nkandu, Dawn, and the ladies she has been teaching to read

John + Dawn