From the time in memorial, Lay people have offered themselves for the mission of Christ vested in the hands of the Society of Jesus in the Zambia-Malawi Province. The collaboration of the Lay people with Jesuits can be traced way back during the establishment of Chikuni Mission in Monze when Fr. Joseph Moreau S.J. together with his early companion Fr. J. Torrend S.J. realized the need to involve the lay people, the local batonga people in the establishment of the mission. According to his early writings, Fr. Moreau mentions that the lay people were always available to support the early missionaries in various ways. E.g. they offered manual labour and some local materials during the construction of the early buildings at Chikuni. The men cut poles, while the women cut grass and brought it in heavy bundles on their heads. Others dug out clay, while others drew water from the nearby stream. After receiving the faith, many men & women offered themselves to join in the spread of the Gospel. Haatontola & Jahaliso spearheaded the evangelization efforts by the early missionaries. A true transformation became vivid in the eyes of many around Chikuni Mission. The evangelization works were also complimented with the social skills of the batonga people and the local people donated oxen to the mission. The era of the plough began and agriculture became the way of living for many Batonga people and this uplifted the lives of many people around Chikuni Mission and the Southern province. This early effort of collaboration however was lost at some point. The unbalanced partnership between the missionaries and the Lay people developed into a dependency. Minimal empowerment of the local people to realize their full potential hampered the possibility of a self-sustainable community AND A SELF SUSTAINABLE CHURCH. The local people forever looked to the mission for the provisions of their necessities. However this changed overtime. Today we see this hundred year’s partnership between Jesuits and Lay people as a cornerstone for the future of Jesuit Mission in the Zambia-Malawi Province. The Jesuit Collaborators Network offers an opportunity to all Jesuits and Lay people to further this relationship which was established a hundred years ago. We therefore invite lay people who have the desire to join in this ministry, to come and be part of this collaboration.
The Jesuit Development Office hosted the JEDOAM Workshop 2015

The Jesuit Development Office Zambia-Malawi Province successfully hosted the Jesuit Development Officers of Africa and Madagascar (JEDOAM) from 25 to 29 May 2015, at Kasisi Mission. The workshop was attended by 20 attendees of both Jesuit & lay staff from Cameroon, Tanzania, Ivory Coast, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Nigeria, Rwanda, Congo D.R.C., Kenya and Madagascar. The workshop was officially opened by the Provincial; Fr. Emmanuel Mumba S.J., who emphasized on the importance of the mission of the Development Office to sustain the Jesuit Ministries and Apostolates. He also highlighted the need for promotion of co-responsibility and creation of inter-province support as each Province of the Society has a responsibility for the welfare of the whole Society. Fr. Michael Lewis S.J. the President of Jesuit Superiors of Africa and Madagascar encouraged the Jesuit Development Officers to work closely with their Provincials. He also thanked the Zambia-Malawi Development Office team for hosting JEDOAM 2015, and for organising the event successfully. Resource mobilisation and project management were among the major topics covered, the meeting gave all participants an opportunity to learn, discuss and share ideas and best practice. The JEDOAM Participants were also taken to see some of the Jesuit Projects based in Lusaka such as JCTR, Leopards Hill Jesuit Secondary School, Loyola Productions and KATC. The feedback from the participants after the visits was very positive.

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Our Projects

We would like to sincerely thank all our Partners who support our Jesuit works over many years; without them our work would not be possible. Some of the projects which recently received generous funding are:

New Parish Hall for Kasisi Mission

The communities of Kasisi Mission have a new Parish hall with two adjoining offices; a Parish office and a Home Based Care office. The hall is now fully operational and is being used by the Parish community and the 22 outstations of Kasisi Parish. The parishioners were asked to support the furnishing of the hall and responded by purchasing chairs and tables for gatherings and meetings. The Parish Hall is bringing everyone together; especially the parishioners from the 22 outstations, to join in the Catholic celebrations and gatherings at Kasisi. A gathering of Catholic and Charismatics living in and around Kasisi Parish came together when the hall opened. This event was greatly valued by all those who attended, enlightening all attendees on faith and Christianity.
**Solar Geysers for St. Francis Xavier Jesuit Novitiate**

