



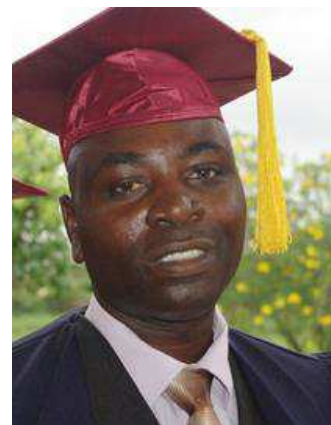
## Investing in Africa's church leaders & enabling believers to read God's Word ...to bring in the Harvest!

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**Thanks for your concern over the death of John's father.** Many of you have expressed your concern over the passing of John's father, who went to be with the Lord on April 10th. We do want to thank all of you who have been praying. His home-going has left a void which will not be easily filled, but he had been in failing health for some time and he is in a better place today.

**Investing in Zambia's leaders.** Zambia is one of those places in Africa where the church has recently experienced tremendous growth, with some 500 churches being planted over the past 5 years. The Lord has placed us in that land to help equip those God is raising up as leaders in His church, so they will be effective in sharing the Gospel and discipling those who respond. Thanks to your partnership—your prayers and financial support—we have been able to invest in a number of leaders at all levels. We get really excited when some of those we have invested in are used by God to invest in the lives of others!

One of those is Rev. Elijah Simwanza, who has taken a number of classes with John and has gone on to become an effective teacher of other leaders. About five years ago he was taking his church leaders through a set of Global University courses and was asked by some neighboring pastors if they could join in on the class. One of those who approached him was John Kasongo who pastors a church that is part of a cult group. Simwanza wasn't sure about accepting him, but with John's encouragement he did so. As Kasongo came to understand what the Bible teaches, his life was radically changed. After finishing the Christian Service program and graduating, Kasongo started taking classes at the Ministry Center in Chelstone with us. On the changes that all this has made Kasongo commented, "I have known the truth. I have known Christ. I don't know what I can say. Now even my church has started changing because I am the overseer in that church and now I am preaching the truth...many people have turned to Christ." It has been a joy to see the change that has taken place in Kasongo's life and to know how this has impacted his church as well. Thanks for your partnership that has made this transformation possible! You can see the interview with John Kasongo on our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKyamd0Ki99jEqdCpslVFhw>



**John Kasongo at  
2011 graduation**

**Itineration update.** We continue to visit churches, sharing about the wonderful things God is doing in Zambia. If we haven't already scheduled a service with you, please contact us! We hope to have our budget raised and leave for Africa later this year. We want to thank those who have increased or made a new financial commitment to our support, but we still need to hear from the rest of you! Keep praying that all of the needed support will fall in place quickly and we will **very soon** receive clearance to return to Zambia!



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