Located on the outskirts of Lusaka, the 20 acre St. Francis Xavier Jesuit Novitiate was officially opened in 1969. Since then, 377 novices have passed through its doors. Today novices come from South Africa, Zambia, Botswana, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Nine solar geysers have recently been installed. Since their installation, the St. Francis Xavier Novitiate enjoys a clean and uninterrupted flow of hot water throughout the building benefiting all who live there. One of our novices is delighted with the instalment, “Life at Xavier House, Lusaka, Zambia, has been substantially transformed by the installation of solar geysers. We have been extricated from the problems of disturbing power cuts and exorbitant electricity bills, and hopefully suffering from cold due to bathing cold water during winter season will automatically be curbed. It’s a tremendous development altogether.”

**Let There Be Light!**

Solar panels for power have been installed for Chikuni Community Radio 91.9FM and two Radio Schools: Cheelo and Nakabwe. This clean and reliable source of energy to power the lights has given the children of the two Radio Schools an opportunity to study after dark; their study time has now increased to between 1½ to 2½ hours. It also gives their mentors additional time to prepare lessons and correct the children's work.

**Water is Life!**

The sinking of four boreholes in four villages in Chikuni Parish and two boreholes: Charles Lwanga College of Education and St. Canisius Secondary School, is like a dream to the people of Chikuni who have been drinking unsafe water all their lives. Having safe water near their homes reduces the time and burden of fetching water to allow families engage in farming and other economic activities. Health risks are being reduced by lessening the costs of preventing and treating those who get sick because of drinking unsafe water. The time it takes to walk long distances to draw water will now be spent with family. Access to water will also benefit children, especially girls and young boys, from fetching water giving them more time to attend school; not to mention the reduction in the strain from carrying water over long distances.
The Construction of Loyola Jesuit Secondary School is giving hope for the future of Malawi

Jesuit education is about learning and discovery to transcend the immediate and evoke wonder and questioning, as well as the ability to learn how to learn. It flows from the strengths drawn from Ignatian charism. The aim of Jesuit education is the full growth of the person, which leads to action – action that is filled with the spirit and presence of Jesus Christ; to be men and women of God for others.

“One of the best ways to serve the present is to give hope for the future. Loyola Jesuit Secondary School will effectively serve the needs of present youth who are the future hope of Malawi”. Fr. Adolfo Nicolas, Superior General of the Society of Jesus. The construction of Loyola Jesuit Secondary School is indeed giving hope for the future of Malawi and beyond.

Our hope is that graduates of Loyola Jesuit Secondary School will have both the desire and the talent to make a difference for the future of Malawi by putting what they have learned at the service of authentic development of all the people of Malawi and the world. That is graduates of “conscience, competence, compassion, and commitment” who are ready to transform their country and lead it towards a brighter future.

Our Mission is to provide secondary education to young Malawian boys and girls that embodies the characteristics of Jesuit education of intellectual and spiritual excellence, a preferential option for the less privileged, curriculum development that includes life-skills and character.

Loyola Jesuit Secondary School Construction Progresses

The administration block contains offices for the head teacher and other officials, with additional offices for teachers and meeting rooms for conferences.

Eight classrooms and two laboratories provide the learning spaces for form one and form two learners. Temporary library space is also provided and hostels (dormitories) are fitted with comfortable bunk beds and lockers for all boarding boys and girls. Kitchen and dining facilities are complete, with the necessary cookers, ovens, pots and pans, tables and benches. A large conference hall provides space for many gatherings to take place during the school year. It also serves as space for religious services until our Chapel is built in phase two. Teachers’ housing next to the campus is ready to welcome the teachers. Electricity is connected (with an emergency generator also installed) and municipality water is available with borehole backup. There also are sports fields for recreation and for training; future Malawi football and netball national champions! All of this good work has been possible through the generous support of so many benefactors, large and small. Church organisations, Jesuit communities around the world, foundations, donors, parishes and schools, businesses, individual benefactors – from all across the globe and the government of Malawi has been very cooperative and supportive. We are deeply appreciative of this assistance because a lot has been done and a lot is yet to be done. Come and support the Loyola Jesuit Secondary School Project.
Developing a Jesuit Farm in Kasisi Mission

The Society of Jesus in Zambia-Malawi Province is setting up a Dairy Farm through the Development Office of the Province. A farm house has been built and Brian Sheridan, a Volunteer from Ireland has been assisting in the setting up of the farm as the manager and he is being assisted by staff employed. Clearing of the bush, setting up of a bore hole and mobilization of some farm equipment has been done. Approximately 30 hectares of light bush has been cleared and sun hemp was planted to improve the fertility of the soil. Brian is positive that developing the farm will give employment to the people, have extension officers to make local farmers more efficient and commercial as well as sustainable. Brian further explains that the Society of Jesus have many good programs in Zambia and that the farm could be a funder, donor to the Jesuits in their other projects. The opportunity is there for people especially for those with Passion and Skills in agriculture to get involved. We are looking for another volunteer to take over from Brian as well as a professional dairy technician. **Any Support in terms of skills, funds and advice is most welcome**

Flagship Workshops

The Office of the Assistant Treasurer for resource mobilisation in Rome every year organises training workshops in different Development Offices of the Society of Jesus. In the Zambia-Malawi Province, Fr. Jorge Serrano S.J. fired up the desires of both Jesuits and Lay people in partnering for the universal mission of Christ given to the Jesuits. Training workshops were held in Chikuni, Kitwe, and Lusaka & Kasungu in Malawi. The training covered a number of topics ranging from the Spirituality of Fundraising, to the Donor relations, Local resource mobilisation and collaboration – partners in the Mission. The workshops were well attended by both Jesuits and Lay people. We thank everyone who attended and organised the logistics. Thank you.

Singing for the Greater Glory of God

Youths and young adults of the ministries and apostolates of the Society of Jesus in Zambia-Malawi Province came together to organise a Gospel Music Concert themed “Singing for the Greater Glory of God” in support of the **Lenten Season Campaign for Prayers and Support for the Senior Jesuits**. The Concert showcased many skills and talents through **Youth Collaboration**. This initiative encouraged the Youths to work together and be part of the future collaborators through the Jesuit Collaborators Network (JCN). The Gospel Music Concert will now be held every year through **Youth Collaboration**.
SENIOR JESUITS: Thank You for Your Prayers and Support for the Senior Jesuits

We would like to thank you for your prayers and support for the senior Jesuits who have served this country and the Church relentlessly over many years. Many of our senior Jesuits have worked in different sectors of society; such as education, health and agricultural sectors. Others have worked in different ministries and apostolates in the Church and in the Society of Jesus. Lenten Season brochures were distributed to many Parishes and Institutions. Sincere thanks to all the Parishes, families, individuals, the Jesuit Collaborators Network and groups who prayed and supported this campaign.

The Senior Jesuits have served in many Ministries and Apostolates

- Fr. Hilary Rudez S.J. worked as Parish Priest at Katondwe, Matero, Chelston and Kasisi Parishes.
- Fr. Francis Wafer S.J. worked at the Mukanzubo Kalinda Cultural & research Institute in Chikuni.
- Fr. Francis Woda S.J. worked at Mukasa and St. Canisius Secondary School teaching Science.
- Fr. Anthony Geoghegan S.J. worked as lecturer at St. Dominic's & Kachebere Seminaries.
- Fr. Klaus P. Ciesynski S.J. worked as Assistant Parish Priest at St. Ignatius Parish and worked at Airport Chaplaincy.
- Fr. Michael J. Kelly S.J. worked as Headmaster at St. Canisius Secondary School, he served as Deputy-Vice Chancellor at the University of Zambia where he lectured.

VOCATIONS: Congratulations to Fr. Nicholas Hamakalu S.J. and Fr. Odericky Mweemba S.J. for their ordination to Priesthood. We wish you Gods' blessings in your new assignments.

The Jesuits have served in Zambia and Malawi for Over 200 Years – Support Them to Continue Their Service

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